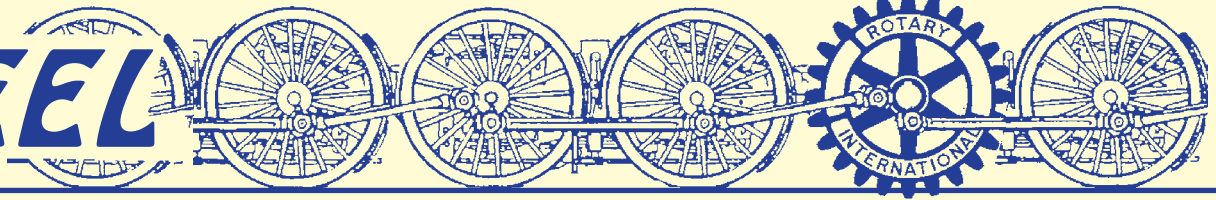


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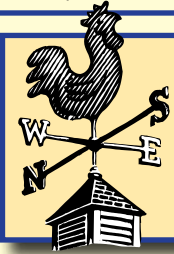


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

DJ President Chris opened the meeting promptly at 12:30 PM. Rene Prado led the Pledge while Catherine van den Toorn gave the 'Thought of the Day.' This involved a mayo jar, pebbles, sand and two cans of beer. The last tag line was "no matter how full life is, there is always room for a couple of beers." If you don't attend the Zoom meetings you miss the subtleties.



Visitors & Guests

Maggie had rescue dog Tiger with her, and Craig had doggie Pesto. Maggie rescued the eight year old from the Marin Humane Society. Barry Smail, neighbor of President Chris was attending to make an announcement. Ken Putman was with Craig Anderson. Gloria Dunn-Violin was with Don, Toni Bramon with Gary. Kathy Cheek was attending her last meeting as a guest. Next meeting Kathy will be inducted.

Sunrise Rotarian John Reuscher also attended. John you are attending more meetings than some of our own Rotarians! Always glad to see you.

Order your Sandwich from Sam's

Reggie Winner did confirm that Sam's Restaurant would prefer you order ahead, so they can have the correct sandwich waiting for you.

Sunshine

Reggie reported great news. Dean is home and still continuing recovery.

President Chris mentioned he saw Frank Falzon at the President's birthday month breakfast. Sadly both Frank and Donna Falzon have taken a leave of absence from the Club. Dealing with medical issues is taking all the time they have!

Announcements

Work Party Update

Jim Spilman reported a great job was done working of the VFW Hall fence. Larry Mazzotta, John Cutrufelli, Ron Harness, Larry Harrison, Alan Dunham, Marty Wickenheiser and of course Jim worked wonders. There is still a bit more to do, but many hands make it easier

Toys for Tots Donations

Larry Harrison reminded us of donating to Blue Star Moms no later than November 20th. Sadly, the Harrison December Holiday Party for Toys for Tots will not be happening!

EREY - Every Rotarian Every Year

Busy Jorg Puh-Westerheide, Rotary Foundation Chair, reported 43 Club members have participated in Every Rotarian Every Year. The fund raising goal of more than \$20,000 has exceeded expectations

Reminder from Jorg: The Every Rotarian Family Fest will be November 21st, 5pm. The required registration link will be sent out. It is a free event, but you will need to register.



Polio Update

Jorg discussed there are now just two countries with polio: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Africa has been polio free for the last three years. Several Rotarians have pledged \$100 per year until the world is polio free.

Novato History Museum Request

Guest Barry Smail spoke for the Novato History Museum. They are asking for family or business



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NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

Kathleen Cheek / Craniosacral and Roling Therapist

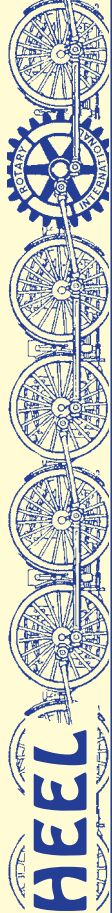
if there are no objections by:

Tuesday, November 19, 2020

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

Friday, November 20, 2020

Reggie Winner
Secretary



P.O. Box 657
Novato, CA 94948

"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

Service with a Smile
Linda Hepworth



Linda Hepworth has been working in the restaurant business since high school. Her resume includes the iconic Palace Hotel in San Francisco, serving lunches at the old Hilltop Cafe on Lamont Avenue and she is now celebrating her 40th anniversary at Le Chalet Basque, in San Rafael.

Linda is as surprised as anyone that she has worked for that long in one place, She's been having so much fun that the time just flew by. She has gained a reputation for delivering excellent service, while showcasing her signature humor.

She will read from her two books of short stories, describing some of the wild and crazy experiences that developed her "Jokester Waitress" persona.

Linda resides in Rohnert Park with her boyfriend of 45 years and a finicky feline.

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Upcoming Programs

November	
Nov. 20	Linda Hepworth - Service with a Smile the author of three books. She calls herself the "The Jokester Waitress." Linda uses humor to put her customers at ease. She has worked as a professional waitress at Le Chalet Basque and worked for a long time at The Hilltop in Novato.
Nov. 27	NO MEETING
December	
Dec.4	Dave Schenone . Dave went to high school in Windsor and played football at Santa Rosa Jr. College where they went undefeated. At 6-5 and over 300 lbs., he was the sixth rated football player in California. With these talents he was recruited by Jim Harbaugh at San Diego State University. Dave will tell us about the recruitment, coaching, organization and relationship he had with this Nationally known coach.

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	Burt Hoffmann <i>President, Nova-Ro Corp.</i>
	Bill Vespa <i>Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment</i>
	Ron Harness <i>Past President</i>

submissions that cover the Covid times. Pictures, essays or any other memorabilia can be submitted to info@novatohistory.org They will have the submitted material become a permanent part of the archives.

Free Concert

President Chris, speaking for Ryan Pocock, mentioned Sutters free concert this Thursday the 19th, at 6pm. Find the virtual show at sutterhealth.org/novato-gratitude.

Please Note...

President Chris reminded the Club members NOT to use the Club roster for the solicitation of business. Big no no!

Birthday Recognitions

Next President Chris called upon Tom Rickey for his birthday celebration. Tom celebrated with the McCurdys, and his daughter Grace gave him some puzzles. For those who remember Grace as a little girl, she is now 16 with a drivers license. Yikes.

Catherin van den Toorn is celebrating a number of November birthdays. Her's was on the 6th, her husbands is on the 13th and on the 14th is a grandsons. Bet there was lots of birthday cake.

The Speaker

Next up, speaker Brian Sobel, political consultant. Brian was a former Novato resident now living in Petaluma. He is also a political analyst for Channel 2. Brian stated there is nothing dramatic enough to change presidential election. The voter turnout beat anything in the last 100 years. Important upcoming dates are December 8th, the deadline for states to resolve any disputes and certify results; December 14th, where electors vote in their state; and January 6th where Congress will certify and count the votes.

Brian discussed changes in states, with red becoming blue and blue becoming red. He also

addressed the issue of polling. Yes, it was wrong again. Pollsters are having increasing problems with accuracy. They deal with no land lines, no one answering due to caller id and multiple robo calls and groups that do not care to share their thoughts and are ambivalent toward government.

Brian mentioned the propositions and felt it is a failure of State Legislature that they don't take on the hard questions and deal with it, but instead turn these hard issues over to the electorate to decide.

Well, what can one say!

The Winner

Gloria Dunn-Violin won the \$25.

“Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”

– Anonymous

TOYS FOR TOTS

CHRIS AND LARRY HARRISON CAN'T HOLD THEIR ANNUAL

“TOYS FOR TOT'S” HOLIDAY PARTY

LARRY REQUESTED THAT INSTEAD, YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION DIRECTLY TO BLUE STAR MOMS AT P.O. BOX 5684, NOVATO 94948. PLEASE NOTE ON THE

ENVELOPE YOUR DONATION IS FROM A NOVATO ROTARY MEMBER.

DONATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 20TH.

Rotary Zoom Meeting: November 13, 2020



November Birthday breakfast at Sam's (Bill Vespa, Lloyd Pittman, Chris DeGabriele, Cathrin van den Toorn, and Rene Prado).



November 13th Zoom meeting participants.



Happy Birthday Tom Rickey!



Happy Birthday, Catherin van den Toorn!



Jorg Puh-Westerheid describes Polio eradication in Africa.



Guest Speaker Brian Sobel describes the trouble with Poll taking.