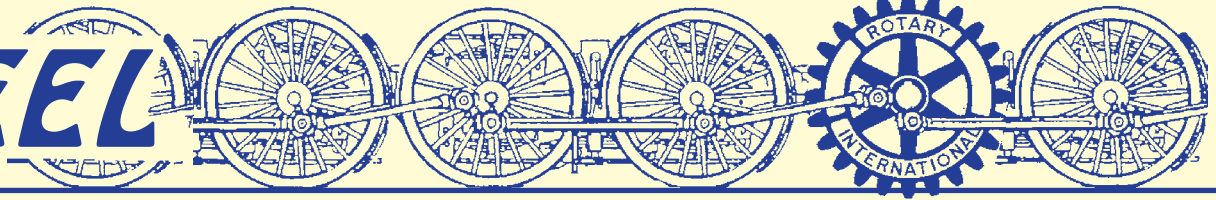


# The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## In the Beginning...

President Chris called on Debbie Brusatori to lead the Pledge and Penny Hansen offered the Thought of the Day: "We must be grateful and give unexpected kindness to everyone."

## Guests & Visitors

Quite a few guests were present: Vicki McDill, Gloria Dunn-Violin; Rhett Martino (prior Rotary scholarship winner); Dean Moser; Jack Jenkins; John Reusher; Nancy Rozell and Andy Pansini. Whew!!!

## Sunshine Report

Marty Wickenheiser mentioned an update on Joyce Palmer. She is at Novato's Atria and cards would be appreciated

Vicki McDill said Camie Studley is doing better now that she has a hospital bed.

Alan mentioned Roberta had a successful cataract surgery.



## Announcements

### PRLS Program

Richard Swartz, from the SF Rotary, discussed the upcoming PRLS program, Potential Rotary Leaders Seminars. January 16th is the Zoom date. The program is about 4-1/2 hours, morning presentation. Topics covered include Fundamentals of Leadership, Leading a Meeting, Rotary, Your Club and You, Effective Communication, and Public Speaking Essentials. Rich raved about all he had learned from his PRLS time and stated he found the training extremely useful in his daily life. Contact Ivana Hubertova, ivanahrotary@gmail.com if you have questions. Cost is \$25 and here is a link [https://rotary5150.org/event/prls---potential-rotary-leaders-\(basic\)/](https://rotary5150.org/event/prls---potential-rotary-leaders-(basic)/)

### NON Polenta Western Feed & Dance

Craig MCurdy, attired in Western attire, is pitching the NON Polenta Feed. Be on the lookout for your invite to the Non-Event. A reminder this is our Clubs biggest fundraiser so everyone needs to step it up! The Endowment Fund is so close to the million dollar goal. This is the year we could do it. The date for the Non-Event is February 6th.

### Super Bowl Board

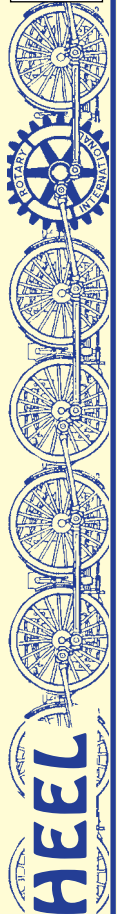
Frank Bruno is running the Super Bowl Board once again. When he opened it up last week, he filled the 100 spot board in just two hours. Another board has been made available. Squares are \$20 each and each winner will receive \$250 per quarter with the final quarter being the final score, in case of overtime.

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The Rotary Club of Novato

**NON**  
**Western**  
**Polenta Feed**  
**& Dance**

**Look for your invitation**  
**for the Non-Event!**



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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/](http://Rotary5150.org/clubs/rotary-club-directory/)



UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING  
January 15

"Musical Moments"  
with Joni DeGabriele

**Mrs. D.** and Friends will entertain you and provide an example of **Joni** teaching social/emotional skills with music and puppets. Have your **CHILDREN** and **GRANDCHILDREN** attend. This is a day off school, so invite them all and remember Zoom is portable. ***This will be a special show!***

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## Upcoming Programs

January - Happy New Year!

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Jan. 22	<b>Bill Hollibaugh - Bill</b> will talk about climate change from a different perspective. "Is Solar Energy the Answer?" He has been on the <b>Ronn Owens</b> Show over the years discussing the issue. <b>Bill</b> and his son <b>Mike</b> will give the presentation and we believe you will like the thoughts from two inventors and successful businessman.
Jan.29	Club Assembly: <b>Chris De Gabriele</b>

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## Blue Book

**President Chris** ran a poll in response to a member asking for an update on the Blue Book (membership directory), There are four ways of obtaining membership contact information: our web site, the shaded sheet, the Blue Book and the Rotary app. The poll showed very few use the web site. The poll numbers reflected a high interest in updating the Blue Book.

## Recognitions



New Year's Day baby **Ben Borok** celebrated quietly. No jammed packed Times Square gathering to watch, no Rose Parade to welcome the first. **Ben** also shared this is his 45th year as a Novato Rotarian, It

was discussed **Paul Scheller** is our most senior member.

**Jay Wayne** shared his January 4th birthday with neighbors. About 15 neighbors lined up on the **Wayne's** driveway to sing happy birthday. **Jay** mentioned he has 36 years in as a Novato Rotarian.

Georgian **Patti Hurst** celebrated a January 7th birthday. **Patti** had Zoom cocktails with high school girl friends, and got to enjoy Zoom closeness with son **Matthew** and the grandkids.

## The Speaker

On to our speaker, which is why we have numerous guests. **Gary Green, MD** is an infectious disease specialist for Sutter Hospitals. He discussed the epidemiology, the vaccine, and new variants of Covid-19. He stated the United States is the worst country in the world right now. Two people are dying every minute.

January is proving to be the worst month with the highest fatalities.

In discussing the variants he mentioned three are now circulating in the United States. The variants are more transmissible but not more severe.

He feels that the 75 years and older tier will start vaccinating by January 14th. The different vaccines are very safe with very few reactions. It is important to take both injections with the vaccines requiring two doses. The effective rate goes for 50% to 95% with the second does. **Dr. Green** did close with the comment we haven't yet seen the worst!



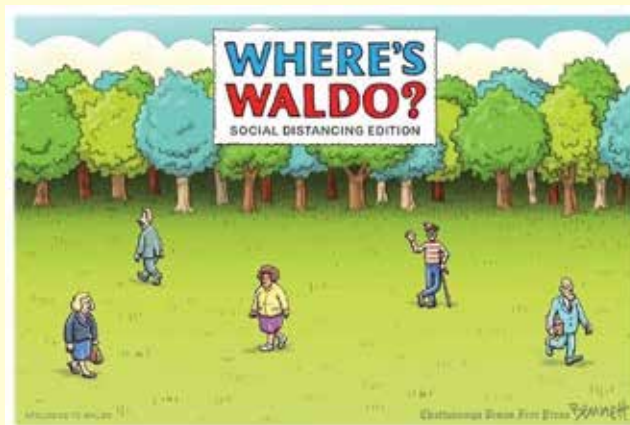
## Next Week's Meeting

Turn in next meeting with the grandkids or kids. Presidential wife **Joni DeGabriele** will be offering up musical moments.

## The Winner

**Peter Oser** was the lucky winner of the \$25.

*Stay safe and healthy everyone!!*



## Ready to Enhance your Leadership Skills?

*Potential Rotary Leaders Seminars is your leadership development program!*

Rotary District 5150's PRLS program offers practical training in professional circumstances that can benefit you on both a personal and professional level.

### Saturday, January 16

The introductory PRLS program consists of 4½ hours of ZOOM presentations and activities in one morning split among five topics.

- Fundamentals of Leadership
- Leading a Meeting
- Rotary, Your Club and You
- Effective Communication
- Public Speaking Essentials

Registration and Questions: **Ivana Hubertova**,  
District 5150 PRLS Co-Director  
at [ivanahrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ivanahrotary@gmail.com)

## ROTARY 101

Saturday, January 16 • 1:00 p.m.

You are invited to participate in "Rotary 101" zoom meeting created by PDG Ron Gin. Learn the history of Rotary and some interesting factoids. Redesigned with zoom participation in mind. (*mobile phone participation not recommended - too small of a screen and unable to see the rest of the participants.*) This is a great presentation for new and potential Rotarians!

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85496827292?pwd=dVNnUjJ3RjNTYTdjNkhaaExIMHZDdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 854 9682 7292

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# Rotary Photo Album - January 8, 2021



Guest speaker Dr. Gary Green.



Global spread of Covid.



61 participants to hear Dr. Green.

