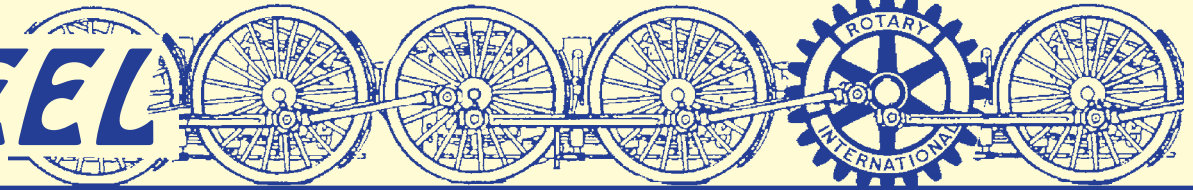


The BIG WHEEL



Rotary Club of Novato

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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning

This was not your normal meeting.

President Christina Stroeh opened the meeting at the Jonas Center at 12:15. She mentioned she would be leaving early as she was asked to play and sing at a family funeral for **David Jones**.

Sadie Remak led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Dean Heffelfinger** shared his friendship with **David Jones** and some of his responsibilities in our Rotary Club including being President in 1988-89. He gave us the 'Thought of the Day', quoting **Dr. Seuss** "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." He followed with a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine.

Visitors & Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians. Guests included **Vicki McDill** with **Bill**, **Kathy Ketron** with **Russ**, **Jim White** with **Jay Wayne** and **Sadie Remak** with **Marisa**.

Announcements

Drawing

Jim Spilman explained the rules for the 25er.

Picnic at Pioneer Park

President Christina gave a brief report on last Friday's picnic in Pioneer Park. All who attended had a great time.

Novato Advance

President Christina thanked **Penny Hansen** for providing an article to the Novato Advance about **Sonia Seeman** being Rotarian of the Month for District 5150.

Areas of Focus

Ron Harness shared a video to help explain Rotary's Areas of Focus.

Environment

Roy Pfeifer's weekly recommendation, "Bring your own silverware." Also, avoid plastic straws and manufactured fabrics such as nylon. Purchase clothes made of natural materials such as cotton, linen, wool and silk which will decompose.

Super Bowl Winners

Frank Bruno announced the winners and presented them with their winnings: **Diane Spilman** \$500, **Susie McCurdy** \$500, **Frank Bruno** \$250, **Phil Dougherty** \$250, **Sandy Hufford** \$250 49er Booster Club, **Dave Drews** \$250 49er Booster Club.

"Love, Loss and What I Wore" - Fundraiser

"Love, Loss and What I Wore," is a play serving as a fundraiser for the non-profit Bloom and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Novato. Members of all three Novato Rotary Clubs will be participating. The play will be at the Jonas Center on Sunday, March 13 at 2:00. \$25 tickets can be purchased at door or online at NovatoRotary.org.

Ukraine and Rotary Club of Novato

Mike Morrissey shared his and **Jacqueline's** experience in Ukraine in 2016. They attended a ceremony that included multiple recognitions of **John Elloway** who was instrumental in the reactivation and expansion of Rotary in Ukraine after the fall of the Soviet Union.

Community Service - Volunteers Needed

Gloria Dunn-Violin announced that our Club will be supporting Ignacio Rotary's tree planting project at IVC. Please let **Gloria** know if you would like to participate on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday mornings, March 14, 15, and 16. Email **Gloria** at gloriaviolin@yahoo.com.

Blood Drive

Jim Spilman announced a Blood Drive on March 23 sponsored by the San Rafael Elks.

Community Service Work Party

Jim Spilman thanked the following who showed up for a work party to remove juniper at the San Rafael Evening Club's project for the Elpida Residential Home for mentally ill in Terra Linda: **Larry Mazzotta**, **Marty Wickenheiser**, **Fred Anderson**, **Jim Botko**, **Chris DeGabriele** and **John Cutrufelli** who showed up with an excavator which saved the day.

Novato Rotary Endowment

Jay Wayne mentioned that the Novato Rotary Endowment which was formed in 1992 is in the process of bringing the By-Laws up to date. The Amendments will be brought to the Club for approval.

Youth Protection Certification

Lynn Dawson reminded members that any Rotarian, Rotarian partner, or volunteer who has contact with youth in a Rotary context must become fully Youth Protection Certified. Specific details and process to become certified will be in a separate mailing.

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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:

Peter Pelavin / Estate Planning and Administration

Jim White / Retail Office Products, Retired

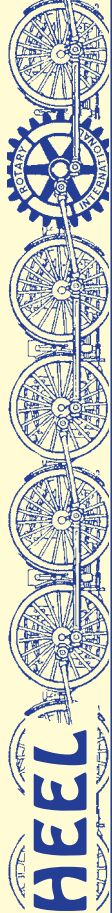
if there are no objections by:

Thursday, March 3, 2022

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:

Friday, March 4, 2022

Phil Dougherty
Secretary



P.O. Box 657
Novato, CA 94948

"Serve to Change Lives"

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?"



Rotary Club Meeting March 4

**Bill and Adele Jonas Center
& ZOOM**

Hamilton History

**Speaker:
Ray Dwelly**

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/

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Upcoming Programs

March 2022

- Mar. 4 **Ray Dwelly:** Hamilton History
- Mar. 11 **NO MEETING**
- Mar. 13 **Women in Rotary event:
Nora Ephron Play**
- Mar. 18 **Jane Martin:**
Irish Culture, History and Poetry
- Mar. 25 **TBD**

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Chris DeGabriele
Past President

Program

The scheduled speaker canceled due to the status of the COVID regulations. Our own **Frank Bruno** came to the rescue and entertained us with **Henny Youngman** one liners. Perfect solution for an awkward situation. Thanks, **Frank!**

Memories of David Jones

Members **Alan Dunham**, **TJ Neff**, **Don Violin**, **Russ Ketron** and **Jim Spilman** shared stories of their relationships with **David Jones**. Together, a picture was painted of a wonderful human being who contributed so much for good.

The Big Winner

This week's winner was Zoom attendee **Joy Fillman**.

Next Weeks Program

Ray Dwelly, manager of the Hamilton Field History Museum will give a talk on "The History of Hamilton Field."

27th Annual
Proceeds Support Community and International Service Projects

Rotary Club of Novato

Western BBQ & Line Dance

Bill & Adele Jonas Center
IVC Campus, Novato

Saturday, May 21, 2022

5:30 - 6:30 - BELLY-UP to the Bar
6:30 - Dinner · Auctions through the Evening

Menu
BBQ Chicken Thighs, Pulled Pork
Beans, Cole Slaw & French Roll

LIVE MUSIC

BIG SKY AUCTION

PIE AUCTION

\$45 per Person
Tickets are Available From Novato Rotary Club Members

Tickets may also be purchased at novatorotary.org or use QR Code below

Please make checks payable to:
Novato Rotary Endowment
P.O. Box 657 • Novato, CA 94948

NO Tickets at the Door!

All CDC, State and Local COVID Guidelines will be followed.

The Rotary Club of Novato presents
A Women in Rotary Fundraiser benefiting the non-profit Bloom!

Love, Loss and What I Wore

A play by Nora Ephron and Delia Ephron,
Based on the Book by Ilene Beckerman

Featuring Rotarian cast and crew from all 3 Novato Rotary Clubs!

Play & Dessert Reception

Sunday, March 13, 2022
2:00 pm

Bill and Adele Jonas Center
COM/IVC Campus
1800 Ignacio Blvd. • Novato

Rotary Club of Novato

Women in Rotary

Benefiting Bloom

Sponsored By JACKSON-BORDERS

\$25 Admission
Purchase Tickets at door online at NovatoRotary.org or scan QR code.

Please bring a gently used handbag or costume jewelry to donate to Bloom!

Questions: Email Christina Stroeh at christina.stroeh@gmail.com

All CDC, State and Local COVID guidelines will be followed. Masks required.

Help Plant Trees at IVC

Help plant trees with Ignacio Rotary at IVC by signing up with **Gloria Dunn-Violin** for Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday mornings, March 14, 15, and 16. Email date you are available to Gloria at gloriaviolin@yahoo.com.

March Special Dates

- 3-6 Dave Kapranos
- 3-9 Rhonda Crofts
- 3-10 Keith Axtell
- 3-10 Alan Dunham
- 3-12 Leslie Prado
- 3-12 Linda Puhr-Westerheide
- 3-14 Frances & Ben Borok
- 3-14 PhD, Joy Fillman
- 3-16 Brad Williams
- 3-23 Robert Marshall
- 3-24 Steve Ghirardo
- 3-28 Roberta Dunham
- 3-30 Robin Bruno
- 3-30 Vicki & Bill McDill
- 3-31 Debbie Brusatori
- 3-31 Diane Oser

Remembering Dave Jones



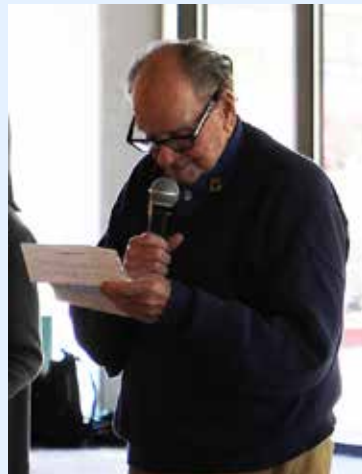
TJ Neff shares a memory of Dave Jones helping him with business issues.



Jim Spilman recalls Peter Fulchiron and Dave Jones pushing a ditch digger.



PP and PDG Russ Ketron shares memories of Dave Jones and Polio Fund efforts.



Courage keeps us standing with Dean Heffelfinger's "Thought for the Day" facing global pandemic, war and the loss of a dear friend.



Mike Morrissey went to Ukraine on behalf of John Elloway to pick up his thank you trophy for Polio Education.



Past President Frank Bruno steps up with humor.



Left: Gloria Dunn-Violin needs volunteers for more IVC tree planting. Right: Environmental Chairwoman Gloria Dunn-Violin and future president Peian Harness planting trees for IVC.

