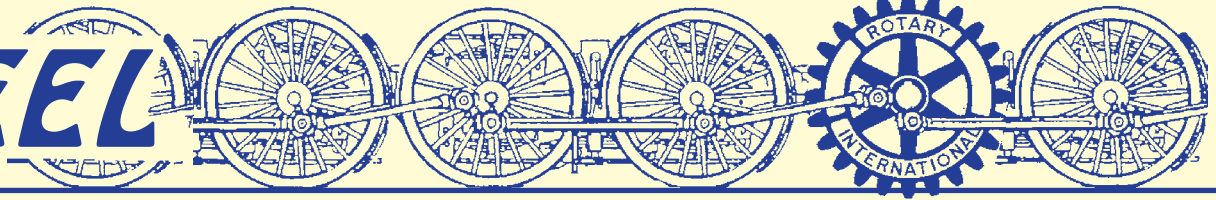


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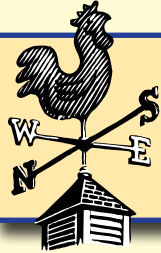


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Check your email for links to our upcoming Zoom meetings!

The Preliminaries

At the appointed time we pulled our heads from our lunch sacks and Pledged Allegiance to the flag. We were led by **Reggie Winner**. **Gary Bramon** gave us the “Thought for the Day”, reminding us that our speaker for the day was one of only 300,000 people left of the estimated 3,400,000 who were fighting with the allies in Europe in May of 1945.

Guests and Visitors

We started out with 69 guests and visiting Rotarians, and although **President Chris** tried to read everyone’s name into the record, I couldn’t get them all. Some of them were familiar, but a lot of them weren’t. We finished the meeting with 72 guests and visitors.

Announcements



Send in Your Relay for Life Donations...

Craig Anderson told us that the Relay For Life was taking place this weekend at Olive School in Novato. Due to

Covid-19, it’s a “drive by” donation/participation. We need to get some donations in to make our presence

known, so **Craig** asked that we send a check made payable to the American Cancer Society to our Rotary P.O. Box 657, Novato, CA 94948.



Are you Getting Reggie's Emails?

Reggie Winner announced that she thought perhaps some people weren’t receiving her emails, and apparently sending an email asking who isn’t getting them won’t work. So if you know of anyone that isn’t getting her emails, let her know.

Sandwiches from Sam's

President Chris DeGabriele wants some feedback on the sandwiches from Sam’s.

Recognitions

We had a bunch of birthdays, including **Tony Garza**, **TJ Neff**, **Marsha Molloy**, **Paul Scheller**, **Kris Jones**, **Rich Nave**, **Burt Hoffmann**, **Jacqueline Janssen**, **Kathy Delahunty**, **Dennis Hagerty** and **Joyce Palmer**.

Anniversaries included **Karen** and **Bruce Palmer**, **Dave** and **Kay Jones**, and **Jacqueline Janssen** and **Mike Morrissey**.



The Program

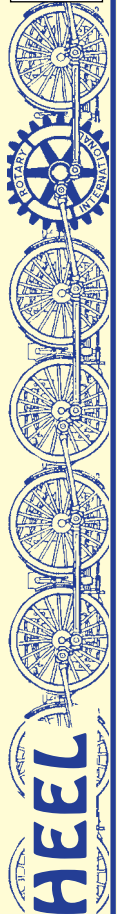
Phil Dougherty introduced his 96 year old father **Dan Dougherty**. **Dan** is one of only two survivors of his company of the 45th Army Division. His Division was responsible for liberating Dachau concentration camp in the spring of 1945. **Dan** told us how the 45th Army had moved through Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and along the Maginot line into Germany. He told us what happened on the day they entered Dachau, and showed us some photos that were taken the day they first entered. The Photos were hard to look at, but it was even more difficult to imagine anyone in **Dan’s** position seeing that for the first time, and not really knowing about these concentration camps before that day. If you missed his talk, you can hear him here. <https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/irn508341>

Thank you **Dan** for sharing your story with us.

The 25er

Believe it or not, **Dan** actually won the drawing!! Being the gentleman that he is, he donated his winnings back to the Novato Rotary Endowment.

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"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:

All Clubs meet at 12:15 p.m. unless noted

MONDAY

Central Marin
Left Bank, Larkspur
San Rafael
Marin Yacht Club
Santa Rosa West
St. Rose School

TUESDAY

Novato Sunrise
Moylan's - 7:15 a.m.
San Rafael Harbor
Whistlestop Wheels - 8:00 a.m.
Mill Valley
Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse
San Francisco #2
Sir Francis Drake Hotel
Santa Rosa East
Flamingo Hotel
Terra Linda - 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of Month
Embassy Suites San Rafael, Ross Room
Marin Evening Club
Clubhouse at McInnis Park - 6:30 p.m.
North Napa
Wine Train Commissary - 6:30 p.m.
Rohnert Park - Cotati
Double Tree Hotel - 7:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Marin Sunrise
Cafe Verde - 7:15 a.m.
Tiburon-Belvedere
San Francisco Yacht Club
Petaluma Valley
Rooster Run Golf Club
Ross Valley
Cafe Arrivederci
Napa
Mira Vista Country Club
Santa Rosa
Flamingo Hotel
Sonoma Valley
The Lodge at Sonoma
West Marin
Toby's Feed Barn - 8:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

Santa Rosa Sunrise
Franchetti's Restaurant - 7:15 a.m.
Petaluma
Petaluma Golf and Country Club- 12:00 p.m.
Sausalito
Sausalito Yacht Club
Ignacio
Marin Country Club
Mission San Rafael
San Rafael Joe's
Tiburon/Sunset
S.F. Yacht Club - 6:15 p.m.
San Rafael Evening
George's Nightclub - 6:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Richmond
Mira Vista Golf & Country Club
Petaluma Sunrise
Boulevard Cafe & Grill - 7:15 a.m.

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Upcoming Programs

July

July 31 **No Meeting**

August

- Aug. 7 **Dick Spotswood** Marin Independent Journal. Dick will speak about items that he has discussed over the past six months. There will be ample time for questions.
- Aug. 14 **John Haveman P.H.D.**, Economist and Public Speaker, will talk about "The Economics of Climate Change: John is on a mission to make economic policy literacy relevant and real.
- Aug. 21 **Speaker TBA** - Update on Margaret Todd facility changes.
- Aug. 28 **No Meeting**- Potluck at Stroehs at 5:30p.m.

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Message from Patti Hurst

Dear Novato Rotary friends,

I wanted to let you all know that I am making some changes! Bottom line is I cannot afford to retire in California, but I am not ready to retire yet.

Early in June I flew to Athens, Georgia (recently named the best college town in the South) and bought a house. I flew back today and sign tomorrow- actually during our Friday meeting time.

On the California side, I put my house on the market and after 3 weeks and only about 12 viewers, had 3 showings (Rotary scholarship hand out day) and bidding war and sold mine!

I am going to continue working, remotely from Athens, returning to California every 4/5 weeks to be at office, make customers calls, etc.

I am staying a Novato Rotarian, hoping to continue helping on Jonas Center opening, possible Rotaract at IVC, Polenta feed, etc. I am not leaving and will probably see some of you more as I will try and make sure to see you when I am in Marin!

As for my new home, my doors will always be open and I hope in the future many of you will come visit and explore the South with me (you must wear red and black and support the Dawgs!). Novato Rotary is a large part of my extended family, I love and appreciate all of you, for who you are and what you do for others! This might be bittersweet, but do not be sad, many memories and fun times are in my Novato Rotary future!

Love and hugs, Patti

Rotary Provides \$20 Million to Help Communities Worldwide Respond to COVID-19

EVANSTON, Ill. (June 23, 2020) — Rotary members throughout the world are working safely and diligently to assess and provide for urgent community needs as they strive to respond and recover from the effects of COVID-19 coronavirus.

While following social-distancing and health guidelines, they are providing comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear, and focusing their resources and solutions toward supporting frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

“As leaders in virtually every community on earth, we bring a unique combination of local knowledge and access to a global network of expertise and resources,” said Mark Daniel Maloney, president of Rotary International. “In the face of uncertainty, we are adapting to

shifting needs to offer immediate help to people at a rapid pace. And we’ll remain committed to recovering from this health crisis for as long as it takes.”

Rotary members are taking action to provide a range of solutions including handwashing stations and food to those unable to social distance in Kenya, lifesaving information about preventing the spread of COVID-19 in India, ventilators and protective gear for overstretched hospitals in Italy and vital social connections to neighbors who live alone in Bethesda, Maryland.

The Rotary Foundation, Rotary’s charitable arm, has to date awarded \$20 million to support Rotary clubs worldwide in their immediate response to COVID-19 in their communities, and to long term recovery efforts.

To learn more about Rotary’s response to COVID-19 and to find out how you can get involved, visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-clubs-help-fight-covid-19-pandemic>.



August

SPECIAL DATES

- 8-4 John Elloway
- 8-6 Tommy Lee
- 8-7 Lucia Mychajluk
- 8-7 Ashley Serrano
- 8-7 Lowell Smith
- 8-9 George Estes
- 8-11 Jim Fritz
- 8-12 Laurie & Phil Dougherty
- 8-13 Nohemi Beissmann-Mason
- 8-13 Maureen Wayne
- 8-15 Bev Pool
- 8-16 Chuck Hildebrand
- 8-24 Marilu & Larry Mazzotta
- 8-24 Greg Molloy
- 8-25 Larry Harrison
- 8-29 Peian Harness



ROTARY
**Rotary Zoom Meeting:
 July 24, 2020**
 INTERNATIONAL



Phil Dougherty's dad, Dan Dougherty, describes the 1945 liberation of Dachau with story and photos.



Map showing 20 year old 1st Sergeant Dan Dougherty's 45th Infantry route to liberate Dachau, April 1, 1945.



72 members and friends were present at the Rotary Club of Novato Zoom meeting on July 24, 2020.

Environment and Sustainability Project

PP Ron Harness, Captain of Rotary District 5150 Environment and Sustainability Project creation, invited all interested members to attend a 2.5 hour Zoom Class at San Francisco State University by Andrew Gunther PhD on July 22, 2020. he demonstrated scientific evidence of warming water and air around the globe. Ron and I attended.

