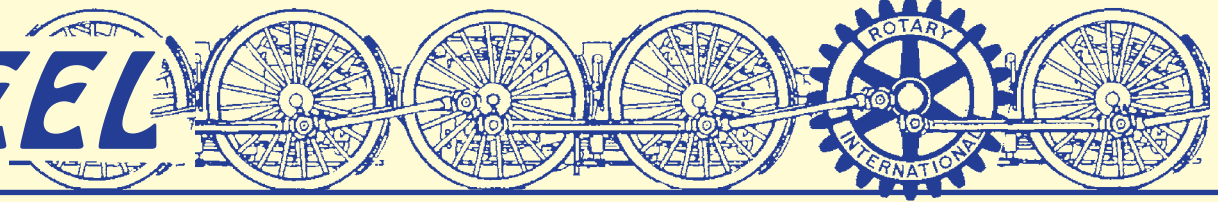


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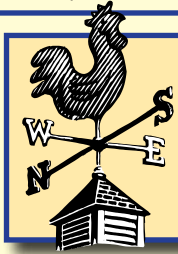


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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E-DEBUNKING: October is Past President Ron Harness Month!

In the Beginning...

KRCN is on the air and **President Chris** called the meeting to order.

It took a while to get the flag on the screen and **Bill McDill** led the Pledge.

Moses Jacob gave the 'Thought for the Day' - "We learn from experience but then never learn anything from experience."

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Visitors and included: **Gloria Dunn-Violin**; **Vicki McDill**; **Ken P.**; **Mitone Griffiths** (from Half Moon Bay Rotary Club); **Lynn Dawson** (soon to be member); **Glenn Thorsson** (current member which we haven't seen for a long time); **John Reuscher** (Novato Sunrise Rotary Club); **Kathy Ketron** was in the background; **Kathy Cheek** (on zoom screen); **Vanessa Lee Bloom** (our speaker today); and finally **Brooke** (**Dennis's Hagerty's** granddaughter).

Sunshine Report

Vicki visited **Dean Heffelfinger** last night. He is back home and very tired. The good thing is that **Dean** tested negative for Covid during his staying at hospital.

Announcements

World Polio Day

Jorg mentioned that next Saturday, October 24 is World Polio Day and Rotary is celebrating with the "Rotary Road

Rally". The District 5150 event schedule is: Road Rally at 8am-12pm; Award Ceremony 12pm-2pm. This event is open to all Rotarians & non-Rotarians. Visit Rotary5150.org website to register (with minimum registration fee of \$100 as a direct donation to The Rotary Foundation Polio).

Annual Rotary Car Wash

John Cutrufelli mentioned that our Annual Rotary Car Wash fund raising event will be held on November 1, from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.. No pizza this time, but there will be bagels, coffee and maybe a light lunch. Masks, gloves and sanitary supplies will be provided on site. **Jim Spilman** will send out the sign-up via email and members can follow the instructions to sign-up. Due to social distancing, there will be a limit of 8 people per shift. **President Chris** has put up signs in the community to get more publicity. Members can also help by posting on your social media to get the word out. Proceeds support Novato teachers. Rotarians will receive 10 tickets through mail and you can sell to your family, friends, neighbors or whoever.



Toys for Tots

Larry mentioned that our Annual Holiday party to raise money for "Toy for Tots" will have some changes. **Larry** has a new idea but unfortunately he dropped out of the zoom meeting in the middle of it. Details to come...

E-Debunking

Phil continued the scene of E-Debunking for **Ron Harness** and showed a video with wonderful singing by **Phil** and **Christina**. In the background, it showed **Ron** with a beard when he was younger, holding a gun in shooting range, and a group photo during a Blue Star Moms packaging event, and a photo of Club's first zoom meeting. It was a fun video and **Ron** thanks everyone for the work they have done.

Recognition

President Chris recognized that **Glenn Thorsson** was here today and that he has a birthday coming up. **Glenn** had lots to share with us, but he couldn't find the unmute bottom. So use your imagination of what he wanted to say and let's wish him a happy birthday.

The Speaker

Dennis Hagerty introduced our speaker (he did this while he is in Colorado enjoying time with his family.)

Vanessa Bloom currently works at Marin Gastroenterology, and was raised in a musical family. Her father and both brothers are professional musicians. **Vanessa's** father has performed for our Club before. **Vanessa** started playing piano at age 2 and decided to switch to violin at age 8.

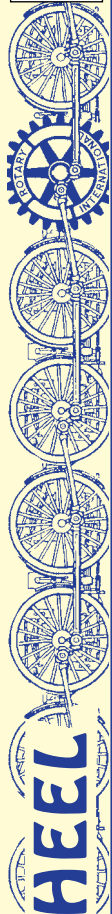
Vanessa first wished that everyone is happy and healthy. She then went on to introduce the violin which was invented in the early 16th century at Italy. She also introduced the mechanism of the violin (do you know the 2 holes on the surface are called "f" holes because its shape?). Originally there were only 3 strings and the bow was made from horse hair (now they use a synthetic material). The base of the bow has a funny name called the "frog" (not sure where it came from).

What's the difference between a fiddle and violin? Physically there is no difference, but it depends on the way you play the it. A violin has a shoulder rest so you can play high notes easier, but not with so with the fiddle. **Vanessa** went on to play some "Irish fiddle music" and several more lovely songs that made me want to get up and dance.

She then play a song called "Celtic Air" that was composed by her friend to memorialize the Irish Revolution.

Argentinian Tango is also one of **Vanessa's** favorite types of music. She then played a music called "Buy a Hat" - a song about a man that lost everything.

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"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/

UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING



Lynda Roberts
Registrar of Voters
for Marin County

Lynda Roberts who is the Registrar of Voters for Marin County. will speak about "Election night challenges, problems and what we should expect on election night."

There will also be a 7 minute tape on history of elections in California.

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Upcoming Programs

October

Oct. 23 **Lynda Roberts** who is the Registrar of Voters for Marin County. Lynda will speak about "Election night challenges, problems and what we should expect on election night." There will also be a 7 minute tape on history of elections in California.

Oct. 30 **Club Assembly**

November

Nov 6 **Seth Appleton** is "Policy Director at the Development Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Vice President of Ginnie Mae as Ginnie Mae's senior official **Mr. Appleton** is Focused on bringing global capital to the U.S. Government mortgage loan Programs. He will speak from Washington D.C. where we will hear his "Washington D.C. Perspective". There will be time for questions.

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Besides tango, **Vanessa** also introduced us to the classical violin. She favors Russian composers and performed “**Tchaikovsky** Violin Concerto in D.”

After **Tchaikovsky**, she moved on to a modern day style of violin and played a song from movie “Young Frankenstein” (a movie she recommended).

The program ended with **Vanessa** playing a finale piece “ Sur le Fil” which touched everyone. “Sur le Fil” is from the motion picture “Amelie” by **Yann Tiersen**. It actually means “On the wire or at the edge of the knife”... Thanks for the input **Rene** gave to me in the chat room.

Our Club’s greatest musician, **Jay Wayne** shared his thoughts with **Vanessa** and enjoyed her music very much.

Al Dunham mentioned that his granddaughter also plays violin and he enjoys **Vanessa’s** music too.

Larry Mazzotta asked about the key of the violin. **Vanessa** explained violin can be tuned to different keys depends on the music. Also you can play single string, double or triple.

Russ Ketron asked about the price of a violin. **Vanessa** explained for normal violin, it can range from \$50, \$3,000 to \$10,000. For a famous violin, it can cost \$500,000 or even higher. The top brand violin Stradivarius (worth millions) has only 8 left that are still playable and **Vanessa** has played three of them. Also, violins made from different regions sounds different.

Gloria Dunn-Violin asked why violins are so unique and can’t be copied? **Vanessa** thinks making violins are like an art form and it is hard to get it exactly the same.

Everyone appreciated her performance and it was a great program.

The Winner

For the 25er raffle ticket, we are lucky to have **Brooke** (**Dennis’s** granddaughter) announced the number. The winning ticket went to **Ben Borok**.

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Rotary Zoom Meeting: October 16, 2020



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