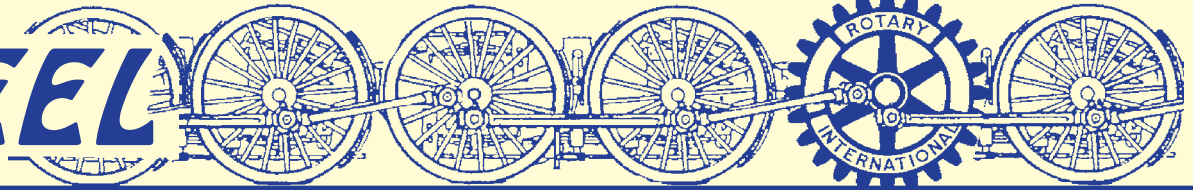


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

Prez Christina rang da bell and **John Ringgenberg** led us in the Pledge (of Allegiance, of course).

‘Thought for the Day’ by **Reggie Winner**: “*Staying positive is not about seeing the world through rose colored glasses. It’s knowing you have the power to overcome the thorns.*”

Visitors & Guests

We had two visitors today: **Dean Moser** of Ignacio Rotary and **John Reuscher** from Novato Sunrise. **John** joins our Club next Friday!

Guests: **Russ Ketron** intro’d his better half, **Kathy**. **Debbie Brusatori** brought her cousin **Barbara Bagleo**. **Gary Bramon**, once again intro’d **Arlene Henry**, who will also be inducted as a member of our Club next Friday. A future member, **Hadley Balchumans**, was intro’d by her grandmother, **Suzanne Bales**. **Penny Hansen** intro’d our Speaker and his wife while **Phil Dougherty** introduced **Kendal Kenny** of IVC who is here to help us with our sound system, the stage and screening.

Sunshine Report

Phil Dougherty told us that **Jacqueline Morrissey** tripped and fell down the stairs and broke three ribs. Take good care of her, **Mike**.

Dean H. announced that **Marty Wickenheiser’s** mother passed away at 103 years of age, a full life.

Announcements

Resilient Neighborhoods Workshop

There were lots of announcements today. First: **Gloria Dunn-Violin** encouraged us all to protect the our environment by signing up with the Resilient Neighborhoods Workshop which starts on September 23rd. The workshop is enlightening, comprehensive and fun. Go to www.resilientneighborhoods.org.

Upcoming Rotary Events

Jim Spilman thanked all of those who worked on the Pioneer Park Gazebo. **Jim** then gave a series of dates when events would take place:

- 10/9/21 Los Robles Park Clean-up
- 11/7/21 Rotary Car Wash
- 11/10/21 Rotary Blood Drive
- 12/4/21 City of Novato Tree Lighting

Education Project

Bev Pool informed us we won’t do dictionaries anymore. We will find a new education project that we’ll partner up with the Friends of IVC.

Practice Your Packing Skills!

Larry Harrison gave us two dates where we can practice our packing skills.

November 2, 2021 – packing Gift Packages for service men and women overseas along with the Blue Star Moms at the VFW Hall in Novato.

November 13, 2021 – We’ll put packages of food together for Rise Against Hunger. We’ll do this at Druids Hall.

Dance for a Good Cause!

Ryan Pocock announced a Rotary Club of Novato Dance-A-Thon that will take place on Friday, October 15. This fun event benefits Novato Community Hospital’s Breast Health Scholarship Fund. (see page 3 for details).

Helping Others

Roy Pfeifer announced that we’re trying to help those less fortunate beginning with providing families with cloth napkins – at least one per family member.

Program

Frank Bruno introduced **Xavier Eikerenkoetter** and his wife, **Annette** and their (really **Xavier’s**) drum experience. **Xavier** talked about drums and the origin of drum playing in the Caribbean countries as well as Africa. Then a gaggle of Rotarians formed a semi-circle around him as he explained the rhythm of the different drums. **Maggie Shao** and **Prez. Christina** were up in front of the semi-circle playing larger tom toms (drums). The drummer semi-circle consisted of **Gloria** and **Don Violin**, **Bev Pool**, **Larry Mazzotta**, **Chuck Hildebrand**, **Al Angulo**, **Suzanne Bales** and granddaughter **Hadley**, **Nohemi Beissmann-Mason**, **John Reuscher**, **Roy Pfeifer**, and **Penny Hansen**. Also **Xavier’s** wife **Annette** was up front and playing with **Maggie** and **Christina**.

Xavier explained how the rhythm of the drums were developed. **Xavier** started slowly with **Maggie**, **Christina** and **Annette** playing slow rhythms. The gaggle (semi-circle) of Rotarians started the same way and they all built up to a crescendo. The whole audience was bobbing our heads and completely enjoying the performance. **Xavier** asked if there were any questions. Guest **Arlene Henry** stated the rhythm really moved her. **Xavier** noted that in Africa no one just sits and watches. They all participate in one way or another.

Raffle

I believe **Jim Spilman** won it by the yell he made and the winning number was called.

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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?"

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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Rotary Club Meeting
September 24
 Bill and Adele Jonas Center
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.

Upcoming Programs

September

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 Health Craft Talks: Maggie Shao & Shannon Thomas

Oct. 22 **History of Beer**

Oct. 30 **Non-Spaghetti Feed** - McDill's Home

www.novatorotary.org

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FRIENDS OF IVC

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

Questions:
Email Christina Stroeh at
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All CDC, State and Local Covid Guidelines will be followed.



Rotary
Club of Novato

Dance A Thon



Benefit for Novato Community Hospital's Breast Health Scholarship Fund which provides mammograms and diagnostic testing for women in need.

All age dancers welcome. Join us for this fun and worthwhile community celebration!

Friday, October 15
6-10pm

BILL AND ADELE JONAS CENTER
College of Marin
Indian Valley Campus
1800 Ignacio Blvd., Novato



Sutter Health
Novato Community
Hospital

TO REGISTER AND DONATE go to
sutterhealth.org/RCNDanceMarathon

Sponsorship Levels

- \$250**
2 Individual tickets
2 drink tickets
Name or company logo on event signage
- \$500**
4 Individual Tickets
4 drink tickets
Name or company logo on event signage
- \$1,000**
1 Family Ticket or 5 Individual Tickets
5 free drink tickets
Name or company logo on event signage
Shout out at event
- \$1,500**
2 Family Tickets/10 Individual Tickets
Designated table
10 free drink tickets
Name or company logo on event signage
Shout out at event
- \$2,500**
2 Family Tickets/10 Individual Tickets
Designated table
10 free drink tickets
Name or company logo on event signage
Shout out at event

Tickets
Individual Tickets \$25
Family Tickets (1 household) \$75
Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages provided for all attendees.

Please make all sponsorships payable to Rotary Club Novato, Attn: Dance Marathon.

For more information contact Ryan Pocock, Major Gifts Officer, Novato Community Hospital, 707-322-3874.



Xavier taught us African drums with history.



Hadley Balchunas, age 3, granddaughter of Suzanne Bales plays along with us.



Drummer Xavier Eikerenkoetter Music Maker gave us lessons.



Best chicken enchiladas ever.

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



Jim Spilman, Chairman of Community Service thanks Pioneer Park Gazebo helpers. Bev Pool announces her new position as Rotary Club of Novato and College of Marin liaison.