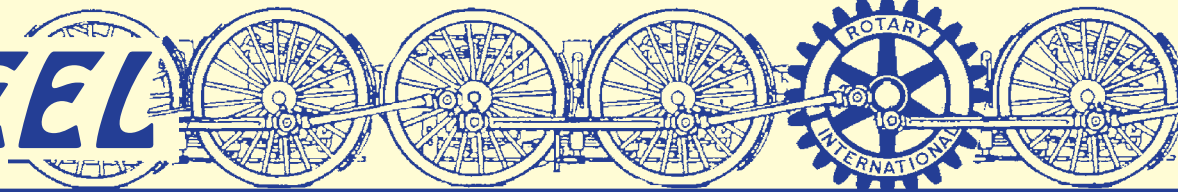


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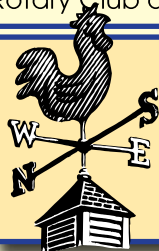


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Past President Jean Brown introduced friends **Peggy** and **Mark Corlett**; and **Past President Gary Bramon** introduced “visiting” member **Peter Rubens** who has been doing quite a bit of traveling and testing retirement.

4-Way Test Raffle

Rules for the 4-way test raffle, were to chose a number between 1000 and 2000.

Sunshine

There was no Sunshine report

Announcements

Holiday Party

Since he will be out of town for a couple of weeks stumbling down the Bourbon Trail with his wife **Chris**, **Larry Harrison** made a very early announcement about their holiday party. Come to the **Harrison’s** home for some holiday cheer on December 9th from 5:30 p.m. until it is over. Please bring a gift card to help disadvantaged veterans. This gift card drive is in association with the Novato 5150 Car Club, as it was last year.

Badge Box Reminder

Fred Anderson reminded us to put our badges back in the correctly numbered slot in the badge box after the meeting is over.

Veterans Day Event

Don Violin announced a Veterans Day event for Veterans and their families. It will be held at the Marin Civic Center Island, there will be free drinks and food. Children are welcome. This event is sponsored by Ghilotti.

Other Announcements

President Peian reminded us that there is no meeting on 10/14 and to be sure to check the Club website for the latest meeting and event dates. The Novato Sunrise Octoberfest is on 10/15. Our next meeting will be on 10/21 and the **McDill’s** Non-Spaghetti feed is that evening.

Paul Harris Fellow Awards

Next, our Foundation Chair, Jorg introduced DG Gary Chow. DG Gary presented the following Paul Harris Fellowship pins. Please note that not all recipients were in attendance. The first time PHF recipients were Dennis Baldwin, Shawn Campas, Mark Corlett, Diana Tomasini and Ben Warren; PHF+1 pins were presented to Lynn Dawson and Penny Hansen; Peter Rubens received a PHF+2; PHF+3 pins went to Jim Bates and Tommy Lee; Jay Wayne got his PHF+4; next were the PHF+5 pins given to Phil Brown, Sonia Seeman, Gloria Dunn-Violin and Don Violin; Nohemi Beissman and Burt Hoffmann reached PHF+6; Ben Borok and Bill McDill were awarded PHF+7. The monies that are donated to the Paul Harris Foundation

In the Beginning...

President Peian called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15. We had decent attendance in person at the Jonas Center, while others attended remotely via Zoom. **Rene Prado** handled the IT/Tech for us today.

Chuck Hildebrand asked us to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Peian called on **Sonia Seeman** for the ‘Thought for the Day.’ With the Nobel Peace prizes being announced this week, **Sonia** quoted **Marie Currie**, the first woman to win the Nobel Prize and the only female two time Nobel winner. “Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.” **Sonia** followed with an **Eleanor Roosevelt** quote, “Learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself.”

Guests & Visitors

John Reuscher passed the microphone around the room so we could hear from visiting Rotarians and guests of Rotarians. We had District Chief of Staff and District Governor Elect, **Steve Wright** from Pacifica; Assistant District Governor, **Terri Carrillo** from San Rafael Evening; **Past President Jorg** introduced our District Governor, **Gary Chow** from South San Francisco; District Governor Elect, **Laine Hendricks** from San Francisco; PDG and current District Administration Historian, **Past President Russ Ketron** was joined by his wife **Kathy**; **Past President Bill McDill** was joined for lunch by his current wife **Vicki**;

Annual Non Spaghetti Feed



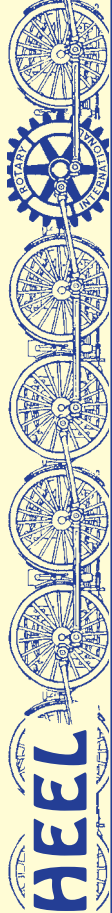
Friday, October 21st

6:00 PM

**at The McDills’
18 San Luis Court, Novato**

Vicki and Bill McDill will be opening their home for the Annual Non Spaghetti Feed. Everyone should bring a finger-food to serve 4-6 people and their good humor, so we can enjoy the fellowship and celebrate Spring. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to come and join in the fun.

Hosted by Bill & Vicki McDill



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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

October 2022

- Oct. 14 **NO MEETING**
Oct. 21 **Senator Mike McGuire:** General Presentation
Oct. 28 **Lynn Dawson:**
Novato: The Teenage Years (1950-1970)

November 2022

- Nov. 4 **Anita Gail Jones: Opening Our Hearts to Everyone**
Nov. 11 **NO MEETING**
Nov. 18 **Jim Steele:** Climate Change - The Causes and Effects and What We Can Do About It
Nov. 25 **NO MEETING**

December 2022

- Dec. 2 **Rob Haff:** RCN Endowment Presentation

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support Rotary service projects around the world and a portion is made directly available to our Club for projects. Our members are an amazing example of generosity and what we can do to help “Be the Change”.

Thoughts & Sharing

President Peian then went around the room to get thoughts about what motivated them to become a Paul Harris Fellow. The main theme was that they believed Rotary had many valuable and effective service projects and giving to the Foundation was an excellent way to fund those projects. Then **President Peian** segued to member travel stories. **Peter Rubens** has been traveling the East coast and **Marty Wickenheiser** went to Michigan for a family wedding. The microphone made it to our newest member **Rebekah Shaprio Gonzales**. **Rebekah** and her family participated in the recent coastal clean up. **Rebekah** said that she appreciated the opportunity to share Rotary values and giving her children the opportunity to experience doing community service at a young age.

The Program

Next it was time for the program. **ADG Terri Carrillo** is a fan of “national days” and shared that today is national “Smile Day”, share a smile and makes someone else’s day a little better. It turns out that the yellow “Smiley Face” that we all know was first drawn by **Harry Ross Ball** in 1963. **Terri** then introduced **DG Gary Chow**. There were District 5150 and Rotary International pins on the tables and **DG Gary** started by explaining the symbolism of the art in the pins. The RI pin was done in an Aboriginal style with a circle of seven dots representing the avenues of service and a green streak that which represents an Aboriginal stick that represents a “Call to Action”. The District pin also has symbolism, the triangle (delta) pointed up represents positive change. The blue field represents calm and serenity.

DG Gary went on to talk about his experience in the medical field and learning that people don’t always do what they are asked, even it would benefit them. He also highlighted the need for membership and that through Rotary members can make positive changes in the world. He cited fellowship as being one of the main reasons people stay in Rotary. The main reason people leave Rotary is that they found it does not fit them or was different

than they expected. He used a diagram of the Lewins Force Field Theory. Which basically showed the “current state” sandwiched between the two opposing forces of the drive to change and the resistance to change. There are two ways to effect change, increase the drive or reduce the resistance. The key in getting and keeping Rotary members is to find what it is that an individual member needs to stay engaged.

There are many resources to help grow Rotary membership. There are also website resources. There are four levels in the Rotary hierarchy. The Club is part of District 5150, the District is part of a Zone 26 & 27 and the Zones combine to make Rotary International. The corresponding websites are novatorotary.org, rotary5150.org, zone2627.org, and rotary.org. There are resources at all these levels. If you have questions reach out.

The success of Rotary depends upon three essential elements- **Membership**: Meet members expectations and find what motivates them. **Branding**: Be more known, blow our own horn. **Foundation**: The funds and tools that help fight Polio also can be used for other needs like COVID or Dengue Fever.

There are many upcoming District events: DDF Project Showcase at Jonas Center November 9, District Conference in Monterey 4-23 thorough 4-30-2022, Rotary Day of Service – Protecting the Environment 5-13-22.

DG Gary’s parting message: Be a Rotary Change 5150 Agent!

It was a great inspirational and informative talk, thank you **DG Gary Chow**.

President Peian presented **ADG Terri** and **DG Gary** each with a set of our own **Past President Alan Dunham’s** watercolor note cards.

The Winner

The 25er was won by Tom Rickey.

Reminder!

Our next meeting is 10/21 with the Non-Spaghetti Feed that same evening.

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Jorg Puhr-Westerheide presents Foundation awards with help from District Governor Gary Chow.



Sonia Seeman, Director of Membership, brings our attention to Women Nobel Prize winners.



Past, present and future District 5150 Governors and Assistant with President Peian.



Don Violin talks about Marin Civic Center Island Veteran's Day on November 11.



District Assistant Governor Terri Carrillo encourages a smile.



District Governor Gary Chow says expand interest reach.



Penny Hansen and Jorg Puhr-Westerheide.