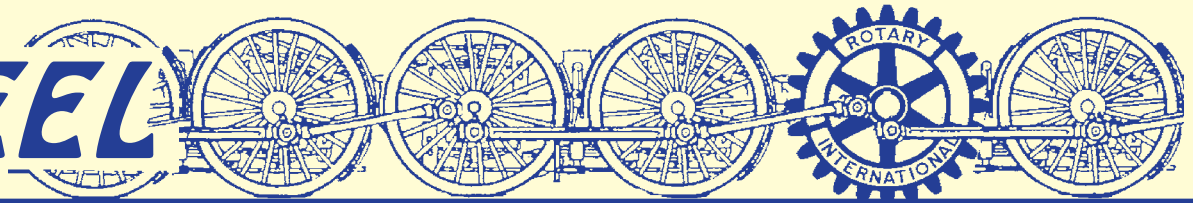


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

The Pledge was led by **Maggie Shao**.

Lynn Dawson gave us two 'Thoughts For the Day'. Thought 1: "May your belly never grumble, may your heart never ache, may your horse never stumble, may your cinch never break." - AKA the Cowboy Blessing. Thought 2: "Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or a fool from any direction." - Author unknown or perhaps Cowboy Non-Confuscious.

Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians: **Dennis Hagerty**, President of Wet Mt. Valley Club - Colorado

Guests of Rotarians: **Vicky McDill**, Speaker **Margot Gerritsen, PhD**, **Karen Beale** and **Marney** (daughter of **Jean** and **Phil Brown**) from Pasadena.

Community Care

Dean Heffelfinger has COVID.

Phil Brown is back!

J. Reuscher's family located a much needed Kidney donor for **Michael Reuscher**.

Announcements

Holly Axtel shared about the World Community Service meeting in which \$21,000 of District

Designated funds were distributed to worthy projects. - one of them our own global grant headed by **Ron Harness**.

Travel Opportunity! Join Rotarians on a trip to Project Amigo in Colima Mexico. See **Phil D.** for more information.

Gary Bramon spoke about the upcoming speaker series date, featuring **Felecia Gaston** talking about the history of Marin City.

John Ringgenberg announced that the Student Scholarship Program interviews are done.

Ron Harness reminded us about the District Assembly at Redwood High School.

Western BBQ

Was sold out. See Pics

"Who said that?" Cowboy quote quiz!

Lots of Cowboy's were recognized, others just rode off into....

Speaker

Women in Data Science Worldwide

Karen Beale former Executive Director at Fair Isaac and **Margot Gerritsen**, Executive Director at WiDS (Women in Data Science).

What an amazing presentation, enlightening, funny and entertaining too.

Margot spoke about research, education, innovation, data science, and global impact and empowering women.

Born in the Netherlands, can outdance us all in Clogs.

Obtained an engineering degree from Delft University.

Traveled from the Zuider Zee to New Zealand.

Received a Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship, which allowed her, to move to the US. Studied in Colorado and

then onto Stanford for a PhD. in Scientific Computing & Computational Mathematics (SCCM), with a PhD minor in Mechanical Engineering and DATA Science.

Went to New Zealand, to assist in Americas Cup sail design and computer modeling Ocean Dynamics for the Fishing Industry.

Worked in the Petroleum industry; Modeled Monterey Bay Tidal flow;

Worked in Airplane Design (Boeing needs her).

Created a Sky Monster design of a flying Replica Pterydactyl.

Helped start program for "Women in Science". Worldwide an ongoing program to empower women where they represent only 15 % of the science community.

Created WiDS: A World Wide global non-profit with a goal of 30 X 30, to increase women in science to 30 % by 2030. **Dr. Gerritsen's** mission is to increase women's representation in data science and Artificial Intelligence, fields which are progressively influencing our lives and society.

Raffle?

Jean Brown won the 25'er and **J. Ringgenberg** won the back raffle.

Reminders

Next week we are at CITY HALL for lunch and meeting - **Ryan Lee** will talk about Drones.

Our Social is coming together for Feb 24th. Train ride to Santa Rosa for lunch.

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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. 16 **Ryan Lee:** Drones: A New Perspective
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 Woman In Rotary
Mar. 22 **Dick Spotswood:** Marin IJ



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Rotary Photo Album



President Phil plays match famous sayings by movie and TV cowboy personalities.



Guest Speaker Margot Gerritsen, Rotary International Scholar from Holland.



Holly Axtell describes International Projects selected by International Committee.



Cookie bombs



Valentina displaying Keylime Pie for Dessert portion of Auction.



Katie Phips auctions baked goods displayed by the San Marin Interactors.



Maggie was keeping a watchful eye on sweet pie, cake and cookies for the dessert auction.

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



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

- Jackie Cormier – Finance, Retired
- Eliza Roesler – Healthcare
- Patty Dougherty – Health Insurance

if there are no objections by:

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

-----and-----

- 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



Jorg and Marty



Western music greeting at the entry



Dennis travels from Westcliffe, CO to reassemble his former Band for our authentic Western atmosphere.



Kathy and Jim Botko



Alan and Roberta Dunham with son Craig who traveled cross-county to join us.



Jim stirs up the bidding from Cabo to Scottsdale trips to Joe Montana photos, group dinners.



Bidder # 46 – Our favorite hardware man won Reggie's cookies for one year.



Cowboy hats set the mood



San Marin High Rotary Interactors provide Western BBQ Table support and Auction help.