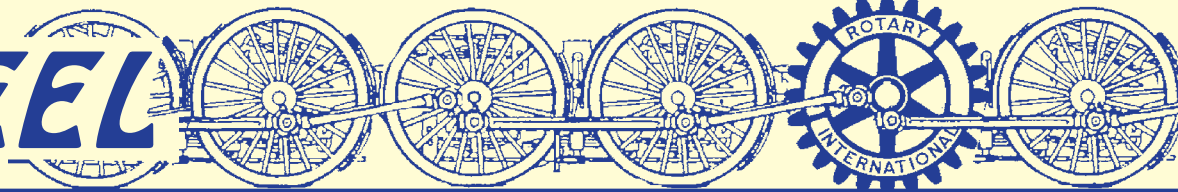


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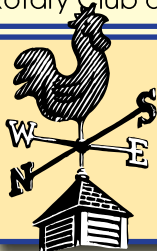


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning

Peian Harness led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Thought for the Day: **Holly Axtell** shared examples of how Rotarians adapted and responded to the Spanish Flu over one hundred years ago by: meeting outdoors, buying a car for a Red Cross social worker, working with the Boy Scouts to distribute flyers with guidance on how to prevent the spread of influenza, secured beds for emergency hospitals, volunteered as ambulance drivers and helped with a health survey. Rotary adapted and survived then and will do the same now.

Guests and Visitors

The following guests were introduced: **Vicki McDill** with **Bill; Ryan** and **Sadie** with **Marisa Remak; Diana Tomasini, Arlene Henry,** and **Toni** with **Gary Bramon; Klaus Christiansen, Lindsay Bacigalupi** and **Isidor Farias** from IVC; speakers **Sandi Bowman** and **Brady Bevis Boyd, Gloria Kopshever** and **Ross Millerick** from Friends of IVC.

Visiting Rotarians included: **John Reuscher** from Novato Sunrise; **Steve Wright** from Pacifica; **Gary Chow**, District Governor Elect from South San Francisco; and former member **Patti Hurst** from Athens, Georgia.

Public Image

There is a new process for submitting all written copy and photos covering activities of the Rotary Club of Novato for any publication or social media post. All photos and articles should be emailed to our Public Image Director, **Marisa Remak**: media@novatorotary.org.

Announcements

TGIF

President Christina thanked **Mike Morrissey** and **Jacqueline Janssen** for a wonderful TGIF at their home which included a great Jazz Group, dinner and dancing on a beautiful evening. She also thanked **Penny Hansen** for supplying great photos of the event for the Big Wheel.

President Christina thanked her good friend **Amy Reid** for preparing and serving Root Beer Floats in honor of Past Zoom Presidents **Ron Harness** and **Chris DeGabriele**.

Golden Gate Jazz Festival

Gary Bramon is inviting Rotarians to attend the Golden Gate Jazz Festival on the evenings of August 27-29. **Gary** has reserved tickets for 16 couples at \$90 per ticket for Saturday evening August 28. If interested contact **Gary** at 415-250-9900 or garybramon2019@gmail.com.



Thank You, John!

Jay Wayne thanked **John Cutrufelli** for installing grab bars in senior citizen's homes.

NEW MEMBER NOTICE



The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the Board of Directors and the membership:

John Reuscher / Financial Planner

if there are no objections by:
Thursday, August 19, 2021

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:
Friday, August 20, 2021

Phil Dougherty
Secretary

Blue Star Moms Packing Event

Larry Harrison announced that the first Blue Star Moms packing event is scheduled for Saturday, October 2 at the VFW Hall at 844 Sweetser Ave. in downtown Novato beginning at 10 AM.

Sunshine

Marty Wickenheiser reported that **Fran Borok** is out of the hospital and home recovering.

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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?"



Rotary Club Meeting August 13

Bill and Adele Jonas Center

*Music, Food &
History
of Italy*

**Performers Dominic Quin Harkin,
Lauren Clarke and Chef Bruno**

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

August

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

September

- Sept. 3 **TGIF** at Marisa Remak's Home - 5 pm
- Sept. 10 **Grand Opening of the Bill and Adele Jonas Center** - COM/RCN hosting - 10am - Noon
- Sept. 17 **West African Drumming** with Xavier Eikerenkoetter

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Recognitions

Phil Dougherty showed a video honoring members who had birthdays in July: **T.J. Neff, Burt Hoffmann, Rich Nave, Paul Scheller** and **Marsha Molloy** and in August: **Tommy Lee, Lowell Smith, George Estes, Peter Rubens, Nohemi Beissmann-Mason, Bev Pool, Chuck Hildebrand, and Larry Harrison.**

PolioPlus Society Certificates

Steve Wright gave a brief history of PolioPlus. It was started around 1987 in partnerships with WHO, World Health Organization, and has vaccinated nearly 3 billion children and spent approximately 2.1 billion dollars. **Bill and Melinda Gates** Foundation has also provided numerous matching grants to PolioPlus.

Latest reports are 1 case each in Pakistan and Afghanistan, both in January. At least 70 people have been murdered in Pakistan alone trying to save lives of children including 2 attacks on policemen this week.

The PolioPlus Society requires a \$100 per year or a \$10 per month commitment which also counts towards Paul Harris Credits. There are 140 members in our District.

He then presented Certificates, Pins and Wrist Bands to: **Peter Oser, Larry Mazzotta, Ron Harness** and **Alexa Witter** (widow of Past President **Lloyd Witter** -1983-84).

The Rotary Foundation

Jorg Puhr-Westerheide shared an update of the EYER Every Year Every Rotarian campaign. He will be sending letters to members indicating their status and amount to reach the next level of giving to receive another ruby or sapphire. Good news is that the District will match your contribution. This opportunity to give results in a drawing on November 20 which will have a grand prize of \$2,000 and a

total of \$6,750 in gift cards. He will issue \$20 tickets corresponding to your contribution to the District before the raffle. "Thank you for doing good in the World."

Indian Valley College Memories

President Christina shared taking archery lessons.

Susanne Bales said she took a computer class when the buildings were deteriorating but the class was great. She didn't have to use her skills as there was an expert in her office.

T.J. Neff and **Phil Brown** had experiences your editor missed.

Ed note: **Roberta** took modern dance classes in the early 70's, volunteered to help get the Dance Program accredited and later became Community Education Coordinator until the position was eliminated due to Prop 13. I took a "not for credit" Real Estate Class.

Program

Moses Jacob introduced **Brady Bevis Boyd**, Chair and **Sandi Bowman** Co-chair of Friends of IVC.

Brady shared her interest in IVC as a parent of several children who attended the IVC/College of Marin before transferring to four year colleges. She mentioned that College of Marin is number one in California and number six in the nation. Cal Berkeley accepts the highest number of Community College transfers from College of Marin.

IVC has been very innovative in providing career courses and mentioned the fact that Novato Toyota's success is partially attributed to the technicians that were trained at IVC.

Co-chair **Sandi Bowman** shared photos of the deteriorated buildings in the early 2000s which inspired her to become involved in advocating to improve the campus. Much has happened since then and the campus has demolished some buildings, repaired some and added new buildings including the **Bill and Adele Jonas** Center, a swimming pool complex and upgraded the landscaping. Well done **Brady** and **Sandi**!! We are proud of your efforts.

You are invited to join Friends of IVC by contacting

Sandi Bowman at sbowman@sandibowman.com or going to the Friends of IVC website: www.friendsofindianvalleycampus.com

Next week's Meeting & Program

Rotarian **Frank Bruno** will present our August 13th meeting including Italian Music, Food and History. It's going to be fantastic and as always, **Frank's** programs are always fun and you will leave with a joyful spirit.

Raffle Winner

Marisa Remak was the lucky winner.

Meeting Adjourned

President Christina thanked the guests, visiting Rotarians and **Sam** for a delicious Lunch



Support the Novato Rotary Endowment

Many more of us are shopping on-line these days. If you use Amazon for your shopping, try using **Smile.Amazon.com** Select the Novato Rotary Endowment as your charity and 0.5% of your purchases will go to the NRE.



Ed Ross



Rotarians receive PolioPlus Society certificates



T.J. Neff



Enjoying lunch at the Bill and Adele Jonas Center

Friends of IVC -
Brady Bevis Boyd
Sandi Bowman
were the speakers
of the day.



Root beer floats to thank Ron and Chris for keeping us afloat during our Zoom meetings.

