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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 opened the meeting appearing remarkably composed. She had a scramble to replace our program, a guided tour of IVC's gardens. Canceled by the guide getting COVID with very short notice.

Rene Prado led the Pledge and Don Violin offered the thought of the day by quoting Amelia Earhart. "Some of us have great runways already built for us. If you have one, take OFF! But if you don't have one, realize it is your responsibility to grab a shovel and build one for yourself and for those who follow after you..."

President Christina, running one of her last meetings of the year, gleefully used her brand new gavel.

Visitors & Guests

Well zero for zero on visiting Rotarians and guests **Melissa Prandi** bought four Rotarians from Uganda and I missed all the names. **Jorg Puhr Westerheide** introduced his two grandchildren, visiting from Germany

Announcements

Sunshine Report

Gary Bramon announced long time Rotarian and perfect attendance Rotarian Jim and Camie Studley's son Mike recently passed away. Son Pat was traveling out from the East Coast.

Editor's Note: Due to supply chain issues, The Big Wheel will be printed on ivory paper until yellow is available.

Winning Recycling Video

A video on Recycling was shown. **Sean Robinson** of Marin Christian Academy and his team put the video together and won first prize. There was a media glitch showing it at last week's program.

Installation & Debunking

Just a reminder... The installation and debunking is June 24th at the Jonas Center.

Rotary International Convention

Ron and Peian Harness talked about their visit to the Rotary International Convention this year in Houston. Lots of cowboys hats. Past President Ron and President to be Peian extolled the excitement of being with so many Rotarians. The Speakers were excellent and the afternoon breakout sessions had great and beneficial information.

Next year's Convention is in Melbourne, Australia and their is talk of a group from our Club attending. Save the date: May 27-31, 2023.

Chess Tables at San Marin High School

Jim Spilman discussed the chess tables built at San Marin High School. **Jim** did put out a call for aid to the club...... zero response...but had 11 very enthusiastic students that quickly got the job done.

Parachute Jump for Polio

Rob Marshall discussed his parachute jump for polio. This takes places in Davis June 25th.

Matching Donations for Polio

Russ Ketron reminded us that the Gates foundation will match 2 to 1 on polio donations.

Water Installation Project & Project Pearls

Rob Marshall had a video explaining the Wall Spring water installation system using a District Grant. Rob estimates 6 infant deaths are prevented each month due to having clean water. Rob also discussed Project Pearls in the Philippines. The organization feeds 100 people daily. The clean water system was installed and such an asset to general health.

Melissa Foundation

Melissa Prandi Moore of San Rafael Mission Rotary Club discussed the Melissa Foundation. The foundation seeks to offer improved lives for students. Melissa is working with the Kampala Club. Kampala is the capitol of Uganda. The Foundation raises money to provide schooling to those that would not be able to afford it. They are working with the St. Janan Luwum Schools. The video shown by our 4 visiting Ugandan Rotarians showed LOTS of wide smiles on the part of the children obtaining a precious education.

Thank You!

Thank you to **Penny Hansen**, stated **President Christina**. **Penny** is always there documenting with her camera

Good job **President Christina** on running a meeting FULL of information on various Club projects.

The Winner

The twenty fiver winner was won by Phil Doughtery.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or Is it the TRUTH?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all



Rotary Club Meeting Bill & Adele Jonas Center

June 17 Greg Nelson of COM

Greg Nelson has been involved in higher education for over 21 years. He began his career with the Technical College System of Georgia before moving to California in 2011. He served as Vice President for Administrative Services at San Jose City College before joining the administrative team at College of Marin as the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services. Grea holds a master's degree in business with a concentration in public administration and a BS in Political Science & Statistics. He also holds certification in government accounting (CGFM) and project management (PMP). He also teaches Project Management courses at Sonoma State University and the College of Marin as Adjunct Faculty.

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 17 Greg Nelson COM

June 24 Debunking

July 2022

July 1 NO MEETING

July 8 Ed Ryken: Restore Alcatraz

July 15 Scholarship Committee: Scholarship Awards

July 22 John Geoghegan: Flying Dirigibles

July 29 Club Board of Directors: Club Assembly

August 2022

Norm Gershenz from SaveNature.org: Youth Aug. 5

Exploring Nature, Hands-on Insect Discovery

Aug. 12 Lori Frugoli & Shelly Scott

ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2021/2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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Jay Wayne

Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment

Chris DeGabriele Past President



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 17th \$60.00 per person **after** June 17th

Reservations Requiredl NO Tickets Sold at Doorl RSVP Deadline June 20th

Guests Welcome

Please contact Marsha Molloy
with your reservations:
(415) 328-7745
or email: wijmolloy@pacbell.net









Chess Table Installation with San Marin Interact and the San Marin Chess Club

Installation by: Ashby Remak, James Ghirardo, Marie Fehring, Ryan Remak, Josh Danziger, Bryce Duffin, Jack Covert, Syndey Martinez, Jim Spilman, Marisa Remak, Sadie Remak, and Zabaz Rosales











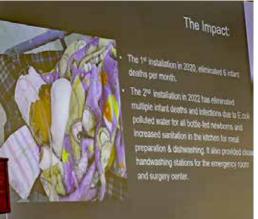
Rotary Photo Album



Melissa Prandi and Christina Stroeh with a delegation from St. Janan Luwum Schools and Melissa Foundation Uganda.







Left: Rob Marhsall - from water filter installation to jumping out of a plane for Polio with a few members in Davis, CA. Middle: Rob Marshall installing a SunStream water filtration system in a children's hospital. Right: Many infants die from contamination of E.coli in drinking water.



Students of St. Janan Luwum Schools.



Winning Pollution video from Marin Christian Academy.



Russ Ketron, a global Polio ambassador, reminds us of how donations to Polio eradication are multiplied by Rotary and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



Fresh from Houston Rotary Convention, Peian and Ron Harness promote the next Convention in Australia. Tickets are on sale now!