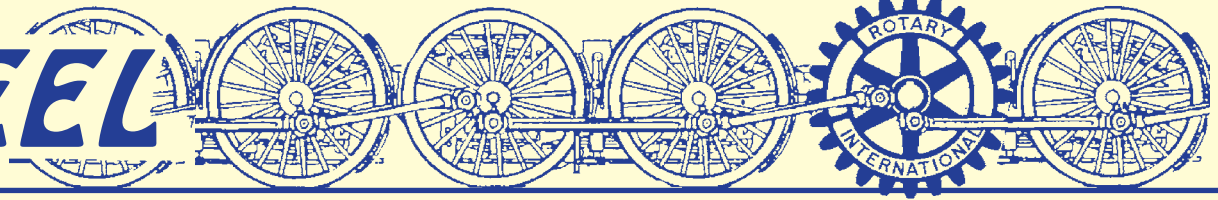


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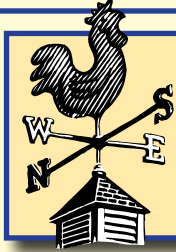


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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E-DEBUNKING:
October is Past President Ron Harness Month!
We'll Celebrate For a Job well done!

In the Beginning...

President Chris from KRCN radio station called the meeting to order.

Moses Jacob led the Pledge and **Homa Rassouli** gave the 'Thought of the Day' – "Hope can be a powerful force, with hope you can make things happen."

Raffle Rule Explained

Jim Spilman explained the 25er raffle rule to the group – all attendees including Club members, friends and family members should write down their lucky number between 1000 - 2000. The lucky number will be drawn at the end of the meeting.

Guests & Visitors

Today's guests: **Mark Sander**, **John Reuscher**, **Ed Cecil**, and **Julia Siler** (our speaker today), **Rich Dean** and many more who joined the meeting later.

Sunshine Report



Dean Heffelfinger went through a surgery and is recovering now. **Moses** talked to him mentioned he sounded OK and is out of ICU.

George Estes is feeling good. Please send cards to **Dean** or

George since visiting is not a good idea during this time.

Announcements

Non-Spaghetti Feed Canceled

President Chris mentioned that the Non-spaghetti feed scheduled on Oct 23 has been canceled.

Annual Rotary Car Wash

The Annual Rotary Car Wash is still ON and it is scheduled for November 1st. We will start sign-ups and sell tickets soon!



E-Debunking!

Due to the Covid pandemic, the Club can't do an in-person Debunking this year. Instead, **Phil Dougherty** found an alternative way and would like to dedicate October for **Ron Harness's** Debunking. To start it, a video of "Marty's Moment of Ron" was played during the meeting.

Ron was originally from Ohio. He moved to Novato, met **Grace Wong** who later introduced him to Rotary. **Ron's** favorite thing about Rotary is the International Program – doing projects and traveling. **Ron** always dreamed about moving to California. After he got here, he also fulfilled his dream of car racing which was an activity he enjoyed doing with both his sons. **Ron** has engineering background and worked for a corporation for more than 20 years. After that, he decided to start his own business with **Peian**.

Phil mentioned this is just a teaser of the E-Debunking

and there will be more to come. Rumor has it that the elephants and circus are coming. To be continued...

Recognition

President Chris called out to **Homa Rassouli** who has a birthday this month. **Homa's** plan is to celebrate her 65th birthday with family in her backyard. **Homa** told us about her job which includes helping seniors over 62 years old to get mortgages or reverse mortgages. **Homa** has two daughters who live in the Bay Area and one son who lives in LA. She is very involved in the community and we are so appreciative to have her as a Club member.

Speaker



Maggie Shao introduced our speaker, **Julia Flynn Siler**. **Julia** is a New York Times best-selling author and journalist for Business Week and The Wall Street Journal. **Julia** has published several books including "The White Devil's Daughters", "Lost Kingdom" and "The House of Mondavi". **Maggie** mentioned that her family immigrated to the United States and in 1963 they lived in Chinatown. So **Julia's** story really touched her.

Julia introduced an anti-trafficking project which happened in San Francisco Chinatown back in the 1870's. At that time, the cable car was just introduced,

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"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

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/

UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING



Update on the Realities of Climate Change

with David Kunhardt

David Kunhardt will give us an update on the realities of climate change and then shows the most effective Personal, local, national and international policy including the best means of putting a price on carbon. There will be time for questions. This will be just after the talk by Geof Woglom on September 25 who has by now discussed the economics of Climate change. The two talks close together will allow us to understand this important subject.

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Upcoming Programs

October

- Oct. 9 **David Kunhardt:** Update on the Realities of Climate Change. Written update on the realities of climate change and then shows the most effective Personal, local, national and international policy including the best means of putting a price on carbon. There will be time for questions. This will be just after the talk by Geof Woglom on September 25 who has by now discussed the economics of Climate change. The two talks close together will allow us to understand this important subject.
- Oct.16 **Vanessa Bloom,** will speak on "The Violin". Vanessa has played with a variety of musicians over the years and we have heard Vanessa play at the Polenta Feed. She will speak about the violin and this will be a great musical change of pace.

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street lights were gas lamps and San Francisco was still a rough town. During that period, Chinatown was a packed ghetto and the majority were men. Sadly there were also many brothels existing and lots of violence and human trafficking of young Chinese ladies for sex slaves.

During 1873, a few women from the Presbyterian Church got together and decided to change that. They built a safe house for rescued girls which is called Cameron House now. The rescue force was mostly done with both Tien Fuh Wu and Donaldina Cameron alongside with police. Through out the years, an estimate 3,000 girls went through Cameron house.

Julia went on to show several photos from that period, also the success stories of rescued women. One of the famous story was **Donaldina (Dolly) Cameron** who was helping at the safe house and fought against sex trafficking. One Chinese lady - **Dr. Bessie Jeong** who was rescued and later got a medical degree and was the first Asian graduate from Stanford. Another one time resident, Yamada Waka

went on to become a writer to write about her story and was invited to White House as guest of **Eleanor Roosevelt** during her book tour.

Cameron House survived the fire and earthquake in 1906 and is still existing now. It serves as a multi-service agency serving Asian communities by promoting healthy Christian communities through programs like youth sports, tutoring, and counseling.

A short Q&A followed after the presentation.

Phil mentioned his church is also helping for sex trafficking at Cambodia. He is interested to know what prompted **Julia** to write this book?

Julia answered that she grew up here and was drawn by the history and the background of the ladies which she wrote about. There was lots of tension and conflict which prompted her to do a lot of studying and research when she wrote the book.

Our former member – **Ed Cecil** mentioned he was working with the FBI to solve the sex trafficking problem, and the program for re-

education rescued girls. His involvement with this program made him realize how serious this problem is. There is more work to be done.

It was a very interesting story with great presentation and photos.

The Raffle Winner

Lastly, the 25er winner went to **Ben Borok** which concluded another successfully meeting led by **President Chris**.



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

Ed Ross / Insurance

if there are no objections by:

Tuesday, October 8, 2020

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:

Friday, October 9, 2020

Reggie Winner
Secretary

SUPPORT NOVATO TEACHERS

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Annual

CAR WASH

Sunday, November 1st

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NOVATO CAR WASH
(across from Marin Community Clinic
and Marin County Ford)
6981 Redwood Blvd.

All Proceeds
Support Novato Teachers

Visit novatorotary.org
for tickets or more info



Rotary Zoom Meeting: September 25, 2020



Peian and Past President Ron Harness hosting a concert.



Mike Morrissey and Marty Wickenheiser create a video of Past President Ron Harness.



Marty Wickenheiser interviews Past President Ron Harness.



920 Sacramento Street in the 1870's was a women and girls refuge.



Mild mannered metal importer born to be wild.



*Historic Chinatown
SF sex trafficking.*