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Check your email for links to our upcoming Zoom meetings!

In the Beginning...

Prez Chris opened the Zoom meeting Ding Dong!

Suzanne Bales led the Pledge from her place at Tahoe while **Holly Axtell** provided us with thoughts left by: **John F. Kennedy** - "Change is the law of life."

Eleanor Roosevelt - "Learn from the mistakes of others, don't repeat them."

May West - "If caught between two evils, take the one you haven't tried before."

We Got Guests!

Our sage member, **Rich Nave**, celebrating 90 years, was with us for the first time in many, many moons. Potential new member, **Roy Pfeifer** was here. Also with us were **Dennis Sato** and **Kathy Cheek**. Two Rotarians, **John Ruescher** from Novato Sunrise and **Ed Cecil** from North Carolina Zoomed in.

A Bag to Go

Prez Chris asked how many got sack lunches from Sam's. A whole bunch!

Gimme Some Sunshine

Unfortunately, **Roberta Dunham** is going into the hospital for back surgery. Hope all goes well.

Marty's Moment with Rich Nave

Yes, **Marty's** special guest this week was 90 year old **Rich Nave**. **Rich** was born and raised in Marin County and was quite the athlete in basketball, football and track (chasing girls!) **Rich** was married to the fabulous **Dolly** and they were the proud parents of eight kids. Eight! Well, eight is enough.



Rich graduated from San Rafael High and also went to College of Marin and S.F. State. A great athlete (jock), **Rich** is in three Sports Hall of Fames for his football prowess.

Rich has been an important part of Marin Communities over the years, including: President, Novato Chamber of Commerce; Marin County Visitors Bureau, Marin County Property Developers,

Marin County Aviation.

Rich was also a member of the San Rafael City Council to support athletes here. **Rich** is a member of the Marin Athletic Foundation.

Rich forgot to mention the Novato Druids which he's been a member of for more than sixty years. His dad and grand dad were also Novato Druids.

Marty asked **Rich** what was his favorite Rotary Project and he stated building Nova-Ro I was by far his favorite.

Hey! A New Member

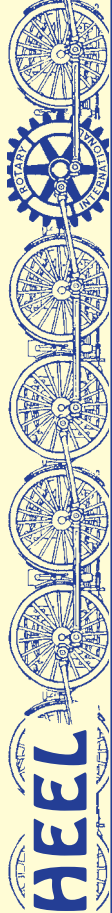
Prez Chris reminded us we should all be working on bringing qualified new members into the Club.

Speaker

Ryan Pocock introduced **Shannon Thomas**, who is the Administrative Officer of the Novato Community Hospital.

Shannon first stated that Sutter's mission is to provide excellent health care. **Shannon** explained that Sutter Headquarters in Sacramento is a non-profit corporation. Novato Community Sutter has achieved many rewards, including from the American Heart Association as a Certified Stroke and Heart Hospital. They also have some of the lowest waiting times of all hospitals in Northern California even though they handle 92,000 patients

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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
 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 "Lessons From 9/11"

Gil Sanborn witnessed the attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11 from the next building. The events of that morning were life changing for him and when the United States went to war in Iraq, **Gil** decided to support Soldiers who were risking their lives for him, as had the first responders on 9/11. He adopted an Army Brigade based in Germany with 4,300 Soldiers and organized his community in Connecticut to support the Soldiers downrange, Families and Wounded Soldiers through three deployments. As a result of his initiatives, he was appointed as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, educating the public about the Army and supporting Soldiers and their Families. He has served as a "CASA" for 12 years, including for the past five years in Northern California. He spent 40+ years in investment banking restructuring troubled companies and sovereign-related credits and is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Harvard Business School.

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Upcoming Programs

September

- Sept. 11 Speaker Chair - **Gary Bramon**.
Gil Sanborn: "Lessons from 9/11"
- 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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a year. Fortunately they have low rates of test positive for COVID-19.

Shannon added that Novato Sutter is also an orthopedic Center of Excellence. There are only 13 hospitals with that rating in the State and only three in Northern California.

Next year they'll be celebrating their Twentieth Anniversary at their current location. **Lowell Smith** was the Administrative Officer twenty years ago and he gets the credit for building the new hospital.

Raffle

Dennis Hagerty won the twenty five bucks.



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

Bill & Adele Jonas Center Construction Progress



Rotary Zoom Meeting: September 4, 2020



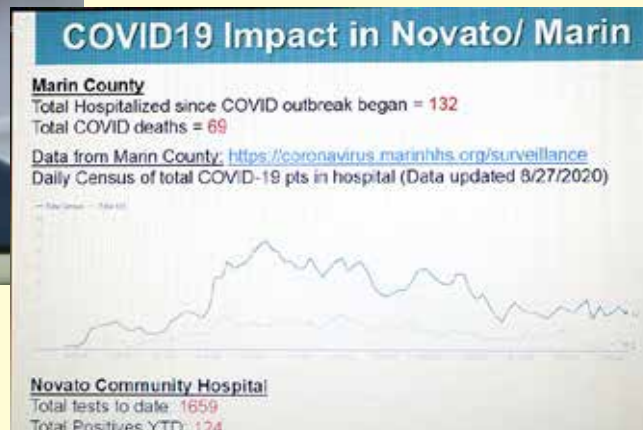
Zoom Meeting participants.

Marty's Moments with Rich Nave



Left: Guest speaker Shannon Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief of Nurses at Sutter Novato Community Hospital.

Below: COVID-19 impact in Novato/Marin.



Photos by Penny Hansen.