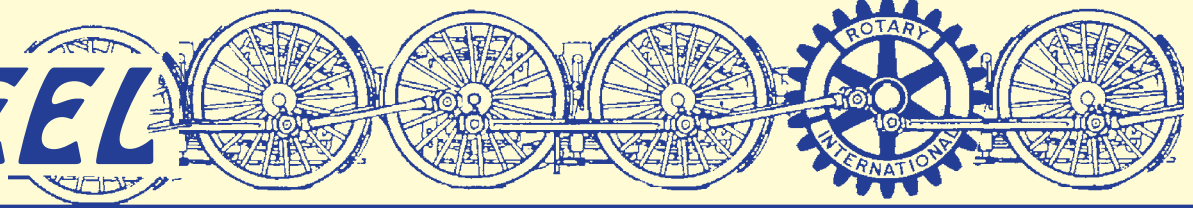


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Bill and Adele Jonas Center!

Wow and double wow! Only 13 years in the making but Rotary Club of Novato met in the Bill and Adele Jonas Center on the IVC campus!!!! Lots of hugs as Rotarians joyously renewed friendships that have been on hold for over 16 months. Yes, IVC required masks but that didn't stop the fellowship.

Newly installed **President Christina Stroeh** called on **Joni Degabriele** to open with a glorious rendition of America the Beautiful. **Joni**, you are welcome at any meeting with a song and presence like that! So good to be back. **Frank Bruno** wandered the room dressed head to toe as **Uncle Sam** in red white and blue. Just cant absorb that on a zoom call!

Burt Hoffman quoted several 'Thoughts of the Day' from author Adam Grant's book *Think Again*.

Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians and guests...there was a plethora, all wanting to share in our first meeting at the Jonas Center.

Rotarians included: **Past District Governor Greg Molloy (Marsha)**; past Novato member **Daryl Scott**; **Ingrid Martinez**, also a former Novato Rotarian; **Past District Governor Brian McLaren**; **John Reusher**, from Sunrise; and Ignacio Rotarian **Dean Moser**.

Guests of Rotarians: **Kathleen Gallivan** with **Suzanne Bales**. The spouses: **Jorg Puhr-Westerheide**

with **Linda**; **Jim Spilman** with **Diane**, **Tommy Lee** with **Tara**, **Al Dunham** with **Roberta**; **Jim Botko** with **Kathy**; **Bill McDill** with **Vicki**; **Brad Williams** with **Kathie**; **Art Crofts** with **Rhonda**; **Dean Heffelfinger** with **Jo**; **Frank Falzon** with **Donna** and last but not least, **Larry Harrison** with **Chris**, variously described by **Larry** as his hunk of burning love, his woman and lastly his best friend...ahhhh. **Marisa Remak** is back from a sojourn on the east coast with all her boundless energy . She introduced her kids, **Sadie**, **Ashby** and **Ryan** and of course being **Marisa** immediately had her older kids at work in the back of the room signing Rotarians up for an instgram account. **Lori Frugoli** introduced Aussie **Candice Chatfield**. **Al Angulo** with **Darlene Purcell**, **Peter Oser** introduced **Paul Chavez**, VP of Anixter Oser.

Jonas Center Thank You

Frank Falzon, involved with the Jonas Center from the beginning took a moment to call upon the Rotarians who also made a difference in getting this done: **John Stuber**, **Paul Scheller**, **Sonia Seeman**, **Burt Hoffmann**, **Art Crofts** and of course **Frank Falzon**. Thank you for donating so much of your time to make this finally happen.

Go Team Rotary!

Full service **President Christina** announced she had made sugar cookies for all the tables, because as we all knew (Not!) it was international Sugar Cookie Day!! **Christina** mentioned our Club stands at 92 members and the goal is 110. Rotarians remember this goal with all your encounters. There are great future Rotarians out there!! Go Team Rotary! Check with **Sonia Seeman** head of Membership. The Membership Committee meets the first Thursday of every month. Christina mentioned a trip to Chicago. The goal had been to visit Rotary Headquarters in Evanston but it was closed due to renovations. But

Christina had lunch with **Ron** and **Peian Harness** while in Chicago, so all was not lost! **Christina** also thanked our Zoom past presidents, **Ron Harness** and **Chris Degabriele**. Extraordinary job!!

Way to Go!

Jorg Puhr-Westerheide had some ego boosting announcements for the super best Club. The budget last year had a goal of \$5,000 for Polio Plus. We raised \$14,000! The Annual Fund's goal was \$2,200. We raised a staggering amount of \$60,000. We need to be so proud of us!!

Bill and Adele Jonas Center Lobby Display

Larry Harrison discussed the display that will be in the Bill and Adele Jonas Center lobby. Right now we see the "paper" version of Service Above Self, Fellowship, Leadership, and Education. Highlights are: **Clark Palmer**, 1954, first Novato Rotary President; 1975 building of Nova Ro One; 2002, **Anne Wade** as first female Novato Rotary President; and 2007, the **Jonas family** donates \$5 million for a community center among others.

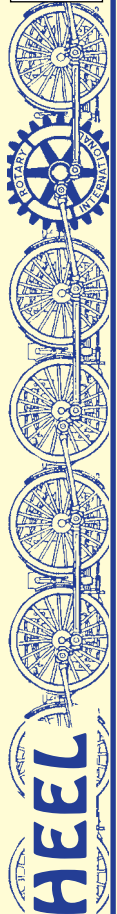
Social Media

Marisa Remak back from the East Coast, is taking on Public Image for our Club. There is a new process for submitting photos to the Rotary Club of Novato for any publication or social media post. All photos should be emailed to Marisa: media@novatorotary.org. She is making a huge push to have us current with social media channels.

Sunshine Report

Marty Wickenheiser had nothing to report for sunshine, which is a good thing!

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"Serve to Change Lives"

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?"



June 16

**Bill and Adele Jonas Center
IVC Campus
Student Scholarships**

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

July

- July 16 **Student Scholarships**
- July 23 **Catriona MacGregor:** Restoration of Native Trees and Wildlife Habitat
- July 30 **TGIF** - Mike Morrissey

August

- Aug. 6 **Friends of IVC:** Sandi Bowman
- Aug. 13 Performers Dominic Quin Harkin/Lauren Clarke and Chef Bruno - Music, Food and History of Italy
- Aug. 20 **Resilient Neighborhoods**
- Aug. 27 **NO MEETING**
- Aug. 28 **District 5150 - Rotary Radio Mystery Hour:** Zoom play written by Phil Dougherty

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Blood Drive

Dean Heffelfinger reminded us a Blood Drive taking place at the San Rafael Elks Lodge on July 15th.

Raffle Winner

Jim Spilman had Sadie Remak pull the winning ticket. What a way to open the new Rotary year. Larry Mazzotta was the winner not of \$25, but a Weber BBQ donated by Tom Young of Pini Hardware!

Upcoming Meetings

Remember the 16th will be the meeting for Scholarship Recipients and their families. Also September 10th will be the OFFICIAL opening of the Bill and Adele Jonas Center.

So fun to see everyone in person! Slowly but surely emerging from an upside down and inside out world!



BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.

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
selecting Blood Drive Code and use the
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All t-shirts, banners & San Francisco Giants
Special donor T-shirt are in stock unless otherwise
whenever supplies last.

Rotary Photo Album



Joni DeGabriele and President Christina Stroeh began the meeting with a song.



Larry Harrison thanks committee for documenting the Rotary Club of Novato history for Jonas display panels.



Helpers Ryan, Ashby and Sadie Remak documenting for new Blue Book Directory.



Frank Falzon from the Jonas Committee describes a long labor to birth.



New swag, wear with pride.



Greetings.



Our voices raised in song with new President Christina Stroeh and Joni DeGabriele.



A grand welcome to the Rotary Club of Novato - positioned for future growth.



Jim Spilman and helper Sadie Remak pick the Raffle Winner, Larry Mazzotta.



Like old times with a new view.