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In the Beginning

Jeff S. greeted us and distributed RED Raffle tickets (what's old is now new, no more random number generator). **Chris D.** checked us in. The lunch tariff is now \$35 for guests, visitors and non-lunch members. Be on the lookout for your dues invoice coming soon from sonomacountybookkeeping@gmail.com.

Dee's Catering fed us a delectable variety of main dishes, salads, fresh fruit, desserts and NA libations.

President Phil rang the bell for his first meeting and welcomed us.

Don Violin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **President Elect Tom Rickey** provided thoughts for the day.

Visiting Rotarians and guests included: **President Phil's** bride **Laurie**, daughter **Patty**, mom **Norma** and father **Dan Dougherty**, and guests **Brent** and **Edie Ainsworth** and **Kerry Bacho**; **Vicki McDill** with **Bill**; **Maureen Wayne** with **Jay**; **Diane Spilman** with **Jim**; **Veronica** with **Chuck Hildebrand**; **Sylvia Barry** from Novato Sunrise; **Michael Holmes** from Lamorinda Rotary; **Anthony Moreno** from Ignacio; and **Bridgette Waterbury** and **Hugh Murphy** from San Rafael Harbor.

Announcements

President Phil, in honor of past Prez **David Price Jones**, wore his Rotary Cap and a sport coat in honor of **Past Prez Peter Fulchiron**.

Who is **Phil**? - you may ask. We found out with a brief

pictorial introduction to his family and daughter **Shayla's** wedding plus scoop about the family firm: Only Health Insurance.

President Phil called on **Alan Dunham** to give a brief history of the Books & Art Around Town community service project which began over 10 years ago to help kids learn to read and appreciate books. It started with monthly gatherings at North Bay Children's Center at Hamilton and is now popping up at the Buckaroo Breakfast, Tour of Novato and Holiday Tree Lighting. Funding originally came from a District simplified grant and is now funded by the Community Service Committee via Novato Rotary Endowment. **Marisa Remak** is the "heart and soul" of the ongoing project.

Craig Anderson, returning from Plymouth, CA, and announced this year's Relay for Life will be at Loma Verde School beginning at noon on July 29th culminating the morning of July 30. Donations can be made via check to American Cancer Society delivered to **Craig** or online at Relay for Life Novato and click the DONATE button where credit can be directed to Rotary Club of Novato (RCN).

President Phil also called on **Gary Bramon** for a status report on the Novato Speaker Series. Your participation is requested to support monthly speakers at The Bill and Adele Jonas Center sponsored by RCN, Ignacio Rotary and Novato History Guild. More information and tickets can be found at www.Novatospeakerseries.com.

Sonia Seeman introduced the Jonas Committee members and provided a brief summary of current status advising that there is a solid collaborative relationship between the College and RCN; and increasing community use of the beautiful Jonas Center which was a priority in **Bill Jonas'** bequest to RCN.

Elephant in the Room? At the first RCN meeting each month, birthday boys and girls gather at a special table endowed with **Reggie's** cupcakes! Yum! Great idea **Phil**.

And we have Community Care Coordinators – **Reggie W.** and **Marty W.** (you must have a W) – addressing all things

to support RCN members needing a little boost, health related or otherwise. Of note: **Jay Wayne** is back! **Paul Scheller** is doing okay and **Shawn Campas** was spotted at the meeting – Yay!

President Phil reviewed the annual RCN calendar, which can be found on the website at www.NovatoRotary.org and let us know that **Maggie Shao** is leading a brief Qigong (pronounced Chee Guhng) class after the first meeting each month. **Maggie** offered a brief description and history of Qigong to educate all. And **Jim Bates** will lead a hike around IVC after the 3rd meeting each month.

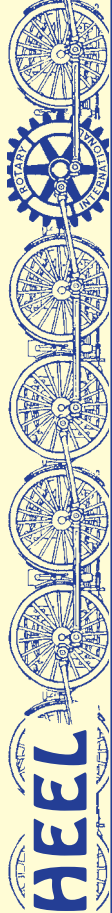
The beginning of the End

Past President Ron Harness formally inducted three new members transferring in from other clubs (RCN is a desired destination). **Keith Axtell**, formerly a Marin Evening member and PDG, classification Community Development, who's sponsor is immediate **Past President Peian Harness**; **Al Shirley**, also a former Marin Evening long standing member, classification CPA, with **Gary Bramon** as sponsor; and **Jim Carriere**, former San Rafael Harbor member and Shelterbox stalwart, classification Banking, relying on **Past President Larry Harrison** as his sponsor; were all heartily welcomed to RCN.

The Guess What? Game Show – **John Reuscher** hosted the premier where **Rebekah Shapiro-Gonzalez** was the first contestant and we learned that holiday fun runs are addictive and lead to running 7 marathons on 3 continents. Whew!

The End

Dean Heffelfinger (DH1) had the winning red ticket and won the \$25er!




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4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



featuring Paul Schwarzbart

The Bill and Adele Jonas Center
July 27th • 7:00pm to 8:30 PM

Paul fled to Belgium with his parents when Austria was annexed in 1940. When the Germans reached Brussels, where his family was living, his father was taken. With surreptitious help, he "hid" as a student at a Catholic school in the forest near Luxembourg for over 2 years. After reuniting with his mother, the two eventually came to the United States and settled in Petaluma.

To kick off the festivities, Cantor David Margule will start performing at 7:00 PM. Cantor David Margule's beautiful tenor voice has enhanced and blessed members of Congregation Rodef Sholom since 1991.

Tickets: Adults \$25 • Students \$10

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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/

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Upcoming Programs

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July 14	Rotary Club of Novato: High School Scholarship Awards
July 21	Miwok Park Picnic
July 28	No Meeting

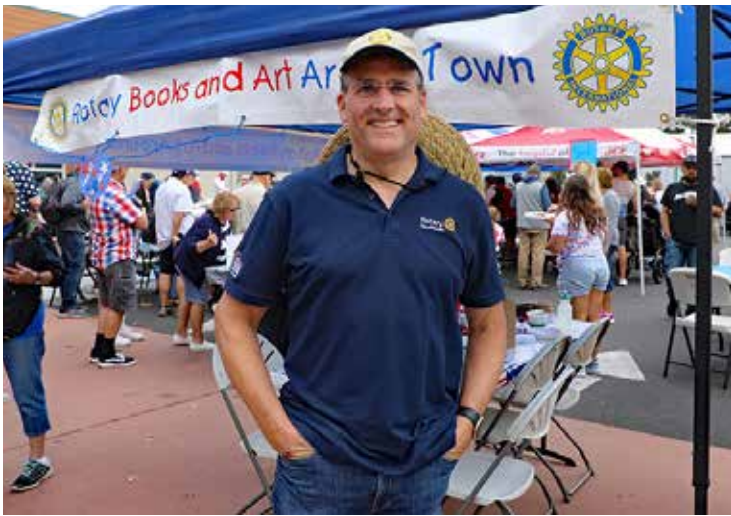
Qigong Practice

First meeting of every month, **Maggie Shao** will lead a short 20 minute Qigong practice after the regular meeting at the Jonas Center. We had a nice practice on July 7 and invite any members to join in Qigong practice next month. The routine can be viewed on Youtube, click on this link <https://youtu.be/ADVMFVirsjU>

Do you like to Hike?
Jim Bates will be leading a hike after the 3rd meeting of the month.

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HAPPY
4th
OF
July

Rotary Club of Novato's Service Project "Books and Art Around Town" shared space with the Buckaroo Breakfast which served 1,000 meals prior to the start of Novato's Annual 4th of July Parade according to the Parade Ceremony hostess Pam Haessly.



Rotary Photo Album



Alan Dunham describes Rotary Books and Art Around Town Community Service Project.



On ZOOM Reggie Winner honors our remote Bookkeeper, Lynda Morgan with a Paul Harris Award.



Ron Harness announces Rotary Club of Novato induction of 3 new transfers with their mentors.



Big week for Phil Dougherty with a family wedding and his first meeting as Rotary President.



THANK YOU, SAM!

