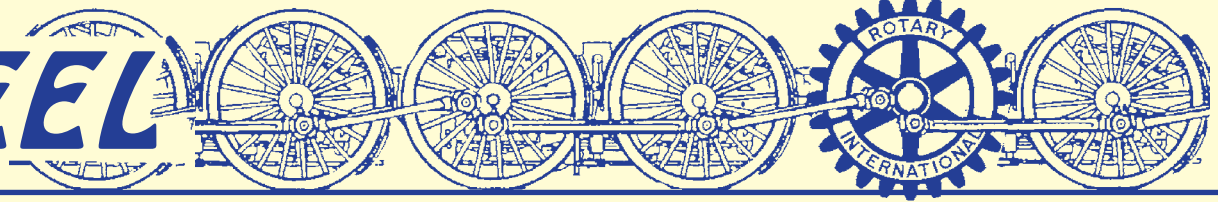


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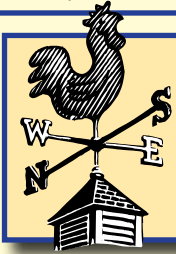


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Support the most interesting Rotary Club ever!
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In the Beginning...

President Chris rang the bell to start the meeting from Jonas Center. **Ryan Pocock** led the Pledge and **Maggie Shao** gave the “Thoughts for the day”: “A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.” (Greek proverb); “If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.” (**Dalai Lama**); “Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.” (**Erma Bombeck**).

Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians, family and friends (based on Zoom screen names) : **Vicki McDill, Jo Heffelfinger, John Reuscher, Duncan MacSwain, Carola Detrick, Donna Borok Moss, Frances Borok, Judith Patterson, Reggie Harris** (Speaker), **Joni DeGabriele, Bob** from Petaluma Sunrise, **Toni Bramon, and Sadie Remak**.

Announcements

Tree Planting

Gloria Dunn-Violin mentioned a Tree Planting JProject at IVC on May 4-6. Please sign up through the website that **Reggie** sent out via Email.

District Conference

President Chris mentioned that the District Conference is on May 15. Please sign up through the District website. The cost is \$ 28.

Sunshine Report

President Chris mentioned **George Estes** (fighting cancer) is feeling greet, and will have more diagnosis in early May, but is expecting good results.

Recognition

Pres. Chris recognized **Jim Bates** who just had a birthday. **Jim** mentioned he had a big celebration with kids and grandkids. He also went fishing up north near Redding and caught a 18” long rainbow trout. **Chris** thanked **Jim** for all his work as our Club’s treasurer this year.

Program

Gary Bramon introduced our speaker today – **Reggie Harris**.



Reggie is a Singer/songwriter and storyteller. He has been a performer and educator in a 45 plus

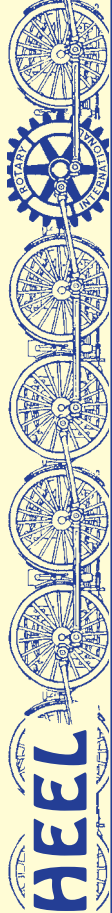
year career focused on intergenerational and cross-cultural understanding and social change. A teaching artist for the John F. Kennedy Center’s ‘Changing Education Through the Arts’ program, **Reggie** is a fellow in the Council of Independent College Lecture Program and Co-President and the Director of Music Education for the UU Living Legacy Project. His passion for song leading and his personal story as a liver transplant recipient and a descendant of slavery’s complex historical legacy make **Reggie** a unique bridge for engaging the dialogue of racial healing and activism. His performances and recordings have led to a growing movement of “courageous conversations” on race, history and interactions of healing across the nation. His latest CDs are *Ready to Go* (2018), *Deeper Than the Skin* (2020) and *On Solid Ground* (2021).

Reggie started his program by singing a song he wrote last March.

Reggie’s ancestors are from the south and his family migrated north during early 1900. **Reggie** was born in Philadelphia. He loves history and found the best way to learn history is through songs.

Reggie introduced us his 2nd song which he learned when he was little child: “This little light

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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?"



UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING April 30

Duncan MacSwain Experiences in the Amazon

Duncan MacSwain was a career educator, teaching at Redwood High School for 32 years, was named Marin County Teacher of the Year, and nominated for the National Science Teacher of the Year award, and was the Northern California Cross Country Coach of the Year.

He was a military officer and has written many manuals for the military as well as for the school systems.

He raises funds for charities, particularly when weather events occur in countries he has visited. He has traveled extensively, visiting over 80 countries.

He has photographed his travels for over thirty years, and publishes a weekly email note called "Travel Bites". He will talk about photography in the Amazon and show us his amazing pictures, many taken in the jungle at night.

Photographers, travelers, and anyone who loves beauty "I would love to do that sometime" will enjoy this program.

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Upcoming Programs

April

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May

May 7 **Nick Zoa:** My Year in Paradise During the Pandemic. Retired College Professor, **Nick Zoa** will tell about his being the last American to be about 7,000 miles from the United States on a ten mile long and 43 miles around island in paradise during the Pandemic.

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of mine” and ask us to sing along.

Reggie then talked about freedom and the history of underground railroad. He sang 3rd song “ Sheep, Sheep don’t you know the road” which is traditional song from the Georgia Sea Islands.

Reggie also got a chance to trace back to his family roots in the south. His ancestors worked on a plantation in Virginia which was owned by a Confederate general. Through connections, he reunited with his cousin and got a chance to go back to visit family home located at Hickory Hill. Afterwards **Reggie** wrote a song about that experience. For him, it was finding a way to face history, but not be defined by it. The title of the song is “ It’s who we are”.

Reggie finished his program by singing his last song “This land is your land”. We all enjoyed his lovely voice and great story.

The Winner

The \$25 raffle goes to **Ben Borok**.

Club Birthday Reminder

Pres. Chris reminded us that next Monday, April 26 is our Club’s birthday.

No birthday cake or celebration, but we all are so proud to be part of this wonderful Club.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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/

Happy Birthday!



April Birthday's at Sam's Place: Mike Morrissey, Christina Stroeh, Phil Dougherty, Suzanne Bales, Moses Jacob, and Chris DeGabriele.



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ROTARY HISTORY

Rotary's Two Official Mottos

Service Above Self and *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*, Rotary's official mottos, can be traced back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, the second Rotary convention, in Portland, Oregon, USA, approved He Profits Most Who Serves Best as the Rotary motto. The wording was adapted from a speech that Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon delivered to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."

The Portland gathering also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During an outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Rotary founder Paul Harris, who also was on the trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 Rotary International Convention in Detroit, Michigan, USA, two slogans were formally approved as the official mottos of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best

and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified to They Profit Most Who Serve Best in 2004 and to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best, in 2010.

Article from rotary.org



Arthur Frederick Sheldon, the Rotarian whose convention speech inspired Rotary's secondary motto, One Profits Most Who Serves Best



A name badge from the 1928 Rotary International Convention features Rotary's mottos.

Plant Trees at IVC

Plant trees with the Rotary Club of Novato and other Novato Rotary Clubs at IVC May 4-6. Our specific day will be available once our members let Gloria Dunn-Violin know of your interest in participating.

Email her at gloriaviolin@yahoo.com.

