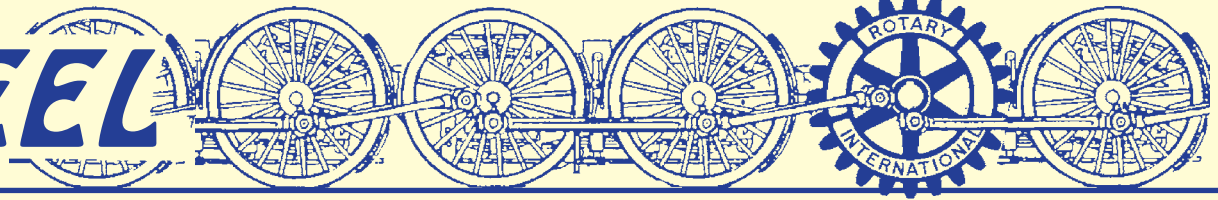


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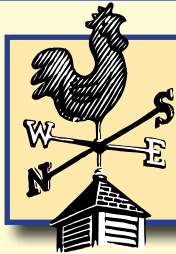
Rotary Club of Novato

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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons

Check your email for links to our upcoming Zoom meetings!



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In the Beginning...

President Chris DeGabriele played the NBC chimes to commence the meeting.

Al Angulo led us in the the Pledge of Allegiance.

Russ Ketron gave us the "Thought for the Day"

District Governor Mary Bates and **Assistant Governor Carola Detrick** (of District 5150); guest **Ed Cecil** from Mecklenburg County, North Carolina discussed Sharks with **Phil Brown**, and visitor **John Reuscher** who can't get enough of our Club.

Birthdays

Birthday recognition for **Nohemi** who appreciated the August Birthday Breakfast. She recalled a former birthday when she tossed her "fate to the wind" and went zip-lining in the northern Woodlands. She enjoyed an internet visit with her grandchildren. **President Chris** encouraged her to describe her history - from birth place of Mexico City and falling for her "American" husband, and choosing California over New York (she has lived in San Francisco, Tiburon, Mill Valley and eventually moved to Novato for the sake of the children. **Nohemi** is a Rotary International Project veteran of the Copper Canyon Project in Mexico.

Sunshine Report

Cami Studley would appreciate guests, and can have two at a time-by reservation.

Past District Governor Greg Molloy, **Marsha's** husband, goes to Kidney Dialysis 3 times per week. They are both going thru 2-3 months of training so **Greg** can do his dialysis at home. He has co-supported **Marsha's** Rotary endeavor as a Paul Harris Fellow, Foundation Benefactor and Major Donor. **Marsha** has organized our major Social Events: Debunking, Tocalino BBQ, Non-Spaghetti Dinner and Holiday Brunch. She joins Zoom meetings as often as possible. **Marsha** says we really don't need any help right now unless we find a living donor. **Greg** and **Marsha** are two quiet and unassuming powerful influences to our Club history and today's success.

Tom Bales reported to **Reggie** that **John Elloway**, Past President 1991-92, Paul Harris fellow, Clark Palmer Fellow, Foundation Benefactor and Foundation Major Donor had a birthday and would appreciate cards sent to his home address at 17 Pleasant View Dr., Novato, CA 94947

Your Pre-meeting Lunch is Waiting for You!

President Chris reminded us of pre-paid sack lunches at Sam's, available prior to our Friday meetings. Please go before 11:30. Choices of Tuna, Ham or Turkey sandwich with potato salad and beverage.

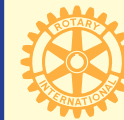
The Speaker

*Synthesizing Rotary into a weekly newsletter is daunting. The accomplishments within our Club is staggering. **President Chris, Mike Morrissey, Bill Vespa and Tracy Rempe** are my back up. I rush to complete this Big Wheel edition under threat of the next PGE rolling power-shut off without notice. PGE promised they would warn us - they did not. 5,000 Novato residents were suddenly shut off yesterday.*

Assistant District Governor Carola Detrick introduced **District Governor Mary Bates**, on her whirlwind tour to all 48 District 5150 Rotary Clubs with nearly 2,000 members.

District 5150 Governor Mary Bates told us of her background and Rotary District Goals but first she

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NEW MEMBER NOTICE

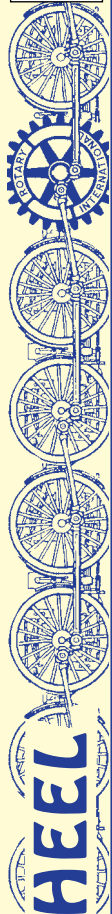
The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the Board of Directors and the membership:

Joy Fillman, PhD
Psychologist

if there are no objections by:
Tuesday, August 20, 2020

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:
Friday, August 21, 2020

Reggie Winner
Secretary



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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

August

Aug. 21 **Speaker Adam McGill** - Will talk about the Hill Recreation Area project.

Aug. 28 **RCN Health Check**

September

Sept. 4 **Shannon Thomas**, Administrative Officer at Novato Community Hospital will discuss the "State of the Hospital"

Sept. 11 Speaker Chair - **Ryan Pocock**. **Ryan** has numerous relatives in New Jersey and he will ask them to tell their stories of being in New York on 9/11/01. **Neal Hennessey** will tell of his 9/11 events in New York City.

Sept. 18 **Leslie Frates**: "My Experience on Jeopardy". **Leslie** will with great humor tell us of her being on "Jeopardy". She will be on their tenth anniversary show on July 24, August 5 and 11

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joined us to salute a major moment in The Rotary Foundation, TRF achievements by honoring **Russ** and **Kathleen Ketron** to the White Hat Society with a Gold Star in the first Team of the Second Century \$50,000 Plus Membership Level 10. I will add a Polio Pioneer with a legacy of fund raising to defeat Polio, globally. If you know **Russ** and **Kathleen**, you know their mission was personal.

As a single parent to 4 and doing “without” our new Governor has got our attention. First, she compliments **Christina Stroeh**, Membership co-chair with **Sonia Seeman** for distribution the new District Tree logo pin to each Club member with a plan to raise awareness of Rotary and a method to involve each of us in that process. **Governor Bates** then told us we have to care for ourselves first with sleep, nutrition and exercise with a nod to Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs before we can Lead. She has been to Guatemala 13 times with a wheel chair Project and H2Open doors coinciding with our recent International Project trip.

Governor Mary Bates told us that the next District Conference is planned to be held at the **Bill and Adele Jonas** Community Center at Indian Valley College in May, 2021 and will be no more

that \$100 to attend.

Our Governor has a growing reputation for making listeners cry with her personal experience while wearing her Rotary Pin. Today she told us “**Victor’s Story.**”

At a non-Rotary, nonprofit meeting during a break she was approached by a man who told her, “Rotary saved my life” when he recognized her Rotary pin.

Victor Nunnemaker (past Rotary Scholar) told **Mary** an outline of his life. Abusive family, befriended by a teacher. A good student. He applied for Rotary Scholar Youth Exchange to Germany. He thrived in a loving host family with supported sisters and brothers. He had food and clothes and felt cared for. **Victor** flourished. He attended College on a Global Scholarship in Germany. Masters in Finance. In US. Goes to his apple farm in Oregon and donates apples. He is in Rotary Presidential training and on his speaking tour he donates \$1,000 to TRF after every speech. Kleenex please.

The moral to the story is “Wear your Rotary PIN!”

The Winner

The Raffle was won by **Dr. Craig McCurdy.**

ESRAG Meeting

There were 8 participants for our first ESRAG (Environment Sustainability Rotary Action Group) meeting on August 11th. **Captain Ron** listened to our questions and ideas. We are planning a visit, when allowed, to Water District and Recology recycling Center.



Celebrating August Birthdays at Sam's Place!



Veterans and Rotarians Bill McDill and Greg Molloy featured on Downtown Novato street banners.



District Governor Mary Bates.



Russ and Kathleen Ketron were honored.

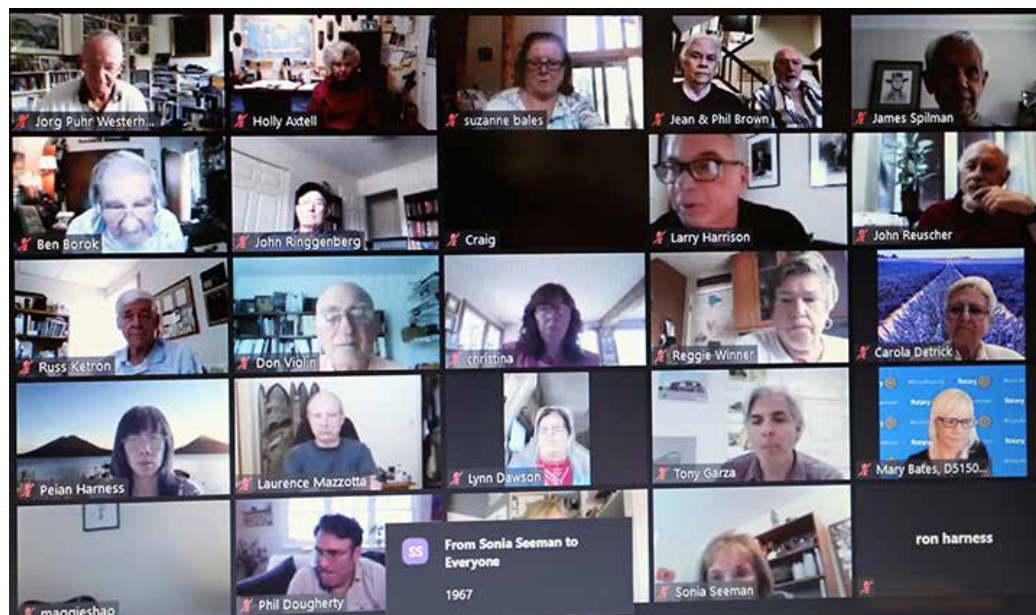


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Rotary Zoom Meeting: August 14, 2020



Early to Zoom for pre-meeting chit-chat.



We had 43 Zoom meeting participants.