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BILL AND ADELE JONAS CENTER GRAND OPENING!!!

Jonas Center Grand Opening!

Yes, today was the day we officially opened the **Bill and Adele Jonas Center** at Indian Valley College.

David Wain Coon, Superintendent/President of College of Marin (COM) officially opened the ceremonies by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Prez David** told me beforehand that the College normally did not begin any COM event with the Pledge. He undoubtedly did it to include us Rotarians into the celebration.

Next, **Prez David** requested a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the World Trade Center, The Pentagon, and the field by Shanksville, Pennsylvania on nine eleven, twenty years ago. **Prez David** then introduced the COM Board Members, who include **Wanden Treanor, Stephanie O'Brien, Suzanne Crow** and **Paul DeSilva**. Two Board Members, **Diana Conti** and **Brady Bevis** were not present.

Prez David then introduced **Coy Smith**, Executive Director of the Novato Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the Marin I.J., and **Sean Thompson** from State Senator **Mark Levine's** office.

Prez David then recognized that many, many people were involved in this project and each group stood up to be recognized.

Prez David then introduced our Prez, **Christina Stroeh**, and asked her to stand and say a few words.

Prez Christina gave an excellent speech that all

Rotarians present were busying their buttons over. Here are the highlights:

Prez Christina welcomed all, especially **Rotary District Governor Danielle Lallement**. **Prez Christina** then introduced **Jonas** family members **Barbara Doolittle** and **Brian Dunderdale** (**Barbara** is the daughter of **Bill and Adele Jonas** and **Brian** is their grandson and son of former member **Tom Dunderdale**.) Then **Prez Christina** thanked **Dr. Coon** for the work he and his team put into this celebration.

Next, she gave special thanks to the Jonas Center Committee who since 2007 worked tirelessly to find the right place and make this building a reality. The Committee consisted of: **Art Crofts, Frank Falzon, Burt Hoffman, Bruce Palmer, Paul Scheller, Sonia Seeman**, and the late **John Stuber**.

She then recognized this day was made possible by the generous gift of **Bill and Adele Jonas** and the College of Marin's commitment to creating a multi-purpose community center.

Rotary is all about partnership, building community



and getting things done. **Christina** continued that our partnership with COM gives us an opportunity to expand our reach, embrace change, empower ours and the Campus and community voices. Being on campus gives us and the college learning opportunities to inter connect with each other. A perfect fit. **Christina** continued our Rotary Club has created a partnership with the Friends of IVC to work together on our shared vision for the Jonas Center and this beautiful IVC campus. She added we want to share this environment of joy with Novato along with the potential possibilities

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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 September 17

Bill and Adele Jonas Center

Joy of Malinke Drumming with Xavier Eikerenkoetter

The Malinke people of West Africa practice drumming, dancing, and singing as a part of daily life. They have many rhythms and songs celebrating various aspects and transitions of life including birth, marriage, coming of age, farming, and hunting. For them, drumming is a high art form that expresses depths of meaning and universal impulses of life.

Together we will learn traditional Malinke rhythms on djembe and dunun instruments, and sing songs in the Malinke language. The bravest among us will dance!

Xavier Eikerenkoetter is a student of grand master drummer Mamady Keita of Guinea, West Africa, and has taught workshops in Hawaii, Los Angeles, Atlanta and New York.

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

September

Sept. 17 **Joy of Malinke Drumming** with Xavier Eikerenkoetter

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

October

Oct. 1 **National Poetry Day - Student Poetry Contest and Marin Shakespeare Co.** - Bob Currier

Oct. 8 **History of the Summer Olympics** - Col. Bill Cope

Oct. 15 District Governor Danille Lallement Visit and Health Craft Talks: Maggie Shao & Shannon Thomas

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and passion for serving both locally and globally. Novato Rotary's work is to make this Indian Valley Campus visible and relevant. A place that's thriving and forward thinking.

Prez Christina's final remarks were that Rotary is a source of hope, and we understand how human and heart based connection through service empowers us and builds enthusiasm for what we can accomplish together. Together, we share an endless commitment to service. We have created a gorgeous facility and we are opening doors to our friends, family, students and community members.

Prez Christina stated she is so proud of all of us for making this happen, for needs of our community, and for being here to celebrate today.

COM Prez David then introduce COM Vice President, Greg Nelson (I thought he was a college football coach). V.P. Greg thanked each of the individual groups who helped create this facility, including the engineers, architects, planning committees, and contractors for their excellent efforts.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

A cast of what seemed like thousands participated in several ribbon cutting ceremonies, then tours of the facility were given along with coffee, tea and treats.

There was no raffle, but I think I saw several Rotarians tossing coins in the back of the parking lot.



Relay For Life
of Marin County

September 18, 2021
Noon to 10:00 p.m.

HAMILTON SCHOOL
5530 Nave Drive, Novato

Contact Craig Anderson
to make donations



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

Fred W. Andersen / Attorney

Diana Tomasini / Florist Entrepreneur Retired

Arlene Henry / Volunteer Coordinator Retired

if there are no objections by:
Thursday, September 23, 2021

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:
Friday, September 24, 2021

Phil Dougherty
Secretary

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.





Presenting an Evening of Short Films by Female Filmmakers
at the **Bill and Adele Jonas Center at IVC**
1800 Ignacio Boulevard, Novato

FRIDAY SEPT 24 **6:30pm to 9:00pm** **Food & Beverages will be available at Event** **Benefitting the NYCWF (NYC Women Filmmakers)**

Special guest:
Snigdha Kapoor, NY Filmmaker



Snigdha is an India-born, New York-based filmmaker. Her work focuses on exploring unheard and underrepresented stories that break stereotypes and gender norms and has been screened at prestigious festivals such as Asian American International Film Festival, HollyShorts, New York Shorts International Film Festival, Delhi Art Gallery (New York), and has featured in Oyster Magazine, Chilean Film Catalog, Brown Girl Magazine, and Seema Magazine. She is currently developing her feature screenplay Mamma Be, an adaptation of her short, The Other Side which is in post-production. The short screenplay was one of the top ten screenplays in ScreenCraft Short Screenplay Competition.

Tickets \$20
Purchase Online at NovatoRotary.org or Scan QR code



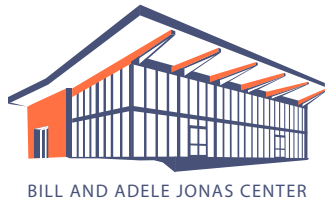
Questions:
Email Christina Stroeh at christina.stroeh@gmail.com

All CDC, State and Local Covid Guidelines will be followed.

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President David Wain Coon gives introduction.



President David Wain Coon describes partnership with Rotary Club of Novato.



Photos by Penny Hansen

OJO DE AGUA PROJECT



Tinacos and pumps on roofs.

Your money at work. Novato Rotary supported a Global Grant to bring water to the village of Ojo de Agua in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. The Rotary Clubs of Chapala Sunrise and South San Francisco led the project which is providing a well, pump, storage tank and distribution pipes so that the people in this village will have clean, safe water. Our own **Al Angulo** visited Chapala Sunrise with the Rotary Club of Lincoln prior to our joining this project.



Flipping the switch.

Rotary in Chapala joined forces with the local government and a Mexican non-profit. So, in addition to water the people of Ojo de Agua will receive training in water use and health - starting with the school children. Right now, they drink soda since there is no clean water. They will learn healthier habits, such as hand washing as part of this \$68,000 project. Our Club donated \$4,000.

Holly Axtell



Turning the valve.



Sprayed by water.