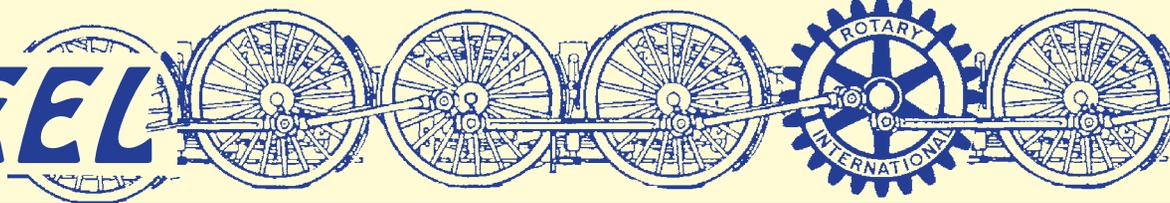


The BIG WHEEL



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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 **Chris DeGabriele** was treading the technological waters holding the meeting from Seattle, Washington.

The Pledge of Allegiance lead by **Jay Wayne**.

The 'Thought of the Day' was presented by **Dean Heffelfinger** who had a few from **Ben Franklin**:

- "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
- "Well done is better than well said."
- "Never ruin an apology with an excuse."
- "Three can keep a secret if two of them are dead."

Guests and Visitors

Our guests and visitors today were: **John Reuscher**, **Jim Carriere**, and **Kevin Merritt**.

Announcements



Novato Medallion Project

Gloria Dunn-Violin announced Novato Rotary's -PET's second project is happening

next the week of 6/21. 'No Dumping - Drains to Bay' medallions to remind folks not to dump in the storm sewers as it affects the health of the bay are scheduled to be placed to raise awareness in Novato. If you can't make this event, no worries - there are many more "PET" projects planned.

Bill and Adele Jonas Center Update

Sonia Seeman gave us the Bill and Adele Jonas Center update. It looks like Novato Rotary has been given the green light, "GO" for an in person meeting on July 9th! Only one condition, if you are not fully vaccinated, plan to wear a mask. You know, treat it as a yellow light.

Also, Save the Date for September 10, 2021 – The Bill and Adele Jonas Center Official Grand Opening (more details to come).



Sunshine Reports

Dean Heffelfinger is feeling okay and doing fine after a quick visit to the hospital.

Frank Falzon is continuing to do well. Keep him in your thoughts, prayers and positive vibes in drive – don't stop.

Birthdays

Sonia Seeman enjoyed a significant birthday with a visit from her grandson **Geddy** and a wonderful lunch at the Left Bank – bon anniversaire!

Speaker

Today's speaker was **Jim Carriere**, a member of San Rafael Harbor Rotary, and an ambassador of ShelterBox.



Jim introduced ShelterBox, a leader in first responder efforts for providing resources and supplies to those in need worldwide. ShelterBox carries the distinction of Nobel Peace Prize nominee for conflict resolution.

Jim let us know that ShelterBox exists because there are 110 million people displaced by way of natural disasters or conflicts.

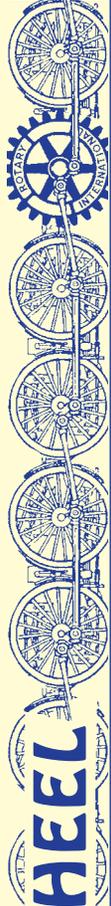
ShelterBox has always been a Rotary project in the UK, becoming a leader in tents and shelters. Their growth and impact can be attributed to their acumen in providing the "exact support that each family needs".

Largest deployments to date include Boxing Day Tsunami (10,000 boxes on ground), Haiti 2010 (27,000 boxes), Japan 2011 Tsunami and Typhoon Haigon 2013

The supplies and shelter provided extends beyond the area it covers. It is dignity, the intangible that provides the strength and confidence to get beyond the disaster.

How can you help? – donate

Closing thought: "think globally – give our children a sense of hope"



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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 June 25

Rotary

Club of Novato



Installation of Officers and Virtual Debunking via Zoom

Tune in to learn about the new RCN Leadership Team and watch the virtual President finally sign off and fade away into the test pattern!

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

June 25 Installation of Officers and Virtual Debunking via Zoom
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July

July 9 Kickoff Meeting at Jonas Center
July 16 Student Scholarships
July 23 Catriona MacGregor: Restoration of Native Trees and Wildlife Habitat
July 30 TGIF - Details TBA

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Rotary Club of Novato Community Service Committee

Meeting in person June 16

With simmering heat outside we met for a Community Service Committee reunion, face to face, in our reserved meeting room at Mary's Pizza.

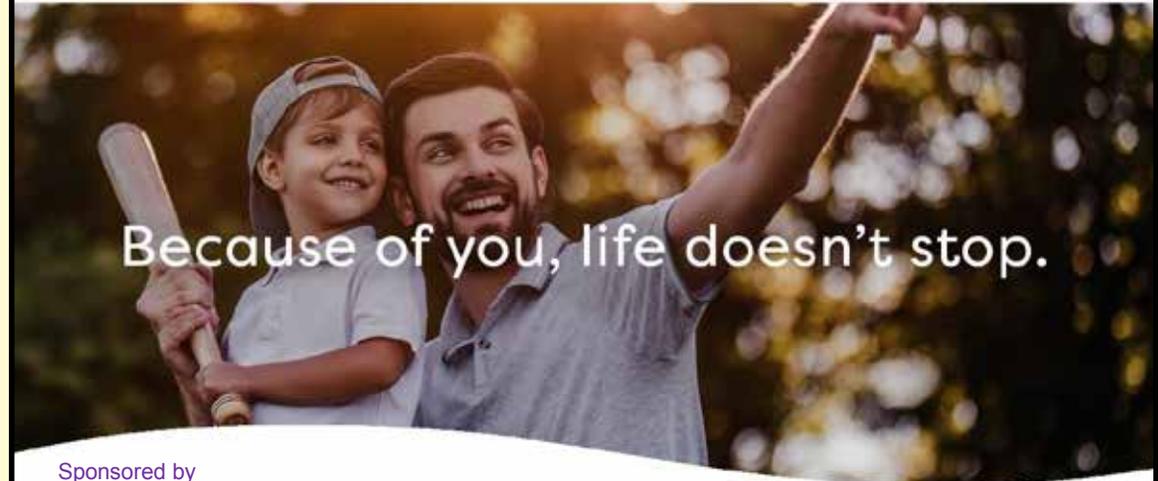
Chairman Jim Spilman led us through a comprehensive review of 26 projects for our new budget consideration. He proficiently guided us down a full page of past local beneficiaries and involved each of us for response and asked for new suggestions.

Smiling faces all around with a new annual budget allotment.

We encourage all Rotary members to attend our monthly meetings. You have the option of ordering a no host food and beverage. We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 for socializing and eating with business at 5:30 at Mary's Pizza, San Marin.



BLOOD DRIVE



Sponsored by

Rotary District 5150 - Marin

Thursday, July 15 2021

10:00 am – 2 pm

**Location: San Rafael Elks Lodge
inside the Carriage House**

(follow signs for parking)

1312 Mission Ave., San Rafael

Schedule a lifesaving appointment by
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"Donate" and make your appointment by
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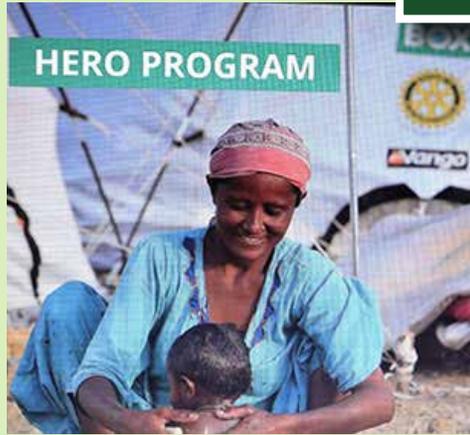
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ShelterBox Program



We had 40 Zoom participants for our June 18 meeting.



Shelter provides privacy in chaos.



Rigorous training for volunteers. Each box weighs 120lbs.



ShelterBox partners with Rotary International to provide shelter after a natural disaster.



Celebrating Joyce Palmer.



Photos by Penny Hansen and Mike Morrissey

Most natural disasters occurring since 2015 with increased heat and water shortage.



The Last Supper meeting at Sam's Cafe - Chris DeGabrielle's Board.