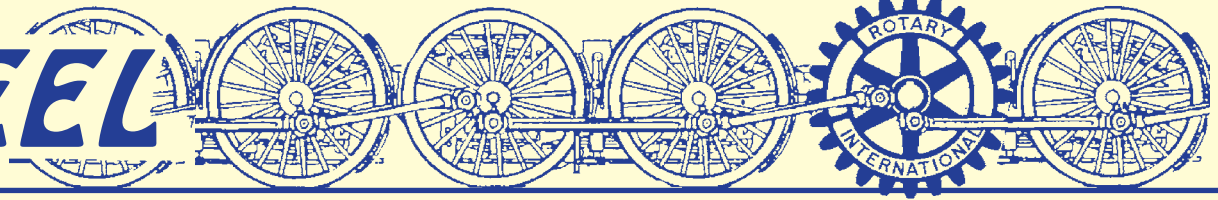


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

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

The Pledge was led by **Peter Oser** who invited everyone to stand up and face the City Hall while reciting the Pledge. **Joy Filman** gave the "Thought of the Day."

Visitors and Guests

John Reuscher, David Kunhardt (Speaker), **Gloria Dunn-Violin, Kathy Ketron, Vicki McDill, and Ed Ross** (soon to be member).

Announcements

Sunshine report

Dean Heffelfinger had another procedure and luckily he is doing well. But in other sad news, Jo lost her brother. Cards will be welcome. Dean and Jo recently celebrated their 55 year anniversary. We wish the best to both of them hope they keep the romance continuing for many more years.

George Estes joined the meeting today and looked good. He started chemo treatment three weeks ago and there are more treatments come. It's a good thing that the doctor found the cancer early and treatment has been quite successful. We were so happy to see George, and wish him a good recovery.

Alan Dunham mentioned that Roberta is doing well after her surgery. She is in good hands and we wish her a speedy recovery as well.

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

Birthday Club

President Chris is hosting a monthly Birthday Party for Club members. He will contact whoever has a birthday that month invite them to a breakfast celebration with other birthday boys/girls. Please respond to his invitation via email if you would like to join during your birthday month.

Annual Rotary Car Wash

President Chris then announced that the Annual Rotary Car Wash fund raising event is ON! We'll start sign-ups and tickets will be available soon.

EREY

Our campaign "Every Rotarian Every Year" is in full swing for The Rotary Foundation and **Jorg** was excited to report that we achieved almost 75% of our goal with 35 of our members participating so far. **Jorg** then went on to recognize nine of them with a new Paul Harris pin! The recipients are:

Art Crofts, Debbie Brusatori, Christopher Mychajluk, John Ringgenberg, Craig Anderson, Catherin van den Toorn, Frank Bruno, Steve Delahunty and Chuck Hildebrand. **Jorg** will deliver the PH pins to each recipient.

Supporting the Rotary Foundation in such an incredible way – a big "Thank You" to all the members who contributed. As to the rest of our members, there is still time donate before this year and to participate in the District Raffle on November 14th.

Rotary District 5150 Blood Drive

Rotary District 5150 will be holding a blood drive on Wednesday, November 4 and Thursday, November 5 in San Rafael from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. An email has been sent out to Club members with the links to make an appointment to sign-up to donate blood.

New member induction:

Holly Axtell inducted our newest member – **Ed Ross**. **Holly** told us that **Ed** is interested in community service and fellowship. **Holly** mentioned our Club did lots of community projects (Nova-Ro senior housing, Jonas Center, scholarships, helping seniors, kids, etc.); also there are a lot of opportunities for fellowship (TGIF Party, BBQ, Polenta Feed, etc.) This will be a perfect Club for **Ed** and we look forward for **Ed** to add his strength to our Club. Also, since Rotary is an International organization, members can join Rotary meeting throughout the whole world when traveling abroad. **Ed** is going to retire from his insurance firm soon and he is looking to do projects in the community. The Club gave warm welcome to him.

E-Debunking

A singing program was recorded for the **Past President Ron Harness' E-Debunking**. However due to some technical difficulties, we will reserve this until next week's meeting.

Speaker Program

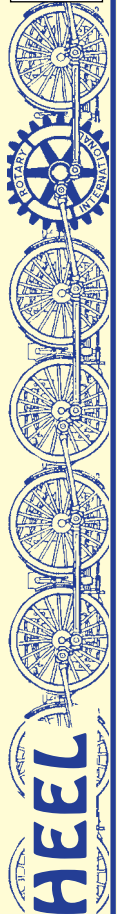
Ron Harness introduced our speaker today, **David Kunhardt**.

In the past four years, California wildfires have opened our eyes to the eminent and real dangers of our changing climate. We would all like to know what can be done to mitigate these dangers, and our guest speaker today provided some insight into viable climate solutions.

David Kunhardt is recently retired from leading a solar company that saved money for schools and municipal clients who wanted to go green. He entered the solar field in 2007, after he came to grips with the serious challenges of global warming and climate change.

He has been a member of Citizens Climate Lobby since 2013, a co-leader of the Time to Lead on Climate Coalition

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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



Vanessa Bloom

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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Upcoming Programs

October

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Oct. 23 **Lynda Roberts** is the Registrar of Voters For Marin County. Lynda will speak about the election coming on November 3. She will talk to us about the challenges, problems and what we should see on election night. Joy Fillman will also has a 7minute video about women voting in California.

Oct. 30 This will be a day that our **President Chris** will talk with the Club and perform his Magic.

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in Marin since 2015, and a trained Climate Reality Leadership Corps speaker since 2017. He is now an elected member of the Corte Madera Town Council, is in fact Vice Mayor this year, and is on the Climate Action Committee and the Climate Adaptation Steering Group in Town. He also co-chairs the Climate Action Committee of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Council Members. So you might say he isn't really retired at all.

David mentioned he that he was trained by "The Climate Reality Project". He is also involved in the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) "organization.

David started his presentation by stating we have underestimated the risk of global warming. Here are a few facts: Four of the hottest months in human records are during June 2019 – September 2020. Most of the heat has been stored in the oceans which leads to loss of most warm-water corals. The ice in Greenland is rapidly melting which will have serious consequence in the long run (simulation shows part of Florida will be under water). Feb 2020 had the highest temp recorded in Antarctica. Arctic permafrost thaw plays a greater role in climate change than previously estimated. CO2 is at its highest level in 800,000 years.

To solve these problem, actions are needed at the national level such as: Drive large-scale change quickly, support free market choice, incentives for countries to act together.

Also there is a movement to support "carbon fee and dividend" which is believed to be the best solution and supported by various group including Citizens' climate lobby (CCL) that David belongs to.

CCL is a grassroots volunteer organization creating the political will to address climate with a national carbon fee and dividend. 394 of 435 congressional districts covered (90%) with more than 180,000 supporters. The founder, the late Marshal Saunders, was a life-long Rotarian from San Diego. Right now they are proposing a bill in congress (H.R. 763 S.2284 Durbin Bill). It will reduce 40% carbon emissions over the next 12 years.

David also gave us some ideas on what to do as an individual: We can help by driving an EV; Ride a E-bike; Go solar; Invest in Alternative fuel companies; Support city's climate action plan; Change your diet (eat less meat); and Sign up for MCE deep green.

Also here are the Actions for us :

- Endorse the concept of carbon fee and dividend
- Choose a sector of action
- Step up in support of city and county actions
- Promote individual actions

After the presentation, our new member - Roy Pfeifer spoke out and mentioned that he is the president of "SustainNovato.org ". They have done various projects in Novato to help for environment. The Annual fee is \$25 and welcome all are welcome.

Ron Harness also mentioned that there is a new committee in our Club called "Environmental Sustainability Committee" and he would like to invite Club members to join to do projects which will help the environment.

Craig McCurdy mentioned that there is a project to plant more redwood trees. David responded that is a great project to increase carbon absorbing.

The last question went to Ed Ross who asked about the impact of carbon related to generating electricity.

In California, most power is generated by natural gas, 20% from nuclear, 20-25% from hydro; with wind and solar taking over nature gas.

It was a very interesting program, with more discussion that followed after the meeting.

President Chris reminded members about the program for next week, and then went on to select the raffle winner. But due to little computer glitch, Chris decided we would have 2 winners for the day. Three people claimed to be the winner - Ron Harness, Moses Jacobs and Robert Marshall. All three guys will have a show down after the meeting to settle the final 2 winners.

Enjoy your weekend and stay "Negative".

District 5150 Zoom PRLS Masters 4, Instruction October 10, 2020

Instructors: Michael Ford, Betsy and Bill Koefoed, Richard Swart and Ivana Hubertova. I and several others have met the qualifications for Masters 5 and Graudation on November 22st (Date is tentative). - Penny

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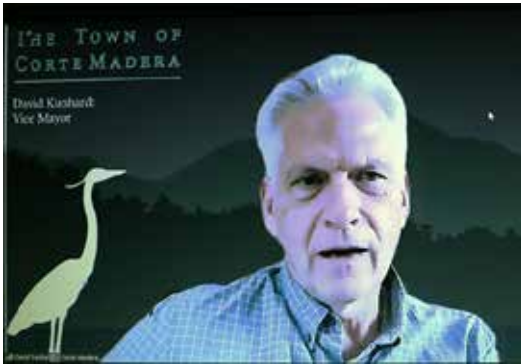
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Sunday, November 1st
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

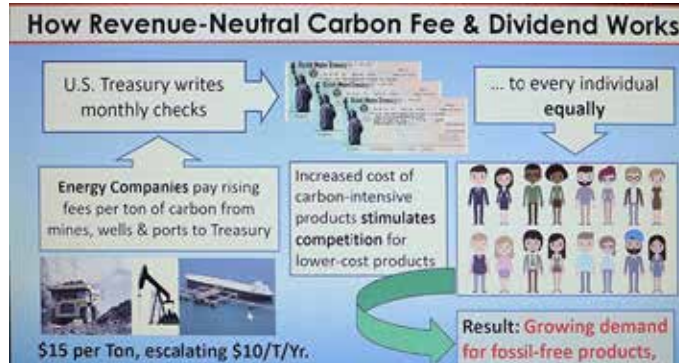
NOVATO CAR WASH
(across from Marin Community Clinic and Marin County Ford)
6981 Redwood Blvd.
All Proceeds Support Novato Teachers
Visit novatorotary.org for tickets or more info



Rotary Zoom Meeting: October 9, 2020



Speaker David Kunhardt explained taxing Carbon procedures, the plan to reduce carbon and benefit a greener sustainable plan, melting permafrost and warmer weather results in wildfires.



Rotary Zoom Meeting.

What a perfect time to be a Guest at another Rotary Club. Contact the Club web site and introduce yourself and ask for Zoom date, time, ID and Password. I managed this adventure and WOW. I was initially interested in seeing their Club Zoom participation and meeting format. I was introduced and welcomed. Some familiar faces.

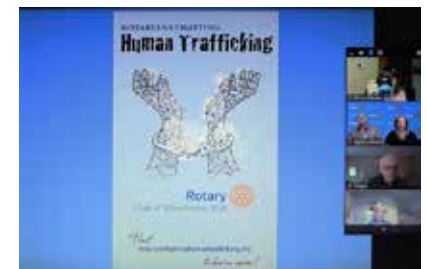
They each had robust Guest Speakers. Novato Sunrise-Evening had Broadcaster Hall of Fame **Ron Barr** who lives in Mill Valley, a Jet Pilot and founder of HBO Real Sports Network. His business partners are premiere athletes and others. He brought star athletes to Iraq to talk with service members, 7 times.

Marin Evening had Guest Speaker Attorney **Cozette Vergari**. She gathered support of 20 Los Angeles Rotary Clubs to create a District 5280 Zoom “Caused-Based” Rotary Club. This was a three-year effort that included the approval process of RI Headquarters. RotariansFightingHumanTrafficking.org web-site. This effort was preceded by District 5280 raising \$700,000 for End Polio Now.

Adventure is at our finger tips. Penny



Club for a Cause



Marin Evening Zoom Rotary