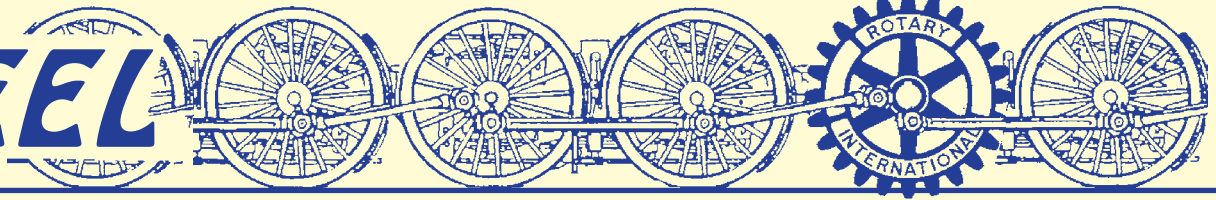


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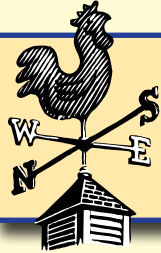


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Drelude

“It will soon shake your windows and rattle your walls, for the times they are a changing.” Our Officers and Board are moving mountains.

By now we have received a “snail mail” large envelope with a plan for gaining New Members included with Rotary pins and promise of **Reggie’s Cookies!** What more is there?



Compliments to all Directors and Officers and especially Membership leaders **Christina Stroeh** and **Sonia Seeman**.

My favorite part of New Membership Plan was described as Rotary Club unique opportunities: “Participation that complements your individual life-style needs!” We can silently slip behind or meet the needs of today’s world. 65 years is a foundation to build on. Like today’s Guest Speaker PP Mill Valley Rotary, **Dick Spotswood** said, “today people are not seeking face to face connections.” Social Media has changed people. We need to attract people in a different way.

In spite of seen and unseen tech obstacles our Zoom meeting participation rocks with “53” today. Some of us picked up sandwiches at Sam’s. Ham, turkey or tuna with potato salad and beverage. I was

Check your email for links to our upcoming Zoom meetings!

at Sam’s at 11:15 and asked if that was a good time? “Yes” was the reply - to avoid the lunch rush.

The Meeting

After 30 minutes of Zoom pre-meeting chit chat and banter, **President Chris DeGabriele** began the meeting promptly at 12:30.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Tommy Lee**. **Mike Morrissey** shared the flag.

Thought for the Day: **Patti Hurst** - “That we believe in ourselves and that our contributions will make a change.”

Zoom etiquette: as a reminder, if you are signed on by your cell phone code downloaded to Zoom, we can hear your “phone conversations” in addition to static. It would be best to wait until after the meeting. An alternate way to connect to Rotary Zoom meeting is to submit the Zoom ID and Password at 12:00 to Join the Meeting which is enclosed in **Reggie’s** Zoom meeting reminder.

Announcements

Environment Sustainability Rotary Action Group

PP Ron Harness reminded us of a new Rotary International area of focus, Environment. **PP Ron** is the District 5150 Captain for our Club and has made an open invitation to all interested members. He has 10-12 respondents and the (ESRAG) Environment Sustainability Rotary Action Group will meet on August 11 at 5:30. Please Email **Ron** and get on the ESRAG notification list for further information.

Rotary Tribute and Display

PP Larry Harrison spoke at length about making a physical tribute to the **Bill and Adele Jonas** in addition to a permanent wall display of our Club history and asked for photos and memorable stories. What a great idea. He shared a diagram show where this could be displayed inside the dining conference room area.

The Rotary Foundation

PP Jorg Puhr-Westerheide our Rotary Foundation representative said an average donation is \$200. He mentioned how the money comes back to our specific Club in 3 years.

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NEW MEMBER NOTICE

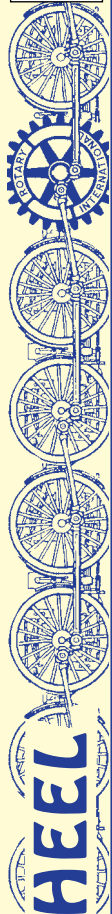
The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the Board of Directors and the membership:

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. 14 **District 5150 Governor Mary Bates**
- Aug. 21 **Speaker TBA** - Update on Margaret Todd facility changes.
- Aug. 28 **No Meeting**- Potluck at Stroehs at 5:30p.m.

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

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Birthdays and More...

Lowell Smith is 89. **Jay Wayne** received duplicate cards and gift cards. More Birthday celebrations to follow at the Birthday Breakfast for all August Birthdays.

President Chris reminded the birthday honorees of a Breakfast with distance. He also spoke of **Patti's** transition across the nation. Zoom does eliminate the distance, she reminded us.

Children steal the show, add talented **VP Christina** at the piano and **Mike Morrissey's** talented grandson **Harvey** with encouraging parents creates a song before our eyes on video. **Christina** asked **Harvey** what he likes. Voila! A song was born that **Christina** made on the spot with **Harvey** and his parents dancing. Our Club has variety of every description.

How much can you do in 1 hour!

Guest Speaker

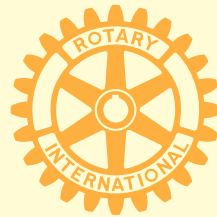
Jay Wayne introduced PP Mill Valley Rotary and Mayor, Marin IJ Columnist and a few other occupations, **Dick Spotswood**.

Mr. Spotswood touched on many subjects reflective of our current Pandemic, Black Lives Matter protests, Violence and the Election. He mentioned how grateful he was that his family was in the Bay Area. He spoke of African politics in reference to today's Democratic or Republican identity. He is very concerned that the election system will collapse as a result of large disparities in counting the results. He mentioned in 2016 it took Sonoma County 1 month to figure out who won. I believe this also occurred in the Marin Supervisorial race. He felt that if 35% of voters feel the election is "rigged" it will fail. He says we need to focus on our local government, good people on the City Council, Fire and Sanitation.

He feels we all have a short attention span and will move forward to a better year in 2021. He recommends a book, "Bowling alone" and our new generation is no longer meeting people due to social media.

He says we need a Social Credibility and a Civic Culture. "We are all in this together."

Before I forget: **Moses** won the Raffle which is selected by **Jim Spilman's** Excel spreadsheet random pick formula.



From the Marin Independent Journal

Milestones

Good news about Marin people



Scholarships: The Rotary Club of Novato awarded scholarships to graduating seniors from Novato high schools. The recipients were Kelsey McIvor Tingle; Sandra Maldonado; Sarah Newman; Matthew Sargent; Elizabeth Meehan; Nancy Shin; Charlotte Marsh; Athena Yap; Noah Taylor; Leah Coale;

Ava Francis Hall; Jessica Santana; Emely Reyes Rodas; Camille Krejdovsky; Gianna Marino; Audrey Uyesugi; Melissa Elizarraras; Zoe Steiner; Allura Baker; Malachi Rodriguez; and Elsa Dunn.

Dean's list: Alexander Anastassiou, of San Anselmo, was named to the dean's list at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, for the spring 2020 semester.

Dean's list: Jack Valen, Jacob Nishimura and Sean Clark, all of Mill Valley, and Lily Harding, of Kentfield, were named to the dean's list at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, for the fall 2019 semester.

Rotary Photo Album



Rotary members and Veterans Bill Cope and Don Violin featured on downtown Novato banners.
(Phil Brown was featured in the July 17 bulletin.)



Zoom meeting with lunch from Sam's.

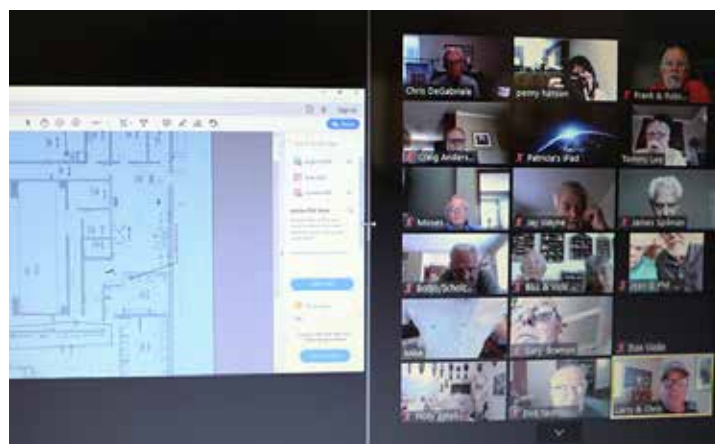


Zoom meeting attendance reached - 53.

Rotary Zoom Meeting: August 7, 2020



Guest Speaker, Dick Spotswood.



Past President Larry Harrison shows possible location as a tribute display to 65 Years of Rotary Club of Novato at the Bill and Adele Jonas Center.

Community Service Project

John Cutrufelli, Ed Ross (prospective member) & Jim Spilman installed pleated shades at the Lynwood Elementary school library for Leadership Novato. Rochell Overn was the project coordinator for the Leadership Novato team. The project was completed on Saturday, 7-25-20.



Left: Harvey and Christina create a song.

Below: Christina, Harvey, and his mom and dad.

