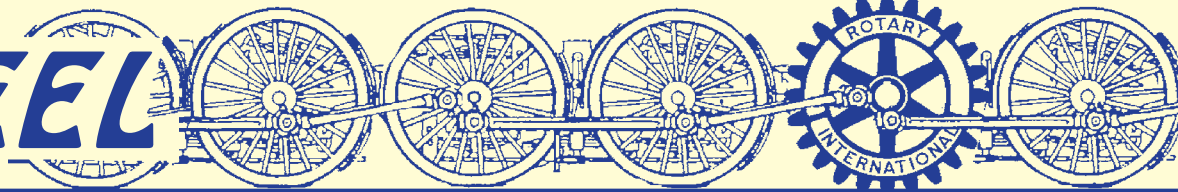


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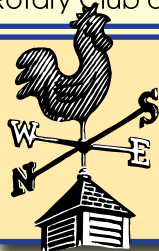


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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A Change of Plans In The Beginning:

Today's meeting was virtual as some members have contracted or been exposed to COVID. **Past President Ron Harness** presided over the meeting as our **President Christina Stroeh** is traveling in Scotland. The ZOOM meeting started at 12:00 so there was one half hour of catch-up/fellowship time before the formal meeting started at 12:30.

Al Angulo led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag proudly waving on our screens.

The 'Thoughts for the Day' were given by **Dean Heffelfinger** who shared some wise quotes of **Benjamin Franklin** including: "Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing about," "Three may keep a secret if two are dead," "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn," "The Constitution only guarantees the American people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."

Visitors & Guests

There were no visitors or visiting Rotarians recognized today.

Sunshine Report:

Marty Wickenheiser was with us and negative, **Jay Wayne** is home and recovering from complications after a fall and **Nohemi Beissman-Mason** is having pains in her ribs after a recent fall.

Four Way Test:

Fred Anderson led us in the Four Way Test.

Announcements:

Drawing

Jim Spilman explained the rules for the drawing.

Dictionaries

Sonia Seeman shared some very thoughtful thank you notes from the students at Olive School that received dictionaries.

Western BBQ and Line Dance

Be sure to participate in the Western BBQ and Line Dance on Saturday, May 21 (see ad in bulletin for info).

District Conference

This year's District Conference will be in San Francisco at the Fairmont Hotel on May 14. This is a time Clubs are recognized for their good service.

Work Parties

Jim Spilman announced a work party this Saturday and Sunday starting at 9:30am at Pleasant Valley School to help build an outdoor platform for the students.

He also thanked **Marty, Jorg, Peter P., Tiffany** and her son **Tyler** for helping at the Los Robles cleanup project last weekend.

Dictionary Chair

Jim Spilman noted there is a need for a Dictionary Chair to replace **Art Crofts**.

Participation Form

President Elect Peian Harness requested members to return the Participation Forms to her so she can set up Committees. A question of how you wish to pay your dues is included.

A colorful poster for a Western BBQ & Line Dance event. The poster features a yellow star in the top left corner that says "27th Annual". Below the star is a drawing of a cowboy hat and a guitar. The text on the poster includes: "Proceeds Support Community and International Service Projects", "Rotary Club of Novato", "Western BBQ & Line Dance", "Bill & Adele Jonas Center IVC Campus, Novato", "Saturday, May 21, 2022", "5:30 - 6:30 - BELLY-UP to the Bar", "6:30 - Dinner - Auctions through the Evening", "Menu: BBQ Chicken Thighs, Pulled Pork, Beans, Cole Slaw & French Roll", "LIVE MUSIC", "BIG SKY AUCTION", "PIE AUCTION", "NO TICKETS at the Door!", "Tickets may also be purchased at novatorotary.org or use QR Code below", "All CDC, State and Local COVID Guidelines will be followed." The poster also includes a QR code and a price of "\$45 per Person".

Scholarships

We have 30 applications for scholarships.

Teacher Recognition

Teacher's Recognition Day is scheduled for May 20.

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"Serve to Change Lives"

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?"

Rotary Club Meeting
Bill & Adele Jonas Center
In-Person & Zoom
May 6

Sara Matson,
Development Director, Canal Alliance

Big Wheel Editors
NEEDED
 for the
Month of June & July
Contact Bill Vespa

Support the most interesting Rotary Club ever!
 Help share the meeting with family,
 friends and members unable to attend.

District Conference
An Event Fit for the Stars

May 14, 2022

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/

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Upcoming Programs

May 2022	
May 6	Sara Matson, Development Director, Canal Alliance
May 20	Teacher Recognition Day

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<p>Christina Stroeh <i>President</i></p> <p>Peian Harness <i>Vice President</i></p> <p>Phil Dougherty <i>Secretary</i></p> <p>Reggie Winner <i>Treasurer</i></p>	<p>Craig Anderson & Jim Bates <i>Club Administration</i></p> <p>Marisa Remak <i>Public Image</i></p> <p>Jim Spilman <i>Community Service</i></p> <p>Gloria Dunn-Violin <i>Environmental Sustainability (NR-CAT)</i></p> <p>Holly Axtell <i>International Service</i></p> <p>Jorg Puhr-Westerheide <i>The Rotary Foundation (TRF)</i></p>
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Program

The scheduled speaker, **Charles Goodman** with Shifting Gears, was unable to make his presentation so we luckily had Tiburon Rotarian **Marilyn Nemzer** available to share her experiences with Global Book Exchange. It was founded in 1987 and provides books for “under-resourced” kids locally and worldwide. She shared photos of a work party in 2005 of Novato Rotarians loading a container with books to be sent abroad. They are looking for children’s reading books, not text books. Their website is Bookexchangemarin.org for more information.

Winner

Suzanne Bales was the winner after using a number representing the ages of her three grandchildren, 3864.

Thanks!

Thank you to the talented technicians who made our virtual meeting possible.

Thank you to **Sam** who provided delicious sandwiches for those who asked.

Thank you to **Past President Ron Harness** for filling in for **President Christina Stroeh**.

Next week

Next week’s program speaker is **Sara Matson**, Development Director for the Canal Alliance.

Novato Chamber of Commerce Leadership Project

Story by Penny Hansen, Rotary Club Novato

The construction begins by volunteers on a large outside, low-rise platform on the Pleasant Valley Elementary School Playground for educational, recreational and entertainment venue for students.

Novato Leadership Director is **Kim Stahley**. This is part of a 9-month educational program for existing and potential community leaders. It offers hands-on experience with learning collaboration of multiple City Commissions and Agencies for the benefit of citizen concerns. The Water District, School District, Sanitation, Police and Fire are involved in this Citizen education program. The Projects are submitted and considered for the value to the Novato community.

After Projects are submitted for consideration, the approximate 20-member Leadership Commission decides what Projects to fulfill. Money and labor are donated by individuals, local businesses and service organizations including three Novato Rotary International Clubs for the Projects.



Pleasant Valley School project volunteers: Marisa Remak, Debbie and Shawn Campas, Mike Taul - foreman, Erin Lacy, and Dr. Larry Mazzotta.



Rotarians Jim Spilman and Dr. Larry Mazzotta forming platform base.

May

SPECIAL DATES

- 5-5 Veronica Pietras
- 5-8 David Hernandez
- 5-13 Phil Brown
- 5-15 Kathy & Dennis Baldwin
- 5-15 Kris & Ed Jones
- 5-18 Linda & Jorg Puhr-Westerheide
- 5-18 Edna & Paul Scheller
- 5-21 Marilyn Smith
- 5-27 Katie Chase
- 5-27 Reggie Winner
- 5-31 Frank Bruno
- 5-22 Camille & Robert Marshall
- 5-25 Linda & Darrell Scott
- 5-27 Robin & Frank Bruno
- 5-27 Raye-Lee & George Estes



Rotary Photo Album



Past President Ron Harness conducted a Zoom meeting with ease.



Ghana receives books.



2005 Books for Ghana with Rotary Club of Novato helpers.



Rotary paid for buses for trips for Title 1 lowest income schools in Marin for a book field trip.



Jim Spilman hauling 40lb. boxes of children's books for Ghana.



Paul Scheller loading boxes of children's books for Ghana.