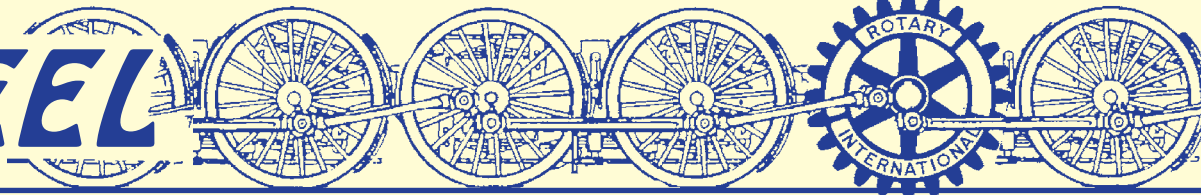


The BIG WHEEL




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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Food is distributed in the morning and deliveries are made in the afternoon.

Brick Laying Project on March 17

Also, leather gloves and determination required for phase II of City Hall Brick laying commemoration of Rotary Club Past Presidents of three Novato Rotary Clubs. Blank bricks are lifted and replaced by hand with engraved bricks with careful sizing and leveling. You are supervised. The result is stunning. This project will be held on March 17 at 9 am.

Community Service Project Meeting

Also, March 17 Community Service Project meeting usually held every third Wednesday at 5:30. Contact Chairman **Jim Spilman** to get Email of the Zoom ID and Password.

Soon we will return to San Marin's Mary's Pizza Banquet Room for our Community Service Project Meetings where you have the option of no host wine/ beverage, snacks and dinner in a semi-private room with off street lighted parking. Pepperoni is calling. You are not required to order. We combine serious business with laughter. Many members order Pizza to go to take home after the meeting adjourns.

Email: james_v_spilman@msn.com.

Recognitions

Alan Dunham has a Birthday. He and **Roberta** enjoyed cake and champagne with friends and visited Pittsburg family by Zoom.



Ben Borok reports 67-year anniversary with **Frances**. We wish them well. 45 years ago, shortly after my husband and I, with our two young daughters Debbie and Rana, 17 chickens, 1 rabbit, Rottweiler named Rags, 4 guinea pigs, 1 horse named Tiger arrived to Novato outskirts of H Lane. I went to Zenith Instant Printing and stepped into my novice venture of journalism with a custom business card made by former owners **Ben and Frances**.



Big Wheel Communications

Russ Ketron visited **John Elloway** and will help to update Big Wheel communications.

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In the Beginning...

President Chris returned from a brief sojourn to family to ring the Rotary Club of Novato starting bell call to order. Seems the pre-meeting optional 30-minute chat time revs our socializing engine. His mock Jonas interior background gives promise to inhabiting our brand-new meeting place at Indian Valley College. Someday soon?



The Pledge of Alliance was led by **Maggie Shao**.

The 'Thought for the Day' was by **Sonia Seeman**. "There is no limit to what you can do if you don't care Who gets the credit."

Announcements

Volunteers Needed

Community Service Chairman Jim Spilman needs help for the North Marin Community Service NMCS Food Bank for Tuesday am and pm shifts.



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the Board of Directors and the membership:

Gloria Dunn-Violin / Having a Life

if there are no objections by:
Thursday, March 18, 2021

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:
Friday, March 19, 2021

Reggie Winner
Secretary



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"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"

Where to Make Up
 Contact the Club you wish to attend for dates, time and virtual meeting code. The District website lists the Clubs and websites for contact info at:
Rotary5150.org/clubs/rotary-club-directory/

**UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING
 March 19**

Greg Nelson
 Vp of Administrative Services

Anna Pilloton
 Director of School and Partnerships

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Anna Pilloton, Director of School and Partnerships will share general updates on COM programs and initiatives followed by time for Q and A.

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March 26	TBA
April	
April 2	TBA

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The Speaker

New member **Joy Filman, PhD**, Novato Clinical Psychology confirms the Covid Pandemic is a severe disruption to most of us requiring uncommon flexibility mentally and physically to cope in a never before demand upon us. She helps adults and teens with adjustment to fear and social isolation. I think Rotary Zoom meetings have kept my mind in a positive direction, plus family nearby.

Dr. Joy Filman introduced **Dayna Inskip, Toni and Gary Bramon's** daughter Zooming from Coos Bay, Oregon. **Dayna** is a San Marin graduate and teaches 1st grade in the naturally spectacular coastal town of Coos Bay. Population under 20,000. She shared a year in her life as a teacher in Covid Pandemic with the consequences of scheduling and rescheduling on a continuous basis. With a visually simple and attractive photo presentation she gave us her very organized approach to adapting to the demands of change to distancing and sanitation. In particular, she itemizes the obstacles to her as a teacher of her young students who can be bewildered by technology and the sudden changes in their home and school environment. **Dayna** had the awareness to notice and list the benefits of a smaller number of students. It makes learning more personal and she can successfully accommodate the needs of the students individually, on a daily basis. I was struck when she mentioned calling her student families asking if they needed food when the total school shutdown began. **Dayna** is a teacher her students will always remember for her personal care and love.

The Raffle

Jay Wayne was the winner of the raffle!

Rotary-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia awarded \$6 million to reduce burden of malaria in heavily affected districts

R.I. Magazine - LUSAKA, Zambia (March 9, 2021)

To help end a leading cause of illness and death in the southern African country of Zambia, a Rotary club-led initiative aims to save and improve lives by empowering community health workers to test, diagnose and treat malaria.

Malaria, a preventable disease caused by a parasite spread through the bites of infected mosquitoes, disproportionately affects children under the age of five and pregnant women in rural populations.

To help end malaria in Zambia, The Rotary Foundation, World Vision USA and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will each contribute \$2 million for the Rotary-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program. This \$6 million program will add 2,500 community health workers to the national health system in Zambia, allowing for effective malaria diagnosis and treatment for more than 1.3 million people in ten of the most highly affected districts in Central and Muchinga provinces.

“By empowering community health workers, more people in areas with little to no access to health care will now be reached by trusted members of their communities,” said Bill Feldt, member of the Rotary Club of Federal Way in Washington, who spearheaded the program. *“This proven health care delivery model is effective and financially sustainable, and will bring lasting protection by reducing and eliminating this disease at the local level.”*

Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia takes Rotary members' commitment to eliminate malaria to the next level by building a longer-term, multi-stakeholder partnership on the ground in Zambia with the National Malaria Elimination Centre, provincial health leadership, PATH MACEPA and World Vision Zambia. Martha Lungu, executive director for Malaria Partners Zambia, an affiliate of Malaria Partners International, and member of the Rotary Club of Ndola (Zambia) said, *“Every day I witness firsthand the effects of malaria. This program demonstrates that Rotary members are true partners in our communities and are focused on supporting community health workers to help loosen the grip malaria has on the Zambian people.”*

Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is the first awardee for Rotary's Programs of Scale grant. In an annual competitive grant process, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's philanthropic arm, will award \$2 million to an evidence-based program that aligns with one of Rotary's causes and has the capability for scaling-up to help more people. The programs are sponsored by Rotary members in collaboration with local communities and partner organizations.

Big Wheel Editors

NEEDED

for the Months of April, May, June & July

Contact Bill Vespa

Support the most interesting Rotary Club ever!

Help share the meeting with family, friends and members unable to attend.

Rotary Photo Album - March 12, 2021



Got members trained to smile when I lift my camera.



President Chris with pretend Jonas Center photo background.



Joy Fillman introduced speaker Dayna Inskeep.



Mary Jane Burke, Superintendent of Marin County Schools.

Hurdles


- Access to technology
- Connectivity
- Student Engagement
- Transportation
- Access to Support Services
- Food Distribution
- Mitigation of the Virus



Teaching hurdles.

Positive Outcomes

- Smaller Classes
- More Intentional Teaching
- Stronger Relationships
- Increased Parent Involvement
- Fewer Behavioral Disruptions
- Fewer Illnesses
- District Commitment to Technology
- No spread of the virus within the school setting



Students and teachers benefit from reduced class size.



Reducing class size reaps benefits - half in a.m. and half in p.m. with meals.