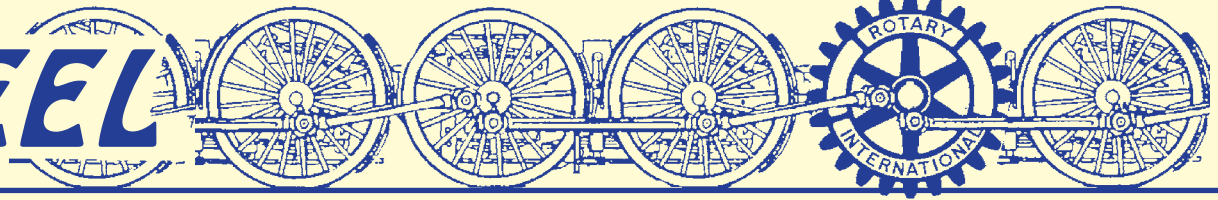


# The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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**NEEDED**  
**for the Months of**  
**April, May, June & July**

**Contact Bill Vespa**  
**Support the most interesting Rotary Club ever!**  
**Help share the meeting with family, friends and**  
**members unable to attend.**

## In the Beginning...

**President Chris DeGabriele** rang the bell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by returning member **Gloria Dunn-Violin**.

The 'Thought for the Day' was given by **Lynn Dawson**. She tells us the possibly most used phrase in the past year is "you have to unmute." Explaining that metaphorically, we will all eventually "unmute" as we recover our joy as the Pandemic recedes.

## Announcements

### Sunshine Report

**Russ Ketron** told us that our 50-year member, **Dr. John Elloway**, Past President 1991-92, passed this a.m. at home with his wife **Maryann** at his side. Cards can be sent to **Maryann Elloway** at 17 Pleasant View Drive, Novato, CA 94947.

**John** traveled to Ukraine six times to help direct the formation of a country wide child Polio Vaccination Program in Ukraine.

In 2015 **John** explained to me the need and challenge of communicating with high levels of a corrupt government about vaccination as preventative medicine to save the children while under Ukraine seated Russian billionaire oligarchy privatizing the country for personal gain.

By approximately 2016, Ukraine invited **Dr. John Elloway** to receive an honorary thank you to him

for helping to create a state health department. **Dr. Elloway's** doctor did not want him to travel that far, so **Mike Morrissey** volunteered to go and brought home the plaque to our Club and included photos from the ceremony.

**Jim Spilman's** wife **Diane's** father passed away. Cards can be sent to Jim and Diane Spilman at 42 Blanca Drive, Novato, CA 94947.

### Community Service Project

We continue with our Community Service Project, for Marin Community Services, of food distribution on Tuesday, March 30.

### The Raffle

**Mike Morrissey** explained our Raffle.

### Interact Club

San Marin Interact Club Director **Katie Chase** introduced four Interact Club members on screen: **Amanda Opegard, Madella Tai, Anna Kilgariff** and **Stefania Bitton**. The Rotary Club of Novato sponsored Interact Club has 75 members with 35-40 participants continuing on Zoom. **Amanda** described the Zoom meetings with limited verbal interaction with members as a social drawback versus in-person. She explained that Interact satisfies the 40 hours of Community Service requirement to graduate.

The Interact Club has participated in the City Hall Brick laying refreshment stand, Polenta Feed, Los Robles Yardwork and Car Wash Fundraiser.

Each student spoke about the benefit of community

service with the Interact Club and looked forward to meeting with us in person to learn about different careers.

## The Speaker

Guest Speaker **Drew McIntyre**, Manager the North Marin Water District was introduced by **President Chris DeGabriele** (former Manager of NMWD).

**Drew** has 35 years of public and private water systems experience. He was with the NMWD as Chief Engineer and has lived in Novato 30 years, and is a member of Rotary Sunrise.

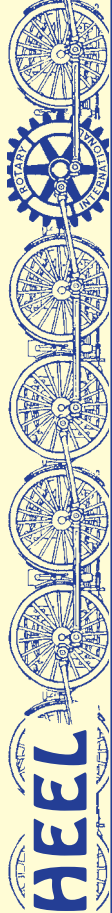
His Zoom share of graphs told a very clear picture of the situation we face in the possibly approaching historic year of drought. NMWD serves 20,645 connections of 61,640 people. Our water supply is in man made Stafford Lake, Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma via Russian River.

**Rob Marshall** and **Sonia Seeman** endorsed the residential internet monitoring of water use, available due to a \$6 million transition to electronic meter reading.

Study the graph photos to understand the situation followed by the oncoming drought regulations. Interesting to note is the Southern part of Marin, The Marin Municipal Water District gets Sonoma Lake water through our water pipes.

## Raffle

The Raffle winner was **Jay Wayne**.



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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**  
**April 9**



**Bob Kuchem**  
 District 5150 Chairperson for  
 The Rotary Peace Center Program

**Bob Kuchem** is the District 5150 Rotary Peace Center Chairperson, and he will explain how the Rotary Foundation in 2002 began a program to build a global cadre of Peace Center Fellows who were given post-graduate training at various universities around the world in building peace and resolution of problems. The due date for the next Peace Center classes is May 15. You may know someone who should apply either this year or next year. **Bob** will cover the basics for you. He lives in Novato, and he is willing to meet with you at your favorite Novato coffee shop if you need further information.

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## Upcoming Programs

April	
April 2	<b>No Meeting</b>
April 9	<b>Bob Kuchem:</b> District 5150 Chairperson for the Rotary Peace Center Program. He will explain how the Rotary Foundation in 2002 began a program to build a global cadre of Peace Center Fellows who were given post-graduate training at various universities around the world in building peace and resolution of problems. (See Zoom Meeting panel to left for more info.
April 16	"Investing after the Pandemic" <b>Neil Leahey, CIMA, AIF,</b> Regional Vice President at Pioneer Investments. Neil helps senior financial advisors with market knowledge and economic investment decisions. He will talk about considerations you should have as you invest. Whether you use a financial advisor or invest on your own. There should be time after the meeting for additional questions.

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**2020/2021 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

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# April

SPECIAL DATES

- 4-1 Jan Hoffmann
- 4-6 Jim Botko
- 4-9 Jan & Burt Hoffmann
- 4-10 Scott Chase
- 4-10 Christina Stroeh
- 4-11 Tom Young
- 4-13 Jim Bates
- 4-14 Ed Jones
- 4-19 Suzanne Bales
- 4-20 Jo Heffelfinger
- 4-20 Leslie & Rene Prado
- 4-21 Phil Dougherty
- 4-21 Mike Morrissey
- 4-22 Judith Keeler
- 4-23 Sandy & Jim Bates
- 4-25 Moses Jacob
- 4-27 Kathy Ketron



## ROTARY ALERT 3/29/21:

We lost a great friend of Rotary on Friday March 26th. Dr. John Elloway was a dedicated and highly recognized member of the Rotary Club of Novato for 50 years. He served as our President in 1990-91. Dr. John was honored with the District 5150 Rotarian of the year for 1993 and was awarded the highest Rotary "Service Above Self Award" in 1995 for his extraordinary efforts to organize and help immunize millions of children in the country of Ukraine against the scourge of Polio.

Dr. John was the D5150 World Community Service Chair in 1993-94. He was the organizer and Project Chair of Ukraine Immunization of a Rotary 3-H Project (\$500,000) and worked with our Rotary Foundation, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), US Aid, World Bank, with three of the Ukraine Ministers of Health and later the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation in developing a country-wide health system in Ukraine.

In the process of over 30 trips to the Ukraine and other countries, Dr. John helped found and support many Rotary clubs. He paid for and delivered many thousands of the booklet "An Ounce of Prevention" in English and had it translated into the various traveled country's languages.

Dr. John lectured to physicians and medical personal in many countries on preventing heart attacks, eating healthy diets and lifestyles. He also helped organize Lifestyle Centers across the county of Ukraine and started an English and a computer school in the county of Tajikistan.

Dr. John supported and served as the President of the Nova Ro Corporation, the owner of our three Senior Housing Projects.

Dr. John and Maryann are Major Donors of the Rotary Foundation and contributors to our Novato Rotary Endowment. In addition to his many professional awards and service to many other nonprofit boards, they have given generously of time, leadership, and treasure to numerous nonprofits in our community of Novato and beyond.

As the District Governor of D5150, I was honored to present Dr. John with the highest honor of him receiving one of only six of Rotary Foundation's 2009's "SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO-FREE WORLD.. Millions of the world's children are polio free because of his tremendous efforts.

With the help of Rotarians from around the world and the matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we are "This Close" to the eradication of this dreaded disease.

To my Doctor, my mentor and friend, Rest in Peace with your Lord for a job well done!

Russ Ketron, PP Rotary Club of Novato, 2001-02, PDG 2008-09 and Polio Co-Chair for D5150



*Russ Ketron and Dr. John Elloway distributing wheel chairs.*

# Rotary Photo Album - March 26, 2021



Katie Chase introduced four San Marin Interactors.



Marisa and Sadie Remak (age 6) from Connecticut.



Speaker Drew McIntyre, Manager of North Marin Water District.

### HOW ARE WE MANAGING WATER SUPPLY?

- ◆ Back Feed Stafford Lake with SCWA surplus water
- ◆ Comprehensive Conservation Programs with Rebates
- ◆ \$30+M to Expand Recycled Water as a drought proof supply (in cooperation with local sanitary agencies)
- ◆ \$6M to convert water meters to real time data collection
- ◆ 2020 Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study

Managing Water Supply.



March Birthday Breakfast: Alan Dunham, Rob Marshall, Debbie Brusatori, President Chris DeGabriele, and Steve Ghirardo at Sam's Place.

### NOVATO SERVICE AREA

- Active Service Connections - 20,645 (61,640 people served)
- Annual Water Demand (2020) - 2,600 MG (8,000 AF)
- Annual Water Demand (2013) - 3,200 MG (9,800 AF)

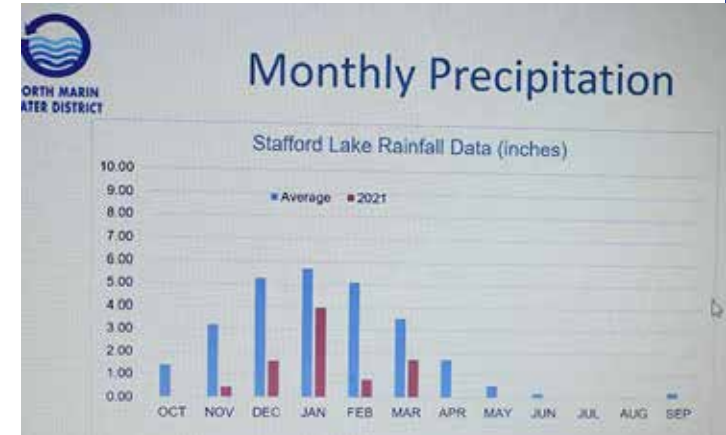
#### 2021 Supply/Delivery Challenges

- Limited Stafford Lake Supply
- Lake Mendocino Impact on Russian River Deliveries
- Lake Sonoma Impact on Russian River Deliveries

#### Known TimeLine for Drought Related Actions

- Jan-Feb - Winter Ad Campaign - Informing Customers of Dry Year conditions
- March - Board Approved Emergency Water Conservation Ordinance
- April - Update Ordinance to set Conservation Level Triggers (Focus is outdoor water use)

Preparation for record low water supply. If it's yellow, let it mellow.



Blue is average, Red is now.