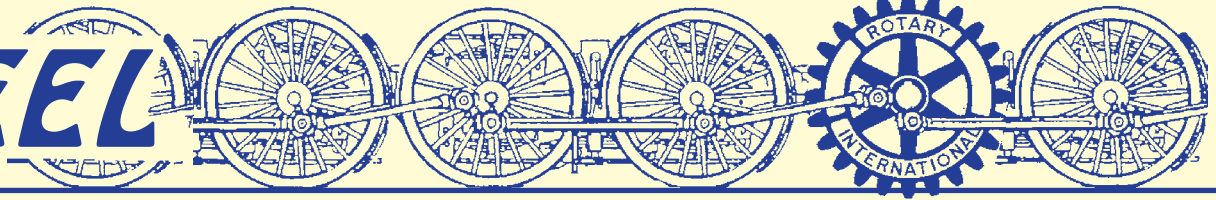


The BIG WHEEL



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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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for the Months of July

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

In the Beginning...

Pres. Chris rang da bell for round one.

Jean Brown led us in the Pledge and we all gave our allegiance.

Joy Fillman was scheduled to provide a 'Thought for the Day', but due to medical issues, she was in UCSF (my home away from home). So, Prez. Chris gave us Joy's thoughts from Oprah... "Leadership comes from empathy and connecting with people employing and empowering."

Visitors & Guests

Frances Borok joined us today, as did Diane Spilman, Vicki McDill, and Roberta Dunham. Kevin Merrit, John Reuscher were here along with Tracy Rempe.

New Member - Bring on the Goat!

New member Ed Ross gave us his five minute talk. Ed grew up in San Rafael. His mom still lives there. He attended Marin Community College and graduated from Sacramento State University (so did Gary Bramon and I). Ed worked for Fireman's Fund Insurance, then Liberty Mutual Insurance (with the Bird?). Two weeks ago they offered him an early buyout and he retired at 55 years old. Ed

is proud of his two kids: 24 year old Charlie, a Marine, and Georgia, twenty two years old, who is making latte's at Starbucks. Ed has a girlfriend (for fifteen years) named Abbey. He suffers from Tourettes syndrome and people accept him for who he is. He is also an author and wrote a book about friendship. Welcome to da Club, Ed!

The Bill and Adele Jonas Center... Waz Hapnin'

Larry Harrison and Christina Stroeh described what we are doing at the Bill and Adele Jonas Center at IVC to show visitors what the Rotary Club of Novato was all about, and also significant information about Bill and Adele Jonas.

Larry described and named the committee whose task it was to determine what our Club

would use to show our purpose. Larry identified the Committee Members as Reggie Winner, Christina Stroeh, Tony Garza, Larry (himself), Marisa Remak, Bill Vespa, and Dean Heffelfinger who had to leave the Committee due to illness and was replaced by Ron Harness. Larry also thanked Tracy Rempe for all her help in getting project together. Then Christina described what our presentation would be. In one of the entry rooms, there will be five 30 inch by 40 inch display panels with photos showing the history and different avenues of the Club: Fellowship, Leadership, Service, and Education, and a timeline with significant events. There will also be a 30 inch by 40 inch panel about Bill and Adele Jonas.

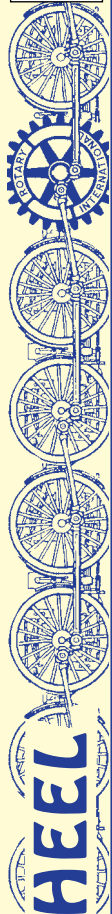
Speaker

Prez. Chris introduced our speaker, Mike McCarron, the retired Director of Community Affairs at San Francisco International Airport.

Mike grew up in Carmichael, California (so did I!), graduated from El Camino High School (as did I!), and graduated from Sacramento State University (again, so did I!).

After graduating from college, Mr. McCarron served in the military (U.S. Navy) for quite a





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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 May 21

22nd Annual Teacher Recognition

The Rotary Club of Novato will, for the 22nd consecutive year will honor teachers from all the schools in Novato. 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** who was instrumental of starting this program when he was president of our Rotary Club, have worked hard to present this program to highlight our outstanding Novato Teachers. The principals will also be at the Zoom meeting to give the teachers the standing ovation they so deserve.

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 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. This meeting will highlight our outstanding Novato teachers.

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number of years. Retiring with the rank of Captain. He then took over running the U.S.S. Hornet Aircraft Carrier Museum. He then became Director of Community Affairs for the San Francisco International Airport. He eventually became Assistant Deputy Airport Director. **Mike** told us that when 9/11 happened, he set up the United Airlines Executive Lounge for people coming to the airport to meet United Flight 89, which had crashed in Pennsylvania. Remember, the skyjackers were trying to take the plane to Washington, D.C. and they were overtaken by the passengers. **Mike** and all of the United personnel were surprised that no one came to meet the flight. Later he learned that all the passengers had called friends and loved ones on their cell phones.

Raffle

Lynn Dawson won the twenty five bucks. She can take me out to lunch so I can help her celebrate!



Tree Planting Crew at IVC



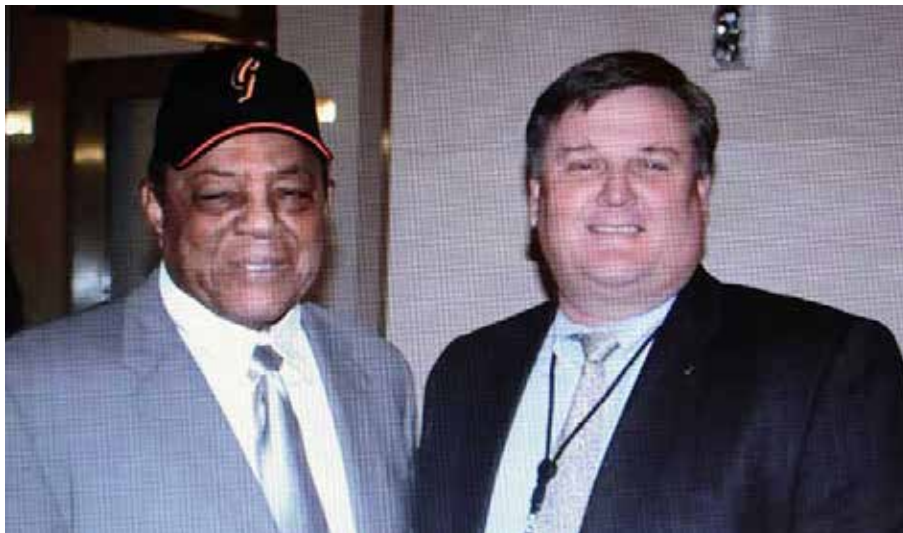
Rotary Photo Album



New member, Ed Ross.



Jean Brown greeting parade for Phil Brown's 90th birthday.



Speaker Mike McCarron and Willie Mays at San Francisco International Airport.

- ### San Francisco International Airport
- Assistant Emergency Planning Coordinator (1991-1994)
 - Airport Operations Supervisor (1994-1996)
 - Airport Duty Manager (1996-1998)
 - Superintendent of Operations, International Terminal (1998-1999)
 - Assistant Deputy Airport Director, Noise Abatement (1999-2002)
 - Director of Community Affairs (2002-2012)

Speaker Mike McCarron's various jobs while working at San Francisco International Airport.