Rotary Glub of Novato

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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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### In the Beginning...

**President Christina** welcomed us on a lovely summer day with a new gavel.

A family of deer crotched down to rest, close to the side row of windows, anxious to see what happens inside.

Sam and crew had a covered hot lunch waiting for us as speaker Charles Goodman set up several photo easels of cars with his favorite maroon De Soto 1938 convertible parked nearby. Tech Bubba and Phil D., Mike M. and Rene honed in on the challenge of loading a varying assortment of student short videos for demonstration for "Don't Litter Video Contest" awards ceremony. Unfortunately, the Middle School winner from Marin Christian Academy could not be loaded on our equipment.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Mike Morrissey.

The 'Thought for the Day' was by PP 2016-17 Larry Harrison. "We are sure we know what freedom is in America. That we cannot imagine a world in which freedom might come after sacrifice of personal rights. Freedom is sending your kids to school with confidence that they will come home at the end of the

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day." - **Taylor Schumann**. **Taylor** is author of "When Thoughts and Prayers Aren't Enough" and survivor of April 2013 shooting at a College in Christiansburg, Virginia.

### The Sunshine Report

We heard the sad news of past **DG Sue Rokaw's** husband and member **Rich Nave's** brother passing.

#### **Visitors & Guests**

Guests & Visitors: Vicki McDill, Roberta Dunham and several more that I failed to hear.

All the Litter Video contestants, teachers, principals and family. **Gary Bramon** introduced Novato School District Superintendent **Jan La Torre Derby**.

## Announcements

#### VFW BBQ and Western BBQ

**John Cutrufelli** reported that there were 40 attendees for the VFW BBQ. **Chris DeGabriele** is still taking the tally of the Western BBO fund raiser.

#### June 10 Meeting

June 10, next Friday Rotary meeting at Jonas with a side field trip to the College Garden. Dress casual with walking shoes.

#### Speaker

Moses Jacob introduced Charles Goodman. He is a philanthropist and an avid collector of pre-war automobiles and is recognized by Sports Car Magazine as one of the top 50 collectors in the US. His sweet maroon ride was parked outside and has he traversed the country several times in legendary events on scenic roadways.

What I found very interesting is how he and the Marin County School District Superintendent Mary Jane Burke created an educational program for hands-on learning of car engines in a CAPP program at Terra Linda High School prior to COVID with students attending from 13 different high schools. He brought a short video showing students fixing engines and Superintendent Burke concisely explaining the birth of the CAPP education program for students with mechanical interests other than a purely academic college graduate future. A 2018 Marin Civil Grand Jury produced a study showing that out of 1,600 Marin students entering College less than 50% graduate. College achievement is not for everyone. The CAPP program was created in opposition to today's urban society's profound push in computer technology and coding when an educational vacuum was created. Hands on mentoring, apprenticeship, internship was not available in our current middle and high school public educational system. No auto shop, no crafts, no wood working, no music, no art, sewing and cooking. These programs started disappearing 50 years ago. Now we have a scarcity of Trades people, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, mechanics. Stand in line if you need help. (I waited 2 weeks for a plumber and they did not show up, I had to wait some more.)

#### **Raffle Winner**

The winner was **Moses Jacob**, who donated his winnings to our speaker's organization "Shifting Gears".

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# The Four-Way

Of the things we think, say or Is it FAIR to all concerned? Is it the TRUTH?

**GOODWILL** and Will it build GOODWIL BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all



**Rotary Club Meeting Bill & Adele Jonas Center** 

> **Farm Tours at IVC** June 10

**Dress casual** and wear walking shoes



**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.

# 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

#### **June 2022**

June 10 Farm Tours at IVC

June 17 Dr. Coon COM

June 24 Debunking

#### ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2021/2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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You are cordially invited to attend the

Rotary Club of Novato 2022 Installation of Officers and Board of Directors

AKA "The Debunking"
Friday, June 24, 2022
Bill and Adele Jonas Center

No Host Cocktails & Appetizers: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. • Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Installation: 7:30 \$55.00 per person paid **by** June 17<sup>th</sup> \$60.00 per person **after** June 17<sup>th</sup>

Reservations Requiredl NO Tickets Sold at Doorl RSVP Deadline June 20<sup>th</sup>

Guests Welcome

Please contact Marsha Molloy
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Litter video winners with Gloria Dunn-Violin and Rob Marshall.

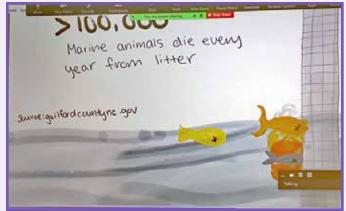


San Marin High School took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in Don't Litter video contest.

# "Don't Litter" Video Contest Winners



Environmental Chair Gloria Dunn-Violin said it was Rob's idea but she did all the work.



Sinaloa Middle School takes 2nd and 3rd Place in Litter video contest.

# **Rotary Photo Album**



Charlie Goodman explains revival of hands on trade skills in Marin High School education.



Charlie Goodman with his road tested 1938 De Soto.



Congratulations
Rotary Club of Novato!



President Christina with Club Excellence Ward Best Club medals and trophy.

Speaker Charlie Goodman's 1938 De Soto has been on 3 Great American Road Trips.