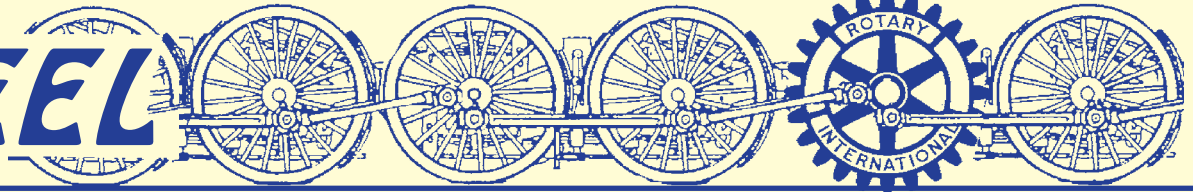


The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

Prez Peian rang da bell and opened da meeting.

We Pledge Allegiance

Moses Jacob led us in the Pledge.

Today's Thought

Moses then provided us a thought for the day (2 Thoughts):

"Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom." - Laozi

"A genuinely happy person is one who has rendered others happy." - Daisaku Ikeda

Lights, Camera, Action

Rene Prado is our light man. He really keeps the meetings going with photos, information and sound! Thanks, Rene!

We have Visitors & Guests!

Rotarian Al Shirley from Marin Evening and our next year's Assistant Governor, Stacie Vance, from San Rafael Evening visited us. Lynn Dawson's friend and guest Lesley Baird was introduced along with Kathy Botko, Jim's lovely wife.

Let There Be Sunshine

Marty Wickenheiser told us that Jay Wayne was finally getting out of the hospital and would be coming home today. Great!

Gloria Dunn-Violin told us that both Arlene Henry and Diana Tomasini are suffering from cancer and would like phone calls. Gary Bramon added if they could make a list of who is going to call so he could give it to Diana, that would be helpful.

Announcements

Bring on the Monarchs!

Gloria Dunn-Violin announced that she, with Marin County Volunteers, are going to Pacheco Valley to plant milkweed and pollinator plants to encourage monarch butterflies to come back. This will take place on April 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pull Those Weeds!

Marty Wickenheiser announced a work party where volunteers would be pulling weeds at Los Robles Mobile Home Park at a date and time to be announced later.

District Conference

Don't forget the District Conference is coming up in Monterey in a couple of weeks.

Let's Assemble in Hawaii

Prez-Elect Phil Dougherty told us about his trip to Hawaii where the local Rotary Club is restoring the Ala Wai Canal by Waikiki. They're using genki balls.

I don't know what effect this has on the genkis, but it helps clean up the canal.

Happy 80th!

Kathy Botko told us that hubby Jim just turned 80, so we sang Happy Birthday to him! Where's the cake?

The Speaker

Ron Harness intro'd our speakers, Yvette Blount who is the supervisor for the Wildfire Mitigation Group. The group is part of the Novato Fire District. She said their main objective is to significantly reduce and control wildfires in Novato and all of Marin County. Her group and others in Marin County are our wildfire prevention authority.

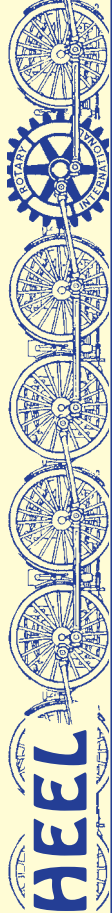
Yvette advised us they do two types of assessments.

1. Roadside
2. Home

She said for homes we should move gazebos, trailers and propane tanks a minimum of 25 feet away from our houses. Yvette said that gutters filled with debris such as leaves, etc. cause houses to burn down. Yvette provided handouts we should all read.

Raffle

Marty Wickenheiser left with an addition of 25 buck in tow.



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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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Help share the meeting with
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unable to attend.

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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/

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Upcoming Programs

April 2023

Apr. 21 **Laura Gill, Marine Mammal Center:**
Behind the Bark

Apr. 28 **Tony Williams:**
North Marin Water District Update

May 2023

May 5 **Ryan Yerkey:** Ocean Voyages Institute

May 12 **Teacher's Recognition Luncheon**

May 19 **Leonard Weingarten / VP of ESCOM Council:** ESCOM Presentation

May 26 **NO MEETING**

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Rotary Day of Service Protecting The Environment

May 13, 2023

A multi-county Service and Learning event to help protect our environment

- ★ Hands on Environmental Projects ★
 - ★ Protecting The Environment Fair ★
- (EV Car Show and Environmental Related Exhibits & Lithium-ion (Li-ion) Battery Recycling)

Registration coming soon

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Contact: Sylvia Barry at Sylvia@SylviaBarryRE.com





Speaker Yvette Blount



Club members Joy Fillman, Phil Dougherty, Russ Ketron and Assistant Governor Stacy Vance.



Jim and Kathy Botko

