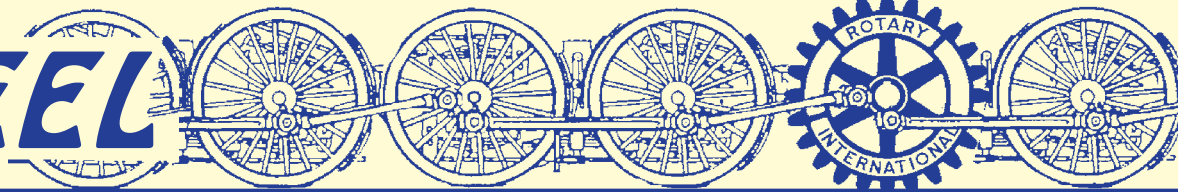


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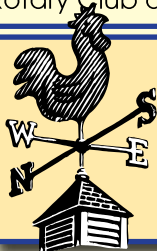


Rotary Club of Novato

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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Mulan

Jay Wayne was playing piano while **President Christina** rang the bell to start the meeting.

Don Violin led the Pledge and our new member **Arlene Henry** gave the "Thought for the Day" written by **Margaret Mead**: *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, this is the only thing that ever has."*

Visitors, Family & Friends

Dean Moser from Rotary Club of Ignacio; **Darlene Purcell** with **Al Angulo**; **Barbara Bagileo** with **Debbie Brusatori**, **Patti Colombo** with **Lynn Dawson**, **Nelson Lugo** with **Marty Wickenheiser**; and **Laura Elkin** with **Ryan Pocock**.

Sunshine Report

Marty Wickenheiser mentioned **Nohemi Beissmann-Mason's** sister who turned 100 few months ago passed away. Our condolences to **Nohemi**.

Also **Gary Bramon** is doing OK. Hope he will be back to join the meeting some day.

Announcements

Shelter Box

Larry Harrison is an ambassador for Shelter Box. This project started 20 years ago, by Rotarians, to provide emergency supplies (tent, cookware, essentials, etc) for disaster relief in over 100 countries. Their recent projects include a hurricane in Texas, earthquake in Haiti for which

they provided units to help 2,000 people in need. This project relies on donations, so please contact **Larry** if you are interested. **Jay Wayne** mentioned the money raised from "Jay's Lounge" will be donated to Shelter Box.

Rise Against Hunger

Larry Harrison went on to mention the project "Rise Against Hunger" which is to pack food for people in need. Due to Covid, this event is limited to 45 people for all three clubs and **Larry** will need 15 volunteers from our Club. **Larry** also need three people to help for setup (8am) and clean up. Event date: November 13 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Novato's downtown Druids Hall. Contact **Larry Harrison** to sign up.

Toys for Tots

The same **Larry Harrison** went on to make 3rd announcement about an event – "Toys for Tots" at his home. Please bring a new unwrapped toy to his home for donation. Event date: Friday, December 5 starting at 5:30pm. **Larry** will send out an email later for RSVPs.

Community Service Committee Presentation

Jim Spilman presented Club's Community Service (CS) Projects. Most projects were originated through members, city officials or other Rotary Clubs. **Jim** also presented a long list of projects they are currently working on, with a few examples like Blue Star Moms, various school projects, museums and helping the elderly. Besides using Club money, they also use District Designated Funds (DDF) to fund local projects such as providing dictionaries to school kids, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) which is 5 days leadership training program; and North Marin Community Services Covid-19 relief project.

This committee meets at Mary's Pizza Shack every 3rd Wednesday, starting at 5:00 p.m. for dinner and social, and 5:30 for committee discussion and project review. **Jim** welcomes every Club member to come join this wonderful Committee (or come order a pizza and experience the

Committee while you enjoy your food and drinks).

Dance-A-Thon Proceeds go to NCH

Our member **Ryan Pocock** represented Novato Community Hospital to thank all the volunteers and donors for the Dance-A-Thon event. The proceeds will go to NCH's Breast Health Scholarship.

Polio Plus

Russ Ketron is our long term member, past District Government and also member of District Polio Plus Committee. **Russ** contracted polio during his youth and has dedicated himself in Rotary to help eradicate Polio. Members can donate their money to Rotary Foundation Polio funds. For detail, check out Rotary International's website at www.endpolionow.org.

Rotary Foundation

Jorg Puhr-Westerheide went on to introduce the Rotary Foundation's Mission. The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

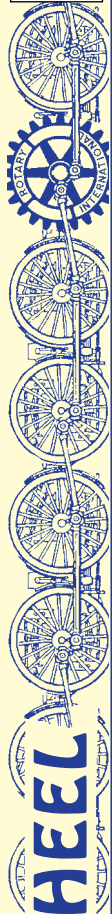
Members can choose to donate automatically monthly through "Rotary Direct" or annually via a check.

Jorg went on to recognize members with Paul Harris Awards (for each \$1k donation) includes: **Marty Wickenheiser** (in honor of her mother who passed away at age 103); **Al Angulo** already has 15 PH awards and added 4 extra and one he dedicates to **Darlene**. The awards also went to **Jim Bates**, **Chuck Hildebrand**, **Marisa Remack** and **Larry Mazzotta**. **Jorg** then presented a pin to **Reggie Winner** who becomes the newest Major Donor.

Annual Rotary Car wash

John Cutrufelli reminded us the Annual Rotary Car Wash event is on November 7. The Club has mailed the

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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?"

Annual Non Spaghetti Feed



**Friday, October 29th
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

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

Oct. 29 **Non-Spaghetti Feed** - McDill's Home

November

- Nov. 5 **National Redhead Day!**
Improv with Gina Stahl-Haven!
- Nov. 12 **Honoring Veteran's Day**
- Nov. 19 **No Meeting**
Lebanese Dinner & Entertainment
at Sam's Place - 6pm
- Nov. 26 **No Meeting** - Thanksgiving holiday

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Past President

car wash tickets to all the members and please make your check to Novato Rotary Endowment. To sign up, please contact **John**.

Speaker program

Our Club member and Past President, **Frank Bruno** was our speaker of the day and talked about the "History of Beer." The history of beer is the history of human civilization. In other words, the human race is a bunch of drunks. Beer was part of daily diet of Egyptian pharaohs over 5,000 years ago. During the building of pyramids, workers got a daily beer which served as both nutrition and refreshment which was crucial to the construction of pyramids. Beer was one of the most common drinks during Middle Ages. It was consumed daily in the northern and eastern parts of Europe where grape cultivation was difficult.

Flavoring beer with hops was known at least since 9th century. In the 15th century England, an un-hopped beer would have been known as an "ale", while the use of hops would make it a beer.

With the invention of the steam engine in 1765, industrialization of beer became a reality.

Frank then talked about the process of brewing and also the types of beers including: Ale, Lager, Porter, Stout, Blonde Ale, Brown Ale, Pale Ale, India Pale Ale, Wheat, Pilsner and finally Sour Ale.

Then **Frank** talked about the history of American craft beer. There are over 10,000 craft breweries worldwide, and the United States has more than 4,000, and California has 958 as of this year. The original birthplace of American craft beers began in Northern California particularly in San Francisco. Anchor Brewery made Anchor Steam in 1965. Also another success story about an entrepreneurship - Lagunitas Brewing Co., started in California in 1993. The famous dog image on the Lagunitas logo was actually inspired by the dog in The Little Rascals (remember **Petey?**).

Frank then listed the top 10 beers in the world; 10. Coors Light; 9. Corona; 8. Yanjing; 7. Harbin; 6. Heineken; 5. Skol (Swedish); 4. Bud Light; 3. Tsingtao; 2. Budweiser; 1. Snow (China) -The lager gets its name

for its white foam. It is mainly sold in China for being cheap and easy to drink.

Frank would like to encourage members to go out tonight and raise a glass of beer and celebrate life... Cheers!

Before the meeting ended, **Jorg** went back on to stage to show us how to Jodeln (also Yodeling) in celebration of Oktoberfest. Let's all try to do a Rotary Jodeln when we have beers next time.

There will be no meeting next week. Instead, please come join the Non-Spaghetti Feed TGIF (potluck) event at the McDill's home on October 29, starting at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish for 4-6 people to share.

The Winner

The winning raffle ticket goes to **Jean Brown**... Have a wonderful Yodeling and beer drinking weekend!

SUPPORT NOVATO TEACHERS



Annual
CAR WASH
Sunday, November 7th
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



November Special Dates

- 11-2 Tom Rickey
- 11-6 Cathrin van den Toorn
- 11-7 Mike Howard
- 11-8 Lloyd Pittman
- 11-11 Diane Spilman
- 11-11 Bill Vespa
- 11-11 Grace Wong
- 11-12 Laurie Dougherty
- 11-13 Pieter van den Toorn
- 11-14 Lynn Dawson
- 11-14 Anthony Maglio
- 11-15 Marilu Mazzotta
- 11-15 Brody Stewart-Stroeh
- 11-18 Jean & Phil Brown
- 11-18 Tara Lee
- 11-23 Peggy & Warren Glass
- 11-25 Bill McDill
- 11-25 Edna Scheller
- 11-26 Frances Borok
- 11-28 Holly Axtell
- 11-28 Rene Prado
- 11-30 Al Angulo
- 11-30 Keith & Holly Axtell

Rotary Photo Album



Rotary Foundation donors.



Russ Ketron, a polio survivor, explains Bill and Melinda Gates matching financial donations to eliminate Polio globally.



Past President Frank Bruno gives long history of beer.



Al introduces guest Darlene Purcell.



Arlene Henry gives the "Thought for the Day."



Jorg Puhr-Westerheide teaches us to Yodel.



Reggie becomes a Major Foundation Donor.



Rain, pepperoni pizza and Rotary! A wonderful assortment of new, past and future Presidents plus three new members.