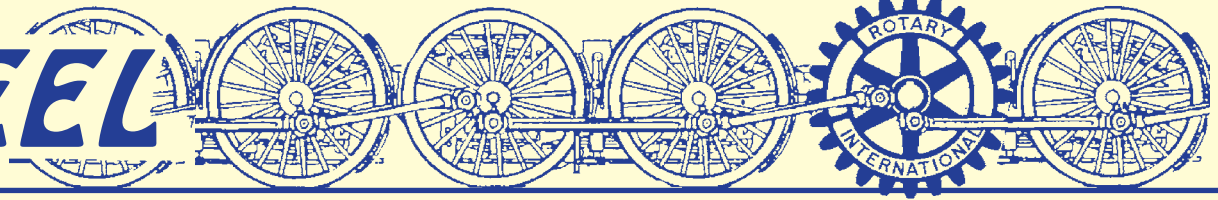


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Support the most interesting Rotary Club ever!
Help share the meeting with family, friends and
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In the Beginning...

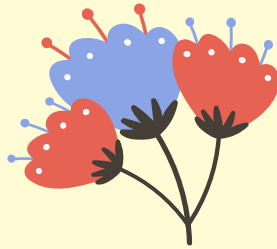
Da Prez (Chris) rang da bell and **Lloyd Pittman** led the Pledge. We were off and running.

Kathy Cheek gave us a 'Thought for the Day' which was "Compassion is not between the healer and the victim, but between two equals."

Sunshine Report

Phil Dougherty is home with the sniffles, after spending a week in Hawaii, the land of coconut milk and honey (well, sugar from cane).

Sadly, **Peter Ruben's** father just passed away.



Guests & Visitors

Fred Anderson and **Duncan McSwain** were here. First Lady, **Joni DeGabriele**, graced us with her presence. Also **Vicki McDill** and **Roberta Dunham** (ladies in waiting?) attended. **John Reuscher** of Novato Sunrise Rotary made up here. Past District Governor (PDG) **Jayne Hulbert** attended. So did **Carlos Afre**.

Announcements

It's a Girl!

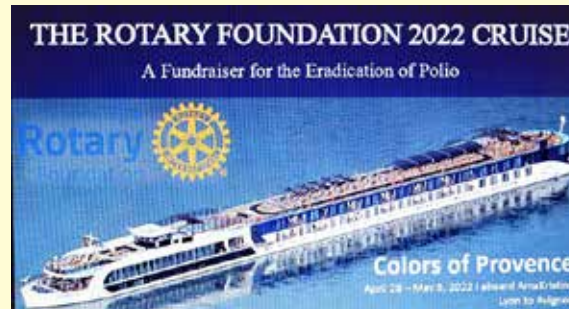
Prez. Chris announced that a brand new **DeGabriele** came into the world. His granddaughter, **Dahlia Sarite DeGabriele** was born this day! Congratulations **Chris** and **Joni**!

Rotary District Conference

Chris also announced the 5150 Rotary District Conference is next Saturday, May 15, and our Club will pay for your attendance.

Rotary District Cruise in Southern France

PDG Hulbert reminded us of the Rotary District Cruise in Southern France from April 28 to May 5, 2022 to raise money to eradicate Polio. A \$500 donation per couple to kill Polio is requested. **Vicki McDill**, was used as a shill by travel agent **Carlos Afre**.



Welcome Home!

Welcome home! **Marisa Remak** told us that they are moving back to Novato. Yeah!



Planters of Trees (not peanuts)

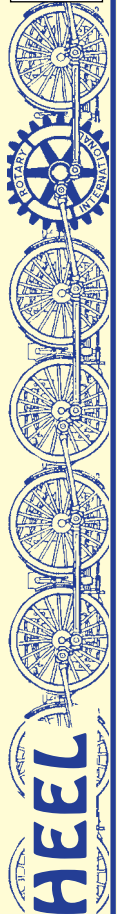
Gloria Dunn-Viloin showed us a video of the planting of 57 trees by ours and several other Rotary Clubs at Indian Valley College (IVC) over three days. A new forest.

Speaker

Our speaker this week was **Nick Zoa**, zooming from the Isle of Kosrae in the Federated States of Micronesia. Micronesia has 1,000 islands from small to very small. **Nick's** Island, Kosrae, is about 10 miles long and 7 miles wide. The Pacific Ocean, where Kosrae is located, is about 3 miles deep off shore and there are about 100 ships from WWII sunk there.

Nick is attempting to visit every country in the world. When his plane landed in Kosrae, it was at the beginning of the Covid 19 outbreak and United Airlines canceled his flight out. He was going to spend three days there, but has been there thirteen plus months. The island name Kosrae means

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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?"



UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING May 14

Mike McCarron

Our speaker **Mike McCarron** was until his retirement the Director of Community Affairs at San Francisco International Airport. A graduate of Sacramento State University at Sacramento, **Mike** commuted from the East Bay to the worlds 24th largest airport with many different responsibilities.

As he left work each day he could only wonder what would be the event of the day. He will tell of the day to day activities from terrorism concerns, to electrical outages, storms, famous people coming through the airport and politics. Each day was different from the last.

He will tell how 9/11 unfolded for him and leave ample time for questions. Imagine your selves with the responsibility of over 16,000,000 passengers a year.

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

- May 14 **Mike McCarron**, former Director of Community Affairs at SFO International Airport. He will tell of the day to day activities from terrorism concerns, to electrical outages, storms, famous people coming through the airport and politics.
- May 21 **The Rotary Club of Novato Teacher's Recognition Meeting.** The Principals from each school have selected a teacher that has gone above and beyond the normal and they will be recognized for their excellence. Frank Bruno and his committee of Dave Kapranos, Jay Wayne, Christopher Mychajluk, Roy Pfeifer, Larry Harrison, Jim Spilman and Gary Bramon have worked hard to present this program to highlight our outstanding Novato Teachers.

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“Heaven on Earth”. Guam is the closest larger island to Kosrae. Kosrae has years of History.

The island is served by the U.S. Postal Service, so **Nick** is able to use Amazon to obtain things he wants and needs. **Nick** is teaching at the local High School/College which he gets no salary for, but a place to live. The island’s main sources of revenue are green banana paper and giant clams (from clam farms).

Every one on the island has been vaccinated for Covid 19 and there is no one with Covid 19. Nick eats well on fish and an occasional turtle dish.

Raffle

Mike Morrissey won the 25 bucks. He should take me out to lunch!



Support the Novato Rotary Endowment

Many more of us are shopping online these days. If you use Amazon for your shopping, try using **Smile.Amazon.com** Select the Novato Rotary Endowment as your charity and 0.5% of your purchases will go to the NRE.

Tree Planting at IVC



Larry Mazzotta and Jim Bates.



Rotary Club of Novato Environmental Project leader Gloria Dunn-Violin with Ron Harness - planting trees at IVC with a District Grant.



Three Rotary Clubs in Novato participated in tree planting project.



Christina Stroeh.



Jim Spilman and Peian Harness.

Rotary Photo Album



Speaker Nick Zoa talked about his year in paradise.

