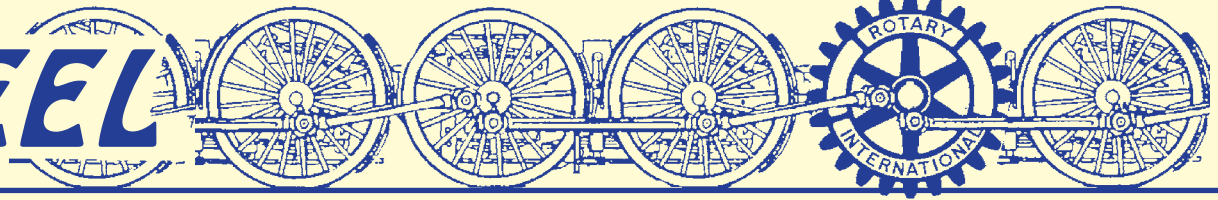


The BIG WHEEL



Rotary Club of Novato

Chartered April 26, 1954

The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

Zoom leader and RCN President **Chris Degabriele** called the meeting to order at 12:30. **Nohemi Beissmann-Mason** capably led the Pledge and **Ben Borok** gave the 'Thought of the Day' with "Life is like a roll of toilet paper... the closer to the end you get, the faster it goes." Thank you, I guess, **Ben**.



Guests & Visitors

Guests of Rotarians were: **Vicki McDill (Bill)**; **Ken Putman** with **Jay Wayne**; Sunrise Rotarian **John Reusher**, **Mary Wickenheiser** with **John Simmons**; soon to be member **Lynn Dawson**; and Assistant District Governor **Carola Detrik**.

Way to go, Penny

President **Chris** acknowledged **Penny Hanson** as almost finished with the Master Pearls Class. A big thank you to **Penny** as well for managing the contributions to the Novato Advance's Salute to Rotary. If you haven't yet seen it please do. Lots of great articles about our Club.

Sunshine Report

Unfortunately there were a few contributions to the Sunshine report. **Vicki McDill** had an update from **Jo Heffelfinger**. **Dean** is back in the hospital after his surgery and is taking longer than expected to heal.

Poor **Frank Falzon** is getting quite adept at running a convalescent facility from home. Donna fell and broke her

wrist and nephew **Greg**, who lives with them broke a collar bone and cracked some ribs.

George Estes is managing his chemo treatments.

All would appreciate cards, prayers and happy thoughts flowing their way.

Announcements

Rotary Car Wash

The November 1st Annual Rotary Car Wash, run by **John Cutrufelli** will be past, and hope the turn out and tickets sold were great.

Blood Drive

Jim Spilman mentioned the Blood Drive on November 4th and 5th in San Rafael. **Reggie Winner** has sent out separate emails on these two projects.

Project Fair

Holly Axtell, frequent traveler and involved Rotarian in project fairs reminded us this is the time to take a look... no cost of air travel, no cost of hotels. You can peruse from your own comfortable recliner chair. Easy to sign up at RotaryEcuador.org. November 13 and 14 with the chance to see it recorded up to November 30th. Anyone interested in World Community Service should like this and again the ease of education on these projects can't be beat!!!

Fine Time

Next up, **Reggie Winner**, secretary. Seems only the secretary can fine the president so **Reggie** grabbed the power and ran with it. On the front page of the Novato Advance or Marin Scope as it is known on October 28th is a large picture of **President Chris** on hands and knees laying signed bricks at the City Hall. Not the most flattering, but it could have been worse. While not fined, a smaller picture below shows **Ron Harness** also hard at work with the bricks. **Chris** replied that at least his picture wasn't hanging in the post office!

Polio Donations

Russ Ketron thanked the Club for the polio donations and stated that we came in #3 in the district. Factoring in matching donations, the District raised over \$300,000 to defeat polio.

Past President Ron's E-Debunking

Next up, a very clever **Ron Harness** "Debunking Show." The show involved **Phil Dougherty** as announcer searching for missing **Ron Harness**. **Glenn Thorsson** and **Jim Bates** tailgating in front the Rotary's IVC building and something about **Frank Falzon** being in the creek with building materials for the bridge. Hard to describe and hopefully there will be a link to see it. Very clever.

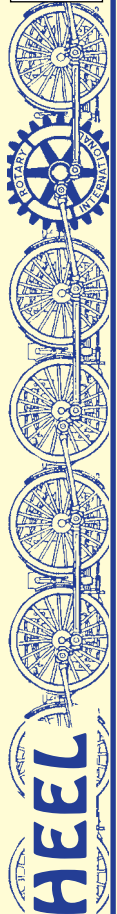
Ron summarized the accomplishments of his year. Reducing meetings to three per month, adding more socials and in the BC life (before Covid) gathering for the **Falzon** kick off, the Tocolino BBQ, a summer TGIF at **Christina Stroeh's** and the **Harrison** December gathering among the many opportunities to gather and enjoy each other's companies Also mentioned was **Alan Dunham's** Books and Art, the **Harness** piano recital and of course our largest fundraiser run by **Craig McCurdy**, Polenta. As **Past President Ron** stated, the first eight months of his term were GREAT! His trip to Guatemala was life changing. **PP Ron** gave thanks for Rotary changing his life and the gift of friendship he had during his term will last the rest of his life. Thank you **Ron** for your service during these upside down times.

The Club Assembly

Next on the agenda was successful voting aye on the by-laws to allow one signature on a check up to \$500 but needing two signatures if the recipient is also the signer. Second consideration was fine tuning the wording on the process of terminating membership for non payment of dues. Sharp eyed **Bill McDill** corrected the language... we aren't terminating the member we are terminating the membership!!!! Both motions were approved.

Next the Club Assembly heard from various members.

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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

Seth Appleton

Seth 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 worked in the United States House of Representatives including Chief of Staff for Congressman **Blaine Luetkemeyer** of Missouri. A graduate of Stanford University, **Seth** is related to **Peter Oser** and 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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Upcoming Programs

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.
Nov. 13	Brian Sobel , Political Consultant will discuss "The 2020 election and what it means to us." Brian will have been on television as a consultant many times by this date and will have time to analyze the effects of the election. He will cover the election in a nonpartisan way. Please be prepared to ask questions.

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<p>OFFICERS</p> <p>Chris DeGabriele <i>President</i></p> <p>Christina Stroeh <i>Vice President</i></p> <p>Reggie Winner <i>Secretary</i></p> <p>Jim Bates Debbie Brusatori <i>Treasurer</i></p> <hr/> <p>Holger Knaack <i>R.I. President</i></p> <p>Mary Bates <i>District Governor</i></p> <p>Carola Detrick <i>Assistant District Governor</i></p>	<p>DIRECTORS</p> <p>Craig Anderson <i>Club Administration</i></p> <p>Michael Morrissey <i>Public Image</i></p> <p>Jim Spilman <i>Community Service</i></p> <p>Phil Dougherty <i>International Service</i></p> <p>Jorg Puh-Westerheide <i>The Rotary Foundation (TRF)</i></p> <hr/> <p>Shawn Campas Katie Chase <i>Youth Service</i></p> <p>Christina Stroeh Sonia Seeman <i>Membership</i></p> <p>Burt Hoffmann <i>President, Nova-Ro Corp.</i></p> <p>Bill Vespa <i>Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment</i></p> <p>Ron Harness <i>Past President</i></p>
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Sonia Seeman stated the Jonas Center is on its final punch list, but still no idea when the grand opening will be scheduled. The IVC campus is still closed down. She reminded us that **Larry Harrison** is organizing the Legacy display for the interior. So many beyond the Club will view this. So past presidents and members, search the archives for any mementos you want to include. The pedestrian bridge is a separate development and approval situation. So, no definite date on opening in the Covid world.

Next up President of Nova Ro, **Burt Hoffmann**. Nova Ro is a separate 501(c)3 organization and holds a total of 126 units between three complexes in Novato. Rents range from \$800 to \$1000. You must be at least 62 to apply for this independent living. There are 9 Rotarians on the board for a three year term and a maximum of 6 years can be served consecutively. **Robert Marshall, Larry Mazzotta, Catherine van den Toorn, Larry Harrison, Donna Falzon, Craig Anderson, and Lloyd Pittman** serve on the Board. The profile of a renter for Nova Ro is average age 78, monthly income of \$2362, and \$66,000 in the bank. It is unusual, but right now there are 4 vacancies.

Bill Vespa discussed the Novato Rotary Endowment, established in 1993. This too is a 501(c)3. Board members included **Rob Haff, Brad Williams, Dennis Baldwin, Tom Bales, Gary Bramon, Rosie Chenette, Jay Wayne, and Peter Oser**. **Bill** explained the Endowment is funded through various Club fundraisers, Polenta being the largest. **Bill** discussed a way to do a passive donation through Smile.Amazon.com. 0.5% of your purchase will go to Novato Rotary but you must do it that way.....it doesn't automatically get pulled from your regular Amazon account. Funding from the Endowment fund goes to Books and Art, high school scholarships for college, Blue Star Moms, Project Amigo and shelter boxes are a few of the funding opportunities.

Other parts of Rotary will be discussed at a later meeting. Impressive how much this Club does. Thank you to all that participate in making this an extraordinary Club.

Lastly, **President Chris** reviewed the polling results he has gathered over the past few meetings.

The Winner

Vicki McDill won the raffle. Everyone stay safe and sane in this upside down world!!

Annual Rotary Car Wash

Novato Rotarians and Interactors working at our Annual Rotary Car Wash fundraiser for Novato Teachers.



Rotary Zoom Meeting: October 30, 2020



Urgent reporting from Christina Stroeh on location at the Indian Valley College/Jonas Community Center.



Phil Dougherty of KRCN reports on trespassers at the Jonas Center.



First in line - Jim Bates and Glenn Thorsson.



Peian and her doggy.

Rotary Club of Novato

We Adapt together: Honoring Our Past and Welcoming the Future

FULFILLING A DREAM
Bill and Adele Jones Community Center at IVC

The Rotary Club of Novato was chartered in 1916. Bill Jones and Adele Jones were instrumental in the development of the Jones Community Center at IVC. The center provides a safe and secure environment for the community.

Bill Jones was a member of the Rotary Club of Novato from 1950 to 1980. Adele Jones was a member from 1950 to 1980. They were instrumental in the development of the Jones Community Center at IVC.

Rotary Club of Novato (real & Global Highlights)

- Novato, CA continues to be a thriving community with a rich history and a bright future.
- Rotary is proud to support the Jones Community Center at IVC, a center for all.
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Tribute to Rotary.