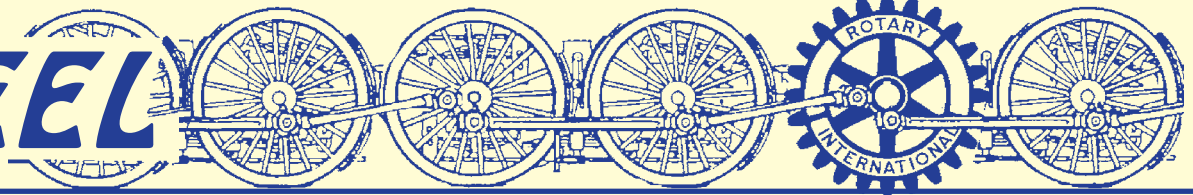


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Reminders of the COVID times!!! Because IVC was going to be potentially closed for our January 6th meeting due to weather issues, it was decided to meet remotely. We had 15 minutes of visiting. Some tidbits.....**Reggie Winner's** Zoom background showed Goldfield Nevada Saloon. It was run by her grandfather and did great until prohibition. It was located near Tonopah, Nevada. There was also a conversation regarding Melbourne. The committed are **Ron, Peian** and **Phil Dougherty** so far. **Peian** also mentioned some of our Club members were on a trip to Guatemala working on a water project. **Jorg, Ron** and **Robert Marshall** were among the travelers

The meeting started with **John Reuscher** leading the Pledge while **AlAngulo** held up a flag. **John** also provided the thought/video for the day. It showed the rotating earth and the message was put our lives in perspective. We are just here for a brief bleep in time. Just try your best.

Gary Bramon called on almost member **Kyle Frazier** to say a few words. **Kyle** lives in Point Marin and is a realtor with Compass. He has two children attending Marin Catholic and is happily married.

Sunshine Report

Peian mentioned that **Paul Scheller** is back home. **Gary Bramon** mentioned he had stopped by for a visit.

Susie McCurdy is recovering from a bout of pneumonia and was home in time to celebrate a blended Christmas with six kids.

Announcements

Climate Action

Gloria Dunn-Violin told us that our Club has donated \$500 to help a project to eliminate single use plastics in the Novato School system.

Super Bowl Board and Western BBQ

Frank Bruno stated the Super Bowl board is full and numbers have been drawn. He needs help with live auction items for the Western BBQ. **Frank** has two nights at the Peppermill Casino, vacation homes, and hosted group dinners. Step up Rotarians and use that imagination to help us make money for the Endowment!

Contact **Frank** to let him know what marvelous items you can provide for the live auction.

Chris DeGabriele also discussed the Western BBQ, which is at the Jonas Center, on February 11th at 5:30 p.m. **Dennis Hagerty** will provide live music. **Diana Tomasini** is providing the center pieces and new member **Peter Pelavin** is heading up check in. Get those sponsorships in to **Chris**. This event is right around the corner!

Holiday Party & Christmas Brunch

The Holiday Party at the **Harrison's** raised \$2,100 for the veterans and a car club kicked in another \$400 bring the total to \$2,500. Job well done **Harrison's**!

Peian also thanked **Marsha Molloy** for AGAIN managing the Christmas brunch.

No Speaker...

There was no speaker today so **Peian** asked members to share holiday experiences or New Year's resolutions.

President Peian mentioned a recent trip to Taiwan for a visit with her mother and family. She did mention Taiwan is not concerned with China's action. Chinese New Year is at the

end of this month. **Peian** appreciated this was the first visit where she didn't have to quarantine in a hotel for 14 days and second visit was a hotel quarantine of 10 days. New Year's resolution... lead a more sustainable life

Holly and **Keith Axtell** spent the holidays with three or four electricians. Their mutual Christmas gift was rewiring their entire house. Hope they put a big bow on it!!

They had discovered the dangerous situation of the house being wired with aluminum. I guess that is a no-no nowadays. They did celebrate their 42nd anniversary in Maui. **Holly** said they are past the age to worry about any New Year's resolutions.

AlAngulo cruised the Mexican Rivera for Christmas and plans to be on the Big Island later this month. He has also been involved with the Tiburon Club on shipping a container of books to Tanzania. **Al** confessed to breaking his New Year's resolution by January 2nd

Gary and **Toni Bramon** spent time in New York in early December. seven days, six plays. He loved 'Some Like it Hot' and highly recommends it, if it gets to San Francisco.

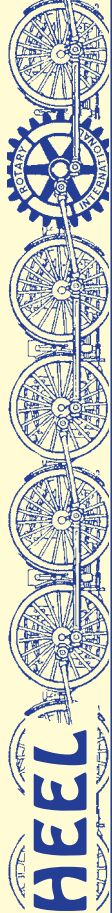
He also mentioned a Louisiana Civil War trip. **Frank Bruno** was on that trip as well.

Gary discussed moving the Historical Guild from De Long to Simmons. If interested in this project see **Gary**.

Gloria Dunn-Violin declared there were challenges during the holiday season. She never makes New Year's resolutions and just keeps going forward.

Phil Dougherty tried for a trip to San Diego to visit his future son-in-law but got caught in the Southwest debacle. He is looking forward to his daughters July 1st wedding.

Jim Bates mentioned he had turducken for Christmas



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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

January 2023 - Happy New Year!

Jan. 13 **NO MEETING**

Jan. 20 **John Reuscher:** John's Reel

Jan. 27 **Lori Frugoli & Shelly Scott:** General Presentation

February 2023

Feb. 3 **Alan Goldhammer:** Discussion about COVID

Feb. 20 **NO MEETING**

Feb. 17 **NO MEETING**

Feb. 24 **Frank Falzon:** SFO Crimes in the 70's & 80's

March 2023

Mar. 3 **Robert Marshall, Jorg Puhr-Westerheide, Ron Harness:** Guatemala Humanitarian Expedition

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which is a combo of turkey, duck and chicken all together in one piece.

Jim spent some time with his son in Palo Alto. Jim plans on a great year and staying healthy. His goal is to do service when and where he is needed.

Dean Heffelfinger is not making any New Year's resolutions. He enjoyed having family and grandkids at the holiday brunch.

Jim and **Diane Spilman** spent several days with a daughter in Chico. She kept **Jim** busy with a honey-do list! **Jim's** resolution is to get involved with hands-on projects. I'm

sure our Club will come up with a few!

The **Browns** had 13 people over for the holidays including the Utah grandkids. **Jean** admitted it was exhausting and said next year she is going to space it out.

New Year's Day birthday boy **Ben Borok** celebrated with family.

Lynne Dawson started her celebrations in November with a river cruise. She brought home wonderful memories and COVID. She and **Carl** spent time with family in Woodside. New Year's resolution buy a new computer and learn the MAC system.

Moses Jacob confessed to lots of candle lighting and latkes.

Tom Rickey spent time with daughter **Grace**. She is attending Texas Christian University. **Tom's** New Year's resolution is focus on health.

Don Violin was the winner of the \$25er. Just a reminder that there is NO MEETING Friday the 13th. The next meeting is January 20th. Be sure to bring a checkbook to purchase tickets for the Western BBQ and bring your sponsorship checks.

BOYS TOWN

Thanks to **Bill McDill**, the Novato Rotary Club and its WCS Committee has continued to support Boys Town in the Philippines. This has been an ongoing project of our Club – to provide assistance to educate and care for boys who might otherwise be on the street or in difficult family situations.

Here is an update from **Bill's** contact at Boys Town:

"Thank you so much for the \$3,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Novato. We appreciate very much your help in getting us included in the budget of your Club.

Except for the grade school students, classes are now face to face and the boys are very happy because they learned more. compared to using the computer. I also find it more expensive when they were using computers.

The help we are receiving from the Rotary Club of Novato will help us a lot with the boys. Lately except for the help we get from the City, the donations we get from friends are now practically nil.

We are also very happy because the Aboitez company that owns Davao Light and Power has renovated the building of Boys Town. The electrical, the roofing and ceiling, yes, the old building is now safe and beautiful.

Good news for you and the rests of the members of Rotary Club Novato, most if not all our graduates have high grades. Most of our boys are doing good in their studies. By the way did I tell you that the Department of Education has added two more years schooling. Instead to four years high school, we now have two years of Senior high.

This is the reason why we need all the help we could get, And I thank you so much for not forgetting Boys Town.

Please give my regards and a heartfelt thank you to all of the Rotarians in your Club."

PDG Salvador (Bading) Angala



January

SPECIAL DATES

- 1-1 Ben Borok
- 1-3 Joni DeGabriele
- 1-4 Peian & Ron Harness
- 1-4 Jay Wayne
- 1-5 Vicki McDill
- 1-6 Dennis Baldwin
- 1-9 Roy Pfeifer
- 1-10 Kathy Baldwin
- 1-12 Shawn Campas
- 1-14 Marty Wickenheiser
- 1-16 Ryan Pocock
- 1-17 Donna Falzon
- 1-23 Peter Oser
- 1-23 Darrell Scott
- 1-24 Linda Howard
- 1-26 Larry Mazzotta
- 1-27 Marisa Remak
- 1-28 Sandy Bates
- 1-30 Kathy & Russ Ketron

Celebrating
the
Holidays!

