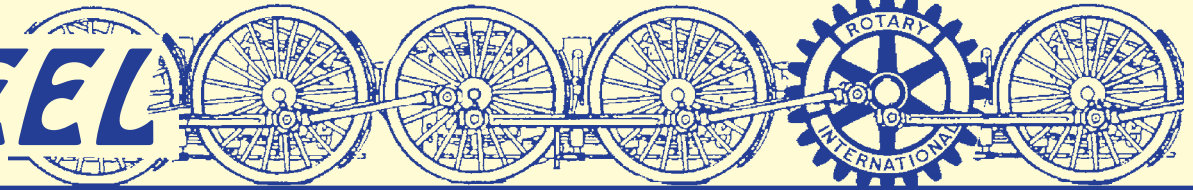


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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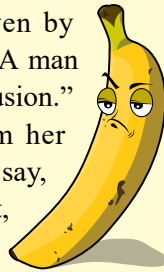
In the Beginning...

Da Prez (Frontier Phil) rang da bell.

Marty Wickenheiser gave the Pledge.

The 'Thought for the Day' was given by **Maggie Shao** who advised us that, "A man who leaps off a cliff, jumps to conclusion."

Then **Maggie** added a thought from her mother; "My mother used to always say, 'The older you get the better you get, unless you are a banana.'"



Visiting & Guests

The only visitor was **Nick Nguyen** from Marin Evening Club.

Guests of Rotarians: **Roy Pfeifer** brought **Marcus Combs**, who's with the Government (I don't know which one). **Ryan Lee** brought his wife **Laelia** and **Jim Crumpler**. **Tommy Lee** had his caretaker **Marc Desil** as his guest. **Russ Ketron** introduced **Kathy** while **Bill McDill** intro'd his first, latest and most precious wife, **Vicki**. **Prez Phil** brought the lovely first lady, **Laurie**, along with their lovely daughter and prospective member, **Patty**. **Mary W.** intro'd prospective member **Jackie Cormier**.

Sunshine

Christina Stroeh announced her step father passed away. Her mother would appreciate cards, no phone calls, please.

John Reuscher told us his grandson had a kidney transplant, god bless him!

Announcements

Walk-a-Thon

Prez Phil announced that **Jim Bates** will have walk-a-thon on the third Friday of each month right after the meeting.

District Assembly

Ron Harness announced the District Assembly will be on March 23, 2024 and we should all try to attend.

Eyeglasses & Computers

Robert Marshall, wearing his Guatemala shirt (I thought it was a gang jacket!) told us they would deliver eyeglasses and computers (14 to one school) on their next trip.

Dictionaries

Robert Marshall, under direction from **Marty Wickenheiser**, will deliver dictionaries to Good Shepherd School (where my daughter teaches). **Marty** announced she's looking for volunteers for all the other schools. **Prez Phil** said he and **Patty** will do Our Lady of Loretto School.

Club Projects

Next, **Frontier Phil** showed us a video about our Club projects that was shown at the Western BBQ.

Five Minute Talk

New member NPD Captain **Sasha D'Amico** gave her five minute talk. She as born and raised in Marin. She was one of five kids, with her oldest two



brothers being adopted. She's been with the Novato Police Department for twenty four years. She joined the NPD after graduating from Cal State University Sacramento. Go Hornets! (**Gary Bramon** and I are also Hornets). **Sasha** and her husband, also with NPD, are raising four kids. She says the best part of her job is helping people and the most exciting part was a motorized scooter chase!

Paul Harris Fellowship Awards

Jorg gave Paul Harris Awards to **Marty W.**'s new grand daughter, **Robert Marshall's** son **Ryan**, **Kyle Frazier**, **Roy Pfeifer** and **Jeff Slavitz** and a Blue Sapphire pin to **Tommy Lee**. There were other PHF's and Major Donor recognitions for members not present. There was also an Arch Klumpf award to the **Ketrons**.

Yippee Yi Ko Ya!

Prez Phil announced the Western BBQ was a great success and we'll hear in the weeks to come on the fund raising. **Prez Phil** named a "cast of thousands" (who all performed very, very well) which includes almost all of our members, San Marin Interactors and these committee leaders; **Jorg Puhr-Westerheide**, **Bill Vespa**, **Jim Spilman**, **Frank Bruno**, **Peter Rubens**, **Peian Harness**, **Marsha Molloy** and **Chris DeGabriele**.

Speaker

Prez Phil intro'd our speaker, Club member **Ryan Lee**, who told us all about drones. **Ryan** first told us the real name of a drone is UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle). **Ryan** advises us there are many uses for

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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?"



**Featuring
Felecia Gaston**

**The Bill and Adele Jonas Center
Thursday, February 22
7 pm to 8:30 pm**

Founder and director of Performing Stars of Marin, and The Marin City Historical and Preservation Society

Gaston writes about the Marin Housing Authority building temporary homes in 1942, the beginning of a community in Marin City, outside developers, the Ku Klux Klan's cross burning in Marin City, what the Marin Civic Center was proposing for the future of the land in Marin City in 1952, and how people such as Supervisor Vera Schultz, Mary Summers, Aaron Green, Lawrence Livingston, Jr., Lawrence Halprin, and John Carl Warnecke help to plan and shape Marin City.

Tickets: Adults \$25 • Students \$10

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Upcoming Programs & Events

February 2024

Feb. 22 **Novato Speaker Series:** Felecia Gaston will discuss the History of Marin City

March 2024

Mar. 1 **Dr. Jill Cobb, CME**, Novato Community Hospital. She runs the Physician Wellness Program for Sutter.

Mar. 8 **Davis Perkins:** Marin artist and smokejumper

Mar. 15 **Sylvia Whitlock, first female president of a Rotary Club:** The Edge of Adventure

Mar. 22 **Dick Spotswood:** Marin IJ

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UAVs including military, fire and police. Commercial uses for UAVs include: land surveying; inspections; real estate; package delivery; large light shows; wild life studies; agriculture; film, tv, video and art. Some of the commercial uses require special licensing or permissions, UAVs can cost up to \$15,000. Recreational UAVs can cost less than \$50.

It was a good talk.

Raffle

The winner was **Laelia Lee, Ryan's wife!**



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

- **Jackie Lee – Non-Profit Administration**

if there are no objections by:

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

Sonia Seeman / Jim White

Co-Secretaries

Do You Know Someone Who Would Be A Good Applicant??

Each year our Rotary District funds one Global Scholar. Our club has been a generous donor to this program which gives an opportunity to get an advanced degree in one of the seven Rotary Areas of Focus:

Applications for the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship from Rotary District 5150 (Rotary clubs located in San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo counties) are now open until March 23, 2024. The scholarship of USD\$31,500.00 supports one year of tuition and living costs at an international university for graduate study

- This is not a needs-based scholarship and is based solely on the qualifications of the candidate.
- Candidates must be from the United States and must study outside of their home country and in a country where a Rotary Club exists.
- Candidates must be sponsored by a Rotary Club in District 5150, and clubs may sponsor more than one candidate for this scholarship.
- Candidates may not be Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians, or employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International. Spouses, lineal descendants (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parent or grandparent) of persons in the aforementioned categories are also ineligible. Please note that Rotarians and their relatives remain ineligible for scholarship awards for 36 months after a Rotarian has resigned from club membership.
- Scholarship must be used for a graduate program – masters, PhD, or post-doctoral program. This scholarship is not available for undergraduate studies.
- Candidates must have completed their undergraduate degree program before commencing scholarship studies.
- Candidates must either have a full offer or conditional offer to a graduate program at time of application or have one remaining full academic year of a graduate program from a multi-year program. This scholarship is not available for a partial year of study.
- Candidates must have ability to express source of funds for remaining costs above and beyond the USD\$31,500 of this scholarship (See “Additional Funding” on application).
- Candidates may seek or be awardees of other Rotary Scholarships.

Amount of Scholarship and Key Dates

- USD\$31,500 awarded for 2024-25 and may be used for travel, housing, tuition, books, supplies, and/or living expenses.
- Rotarians may increase the amount of this scholarship through individual donations. If interested, please contact Global Grant Scholarship Chair Gina Grant at ginagrants2@hotmail.com.

Do You Want To Be Part of a Rotary Humanitarian Project?

The Novato World Community Service (WCS) Committee still has Endowment funds left so that you can support the work of a Rotary club in another country.

Some of you may have contacts with Rotarians in other countries. If their club has a good quality humanitarian project that you would like our club to support, bring it to the Novato WCS. You can apply for up to \$500 to put toward this project.

For more information, contact **Holly Axtell** at axtellhol@aol.com



Jim Spilman and next Rotary Club President, Thomas Rickey announcing City Hall Chamber meeting.



Dee's Catering Tyrone hefting our lunch to our meeting.



Our entire City Hall Rotary Club Meeting was telecast by ZOOM thanks to Rene Prado tech as John Reuscher announces a successful organ transplant to family member.



Paul Harris contributors in attendance were photographed from above and below (see drone.)



New Rotary Member NPD Captain Sasha D'Amico gives her 5 minute introduction.



Member Speaker Ryan Lee educates the crowd with Drone technology with example flight around the room.



L-R guest Marc assisting Tommy Lee at his son Ryan's live action Drone Speaker presentation.



Maggie Shao giving Thought for the Day.

Past President Christina stands before her families Patio engraved bricks at entrance to City Hall.

