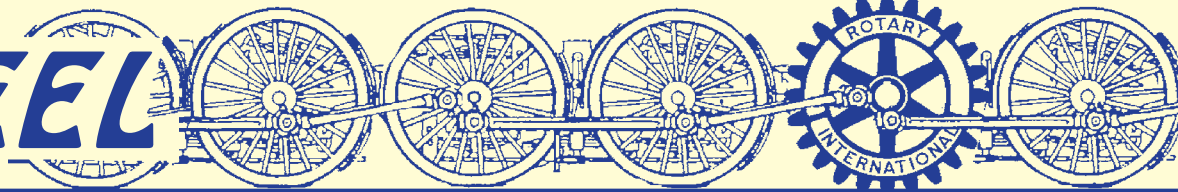


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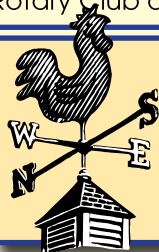


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## In the Beginning...

**President Christina** welcomed all and introduced **Dean Heffelfinger** for pledge.

Thought of the Day: *“Life is a lot more fun when you say yes! It’s amazing how that one little word can lead you on an incredible adventure”* - **Richard Branson**, Virgin Galactic.

## Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Visitors & guests included: **Fred Anderson** from Tustin Santa Ana Rotary; **Bill Davis** of Novato Sunrise; **Bill Tyler** of Novato Sunrise; **Stevie Johnson** of Novato Sunrise; **John Reuscher** of Novato Sunrise; **Al Shirley** of Marin Evening Rotary; **Michael Spalding** of Igancio Rotary; **John Marshall** of Ignacio Rotary; **Dean Moser** of Ignacio Rotary; **Diane Thomasini** from Crescent City; **Kelsey** and **Jason Hernandez** - **Gary Bramon**’s granddaughter and her husband; **Tamara Peters** and **Gretchen Schubeck**, today’s speakers.

*Note: today’s meeting is protected by **Larry Harrison** in full roman guard gear. Larry warns all that it’s a bit chilly in the auditorium.*



## Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

**Jorg Puhr-Westerheide** presented the Paul Harris Fellow recognition to **Lynn Dawson** in appreciation of “Tangible and significant assistance”. **Jorg** reminds all of the seven areas of focus are shared before handing over the certificate and pin to **Lynn**.

- Maternal and child health
- Basic education of literacy
- Water sanitation hygiene
- Disease prevention and polio treatment
- Community economic development
- Environment and peace building
- Conflict prevention

## Announcements:

The Novato Art and Wine Festival is August 21-22.

**Jim Spilman** announced volunteer opportunities for the current Community Service Project of rehabbing the large gazebo at Pioneer Park - come this weekend and/or the following.

## Sunshine Report by Marty

Marty gave us the Sunshine Report. Debbie Brusatori is back. Frances Borok is getting better slowly. **Jay Wayne** looking great!

## Grand Opening

Reminder - on the September 10th, we are having our Grand Opening of the **Bill and Adele Jonas Center** with the College of Marin from 10:00 am to noon. No regular meeting that day. There will be pastries, coffee, tea, some speeches and ribbon cutting.

## Upcoming Meeting & Events

On September 17th, look forward to learning the finer points of West African drumming, bring your djembe if you got one!

There will be a film on September 24 at 7pm with Friends of IVC at the Bill and Adele Jonas Center.

## The Speaker

Today’s Presentation - Sustainability of our Environment with a focus on Marin was introduced by **Larry Mazzotta**. Presenters: **Tamra Peters** and **Gretchen Schumach** - presenting the efforts and achievements of Resilient Neighborhoods.

**Tamra** is the Founder, Executive Director and on the Board of Directors of Resilient Neighborhoods.

**Gretchen** is the Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Novato.

Resilient Neighborhoods functions to help create teams and concentrated efforts to address climate change by reducing your own carbon emissions, helping build resilience in your community by becoming prepared for emergencies or disruptions and supporting local business and agriculture who may sustain us when outside supplies are unavailable.

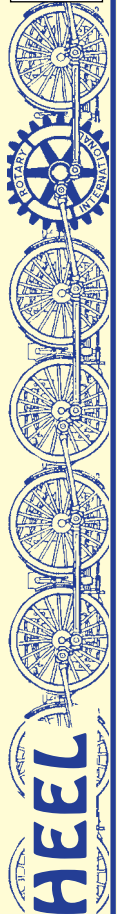
Today’s reality - “We have exceeded earth’s biological capacity”. We’re seeing expectations from the scientific communities for longer droughts, more extreme weather conditions, California has experienced the hottest decade recorded, the largest wildfires - the dire conditions are becoming commonplace to the extent that a paint color has been developed and named after the orange skies we witnessed in the bay area only a year ago. It’s known as Armageddon orange.

“Good news is that we know what the solutions are. We have a whole host of solutions to address the problems that we’re facing. We just need to make a commitment to take action.”

Challenge to Novato Rotary: Reduce 1 millions pounds of greenhouse gas emissions - recruit households, raise awareness, provide tools of accountability, sign up for a team, get more info and make a contribution.

Speaker’s gift for **Tamra** and **Gretchen** - Copperfield’s Books gift card.

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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?"

**Novato Rotary**

# TGIF

**Friday, September 3, 5:00 pm**  
135 Santa Maria Drive, Novato

**Hosts: Marisa and Mike Remak & The Rotary Club of Novato**

We will provide beverages and some appetizers and desserts. If you'd like to contribute, bring your favorite appetizer or drink to share. Otherwise, just come and enjoy an evening of fellowship (outdoors) with your fellow Rotarians.

It can get windy in the evening, so bring layers.

mremak@mac.com for RSVP  
(welcome, but not required) or questions

*With COVID precautions in mind (and a young child in our family), we respectfully request that all attendees be vaccinated.*

**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. 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

Sept. 24 **Filmmaking** - Snigdha Kapoor, NY Filmmaker

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## The Raffle Winner

Raffle results: \$25 to Diane.

## Final Thoughts

Final thoughts from **President Christina**: "Thank you and thank you to our speakers and thank you to Sam for a wonderful lunch - remember there is no meeting next week. We have the zoom mystery radio show play that will be on zoom you can register on the link you can get the link from the email that we're sending out and at the district is sending out so we will not see you next week the following week will be Marisa's. So everybody have a wonderful day!"

## 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](mailto:media@novatorotary.org).

## Community Service Meeting

Sept. 15, meet us at Mary's Pizza. Socialize at 5:00 with dining option. Chairman **Jim Spilman** begins the meeting promptly at 5:30pm. We review current projects and discuss new ideas for hands-on action that contributes to our town. Many of our projects include Rotary members from the two other Novato Rotary Clubs. We also coordinate projects with all 43 Clubs of District 5150.



## Rotary Club Meeting August 20



*Chairman of Environmental Sustainability Committee, Gloria Dunn-Violin describes her membership team participation.*



*Jorg Puhr-Westerheide presents Lynn Dawson with a Paul Harris Fellow.*

## The Planet Needs our Help!

The planet and future generations need our help.

Each of us needs to act NOW

1. Sign up for a team
2. Get more information
3. Make a contribution to help keep our program free



*Tamra Peters Founder and Director Resilient Neighborhoods.*



*Gretchen Schumach from Resilient Neighborhoods.*



**Community Service Project  
Pioneer Park Gazebo**

