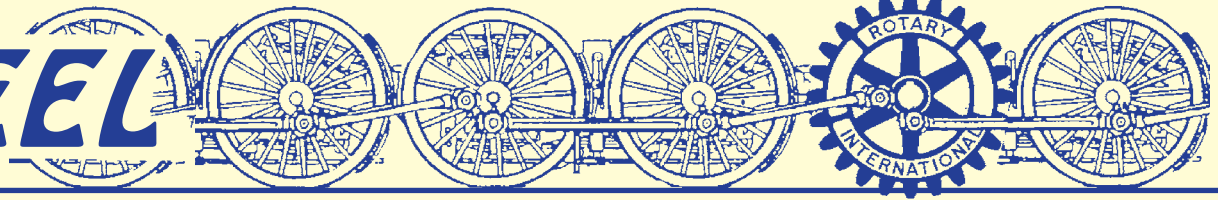


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

Prez. Chris opened the meeting with **Jim Spilman** giving the Pledge. **Jim** got lost in Zoom Land, so **Prez. Chris** led us in the Pledge.

Tiffany Fischer quoted **Past President Ronald Reagan** who said "Some people spend their lives wondering if they made a difference in life." Whereas, **Tiffany** added, Marines know they did. By the way, **Tiffany** is a Marine!

Visiting Rotarians

Ed Cecil was with us again from North Carolina. We'd rather have **Coach 'K'** from Duke University. Also, **John Ruescher** of Novato Sunrise joined. Our Speaker, **Gil Sanborn**, is also a member of Novato Sunrise.

Guests

We were graced with the presence of **Roberta Dunham (Alan)**, **Vicki McDill (Billy)**, and **Diane Spilman (Jimmy)**. Scholarship winner **Alana Moran**, soon to be a registered nurse was with us. Finally, **Roy Pfeifer**, soon to be a Rotarian joined us again.

Sack Lunched

There were many 'bagged' members.

Let There Be Sunshine

Alan and **Roberta Dunham** told us about **Roberta's** back operation this following week. Think good thoughts for them.

Check your email for links to our upcoming Zoom meetings!

Announcements

Tribute to Rotary

Penny Hansen informed us that the Tribute to Rotary, covering all areas of services is coming together well.

Bring Out the Goat!

Yes, the induction of our newest member, **Ryan Pocock**, was officiated over by **Past Prez. Ron Harness**. (No Goat... It was served as BBQ'd sandwiches by Sam's.) **Ron** advised **Ryan** there were many areas he could get involved in and he should get into it. **Ryan** is a representative of Novato Community Hospital. **Ryan** received a riotous ovation provided by **Mike Morrissey**.



Rich Nave Epilogue

Did you know that **Rich** was (is) a Marine. We know he's made a difference in life. Not only does **Rich** (and **Dolly**) have 8 kids, he also has 25 grandkids and 8 great grand kids. He celebrated his 90th birthday at Blue Lake with some of his family. Obviously his closest relatives.

Program

Excellent Program! **Gary Bramon** intro'd **Gil Sanborn** (no, he's not with Chase), and who was by the World Trade Center in New York City on 9/11, 2001. **Mr. Sanborn** lives in San Rafael and is in the financial business. He is a member of the Novato Sunrise Rotary Club. He started his talk by giving us "the bird" by stating that Rotary was just like the Kiwanis of which he's a former member.

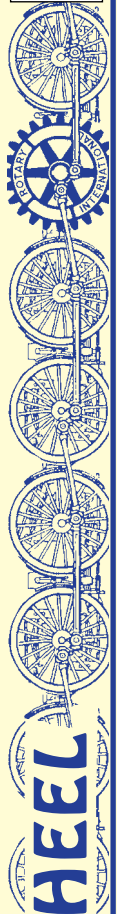
Mr. Sanborn noted that 9/11 was a "glorious" day, not a cloud in the sky. It had been a weather storm the day before. **Mr. Sanborn** was on the nineteenth floor, in

a building that was a short distance from the World Trade Center towers. He had a very clear view from the corner windows of his building. When the North Tower was hit the floors of his building rumbled. He saw the North Tower on fire. Later United Flight 173 slammed into the South Tower. That's when they abandoned his building. He found a dining room worker paralyzed by being petrified and helped her down the nineteen floors by the stairs. There was very heavy traffic on the stairs. When he got outside, **Sanborn** saw many firemen running to the Towers. He was very, very nervous until he saw one of the Air Force F15's piloted by **Lt. Duffy**, fly overhead. This calmed him down. **Sanborn** next asked a fireman if he could help and was told to go to Bellevue Hospital and give blood. He went there, but they were already out of blood bags. Since 9/11 **Mr. Sanborn** has been involved with helping many military groups from platoons up to brigades. We can all remember where we were when 9/11 happened. **Ben & Frances, Frank & Donna, Bill & Vicki, and Dean & Jo** were in Zurich, Switzerland. It was early afternoon and a man walked up to **Ben** and said something. We all asked **Ben** what the guy said. **Ben** told us that he said the World Trade Center had been attacked and so had the Pentagon. Then we walked down a street and there was a crowd looking into a store window. We walked up and looked and watched the aircraft fly into the South Tower. It was surreal, like watching a 1950's movie.

Raffle

The twenty five bucks was won by **Camie Studley's** caregiver, **Daisy**. She gave us her number, true!

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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?"

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/

UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING



"My Experiences on Jeopardy"

Leslie E. Frates, a rabid Jeopardy fan since 1964, will tell us of her experience being the Winner of \$56,099 on five regular Jeopardy episodes broadcast February 1-7, 1991.

Winner of \$5,000 in Jeopardy Tournament of Champions (Semi-finalist). (Almost winner of Semi-Final broadcast November 11, 1991, but best showing by a woman in three years). Winner of \$7,500 in Jeopardy 10th Anniversary Tournament broadcast week of November 29-December 3, 1993 (finalist, 3rd place). Participant in "Battle of the Bay Area Brains" Charity Tournament for KGO/Red Cross (3rd place), March 20, 1998. Winner of \$25,000 in Jeopardy Million Dollar Masters Tournament at Radio City Music Hall in New York (Semi-finalist), May 1-14, 2002. Participant in the "Ultimate Tournament of Champions," February 2005. Participant in the "80's Battle of the Decades Tournament," February 2014.

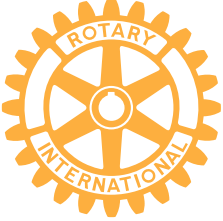
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Upcoming Programs

September

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

Sept. 25 **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.



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People of Action Around the Globe — BRAD WEBBER, Rotary International News

United States

The Rotary Club of Yakima Sunrise, Washington, has installed nine pianos in public spots where anyone can sit down and tickle the ivories — and the community. Sites include brewpubs, a shopping mall, and a coffee shop, and more installations are planned soon. The Painted Piano Project also provided stipends of \$300 to artists who decorated the donated instruments.

A Heintzman & Co. piano made of crystal was sold at auction for \$3.2 million.

“People stop to listen to the music or take a moment to examine the beautiful artwork,” says Nathan Hull, the club’s immediate past president. “The pianists play everything from Mozart to Van Halen, and that has been a lot of fun.”

United Kingdom

To raise funds for End Polio Now, the Rotary Club of Narberth & Whitland is selling Rotary-themed scarves designed by fashion and textiles student Mia Hewitson-Jones with help from graphics student Sam Stables, both enrolled at Pembrokeshire College. The scarves went on sale in 2019 after the club garnered approval from Rotary International for use of the logo. By April of this year, nearly 100 scarves had been sold and another shipment was on the way, says club member John Hughes. “We have sold a few in America and Canada,” adds Hughes. The idea of selling specially designed scarves was conceived by Mary Adams when she was president-elect of the club in 2016.

Romania

Faced with the coronavirus pandemic, the Rotaract Club of Cluj-Napoca “SAMVS” adapted an online mental health campaign on the club’s social media accounts, encouraging people to engage in satisfying activities, such as art. The social media campaign focused on “how to make the best of your #stayhome experience,” says

club member Loana Vultur. More than 3,000 people have viewed the club’s posts on Facebook and Instagram. “No money was necessary,” Vultur says. “Our resources were our minds, creativity, and the will to help. In Romania we have the expression, ‘Make heaven from what you have.’”

Guatemala

More than 100 Guatemalan women have been helped financially by the Interact Club of Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, California; its sponsoring Rotary Club of San Mateo; and the nonprofit group Namaste Direct. Over the years, about 100 Hillsdale Interactors have joined chaperone Rotarians and teachers on trips to Antigua, a city in Guatemala’s central highlands, to meet the women who have received grants funded through student-led fundraising events including “penny war” collections and taco dinners.

The site visits are eye-openers for the students, who see how microloans, financial literacy workshops, and mentorship have empowered the women, says Namaste Direct’s founder and chief executive, Robert Graham. He cites Namaste’s policy of charging lower interest rates than many other nongovernmental organizations (loans range from a few hundred dollars to \$4,000), its adherence to Western consulting methodologies, and Rotary involvement as major reasons for the program’s



success. “Many women have corner convenience stores, while others purchase clothing and household goods in bulk for resale at the local market,” Graham says. Other beneficiaries include a nut vendor, a chicken butcher, and a chocolatier.

India

In the Rotary Club of Vapi’s first 20 years, club members oversaw the establishment of a school, a hospital, and a college. “Our club created an entire town worth residing in,” says Ketan Patel. In 2011, seeking a way to honor the RI presidency of club member Kalyan Banerjee, the Rotarians embarked on a project to provide free kidney dialysis that continues to this day. Nearly 3,800 patients have received more than 32,000 procedures. “The entire treatment is free of charge,” says Patel. The cost of the dialysis project is covered by Rotarian and community contributions, along with club fundraising.



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

Leo Roy Pfeifer
Retired - Major, US Air Force

if there are no objections by:
Tuesday, September 17, 2020

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:
Friday, September 18, 2020

Reggie Winner
Secretary

Rotary Zoom Meeting: September 11, 2020



President Chris leads us through the Zoom Meeting.



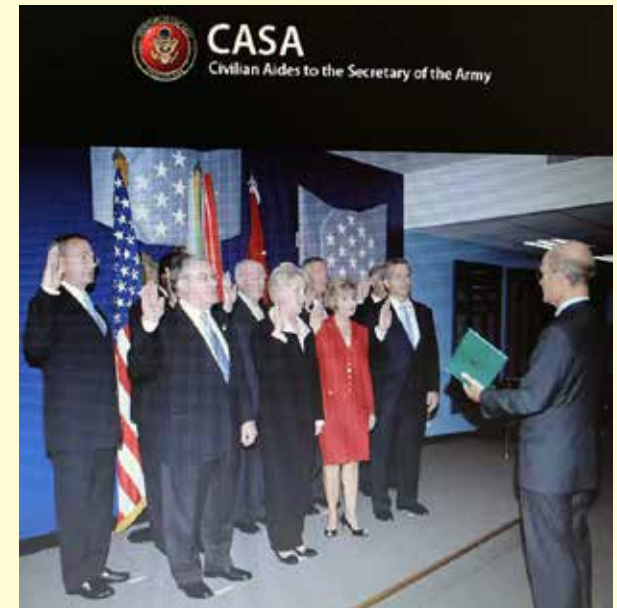
Right: Gil Sanborn, Civilian Aide to Sec. of Army, member of Novato Sunrise Rotary.



New Member Ryan Pocock was introduced by Past President Ron Harness.



Gil Sanborn was on the 19th floor of the Lehman Brothers building (furthest left) and helped others out.



Swearing in ceremony to CASA in the Hall of Heroes.