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In the Beginning...

John Reuscher led the Pledge and Kyle Frazier had several ‘Thoughts of the Day.’ He quoted Einstein, Aristotle and John Wooden. Wooden stated if you don’t have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over? Lucille Ball said the secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.

Visitors & Guests

Kyle Frazier introduced his mom and Rotarian dad Tom. Tom will be transferring from the Petaluma Club; Patti Hurst, long time Novato Rotarian is visiting from Athens, Georgia. Gary Bramon introduced Rotarian Michael Pritchard; Russ introduced Kathy Ketron and Jorg Pehr-Westheide introduced spouse Linda; Lynn Dawson introduced Novato Police Captain Sasha D’Amico; Larry Harrison introduced Tony Lazzarini, CEO of the 51-50 Foundation. He will be assisting Larry on the homeless vet fundraiser; Marty Wickenheiser introduced Jackie Cormier.

Announcements

Let’s Celebrate!
The birthday anniversary tables were well occupied. Among the celebrants were Phil and Jean Brown, 51 years and Holly and Keith Axtell at 43 years.

Fishing Tales
President Phil called upon infrequent visitor Tom Bales. Tom mentioned fishing the North Platte River a few weeks ago. Planned trips include Antarctica, Pitcairn Island and Egypt. Tom also mentioned spending time at the Montana cabin during the summer.

Sell those Car Wash Tickets!
Roy Pfeifer and President Phil presented a skit on how to sell car wash tickets. The Car Wash is Sunday, November 12th (see ad).

Recycling Used Eye Glasses
Marty Wickenheiser gave Russ Ketron a large bag full of used eye glasses. Russ will send them on to be reused in Mexico. Reminder to bring your used eyeglasses to the meeting and pass them on to Russ.

Speakers Series
Gary Bramon mentioned the speaker series. Gary will be stepping away from heading our Rotary speakers and Moses Jacob has agreed to step up for the remaining months.

Oops!
Chris DeGabriele reminded President Phil that he goofed in not acknowledging his own wife Laurie as a guest!

International Grants Available
Holly Axtell reminded the Club that International grants up to $500 are available. Simple form to fill out.

Ticket Date Correction!
The Car Wash tickets show the incorrect date of November 20. The correct date of the Car Wash is November 12. Please hand correct your tickets to read November 12 before distributing the tickets. If you have already distributed tickets, please contact the recipients and confirm the correct date of November 12.

Support Novato Teachers

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Novato Car Wash
6981 Redwood Blvd.

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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?"

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Novato, CA 94948

The Four-Way Test

Heidi Kühn

The Bill and Adele Jonas Center
Thursday, December 21
7 pm to 8:30 pm

Heidi Kühn’s social justice story replaces land mines with grapevines

Heidi Kühn’s vision for a humanitarian mission to eradicate the world’s former war zones of the scourge of land mines and transform those minefields into vineyards and sustainable crops came to her in an unscripted moment of clarity she still calls an “epiphany.”

Enjoy pre-show music from Don Forbes and his band Don Forbes and Reckless.

Tickets: Adults $25 • Students $10

Upcoming Programs & Events

November 2023

Nov. 10 Offsite Meeting at VFW Hall:
Brian Sobel: The Fighting Patton’s

Nov 10 Offsite Social: Veteran’s Fundraiser at Larry & Chris Harrison’s

Nov. 17 Bill Bradfield: “The Four Freedoms” and other Norman Rockwell masterpieces

Nov. 24 Happy Thanksgiving! No Regular Meeting & No Speaker Series due to holiday

December 2023

Dec. 1 Hawi Yema: Ethiopian Refugee
Dec. 8 Officer Kyle Baker: Human Trafficking
Dec. 15 Kerry Bacho: Reading Program
Dec. 17 Holiday Brunch - Marin Country Club
Dec. 21 Novato Speaker Series: Heidi Kuhn

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Super Bowl Board
“Mr. Super Bowl” Frank Bruno is collecting money for the Super Bowl Board. $20 a square, $250 a quarter winning including the final score. They fill up fast!

Holiday Party
Larry Harrison reminded us of the upcoming Holiday Party on Friday, November 10th. Optional to bring a Target gift card for homeless vets. Thank you Chris, the real power to getting this party started.

Thank You!
Jim Spilman thanks those who helped with the Bahia Lagoon project.

Blood Drive
Jim also mentioned a blood drive November 9th. The blood mobile will be at the Elks Club, San Rafael.

Let’s Go to the Movies!
Christina Stroeh mentioned the Larkspur theater event for Queen Bea. The film with our own 9 year old Sadie Remak starring and won best of festival recently in Wales.

Sunshine
Patti Hurst announced Reggie’s knee replacement surgery went well.

Paul Harris Awards
Jorg Puhr-Westerheide master of ceremonies for the award of pins. Jorg had 13 new pins to present and each pin represents $1000 donation to the Paul Harris Fellowship.
Al Angulo’s brand new great granddaughter is now a Paul Harris fellow. Jeff Slavitz is also a new Paul Harris fellow. Larry Mazzotta and Jim Bates received pins as well.

The Speaker
Gary Bramon introduced Michael Pritchard. Michael was here to introduce his neighbor and friend Mark Dale. Michael did share some thoughts on Rotary, stating Rotarians know how to operate with dignity, love and compassion.

Mark Dale is the Founder of Families for Safe Schools. Mark, with personal family experience, is navigating youth substance abuse in Marin county.
Mark and his wife, originally from Russia, have three children. The middle son became involved with drugs after a family car crash left him with PTSD.
In 8th grade his son started using DSM, a component of cough syrup. Mark so feared losing his son. The state did step in and placed him in a two year program.
A scary statistic Marin is the healthiest county in the state and yet number two in the state in drug overdose deaths!
A meaningful quote. “I have never had a kid in my office who said my parents listen too much”

So parents, grandparents pay attention. Young males are programed to be risk takers and they do!
Thank you Mark for sharing such a personal story and making us aware of what might be out there endangering our youth.
See you at the Harrison’s Friday the 10th and see you at the OFFSITE meeting on the 10th at the VFW Hall.

The Winner
Winner of the 25er was Tony Lazzarini founder of the 51-50 Foundation. Nice to see a good deed person rewarded!
Russ Ketron collecting eye glasses for donation to Colima trip.

Christina fresh from Wales for Queen Bea production starring Sadie Remak.

Community Service Committee commends Bahia Lagoon Restoration Volunteers.

Mark Dale discusses our children and drugs.

Neighbor of our Speaker Mark Dale. Michael Pritchard shows his Star Wars special effects at nationally acclaimed Speaker and Comedian and Silver Buckle representing Halleck Creek Ranch Nicasio with Therapeutic horse backing.

Dr. Larry Mazzotto receives Rotary International Paul Harris Award.

John explains his Car Wash sidewalk Pizza oven where volunteers are served hot pizza out of the oven.

Jim Bates receives Rotary International Paul Harris Award.

Frank Bruno’s Super Bowl Pool also benefits Rotary.

Christina fresh from Wales for Queen Bea production starring Sadie Remak.

Jorg awards Jeff Slavitz for Rotary International Paul Harris donation.