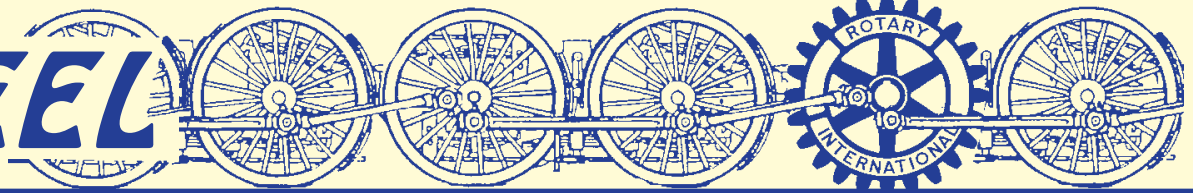


The BIG WHEEL



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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Yikes! It's Friday the 13th!!!

Well, Prez Christina is back from Scotland and she's not singing songs from "Brigadoon".

However, after Suzanne Bales led us in the Pledge, Prez Christina learned that the member with the "Thought for the Day" wasn't here, so she graced us with a poem she learned and brought back from Scotland:

*May the scent of the heather
and bonnie blue bell
waft a message to you
that no words can tell
May the links of any friendship
keep steadfast and true
good fortune and health*

Very nice Lassie, you're another Bobby Burns. Wear your mask indoors says Prez Christina!

Sunshine

Sunshine, ain't no sunshine in our lives.

Visitors & Guests

The only visitor is our speaker, Nancy McKenney of the Novato Sunrise Club. Our one guest was Ashby Remak, daughter of Marisa (and Mike too!).

This Weekend!
Get your Tickets!

☆ 27th Annual ☆
☆ ☆ ☆

Proceeds Support Community and International Service Projects

Rotary 
Club of Novato

Western BBQ & Line Dance 

NEW DATE! **BIG SKY AUCTION**

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

LIVE MUSIC **PIE AUCTION**

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

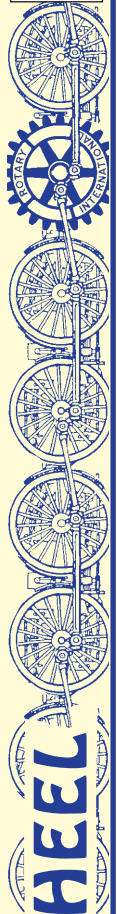
\$45 per Person
Tickets are Available
From Novato Rotary Club Members
Please make checks payable to:
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Tickets may also be purchased at
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NO Tickets at the Door!

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



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"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 Bill & Adele Jonas Center

In-Person & Zoom May 20

Teacher Recognition day



Big Wheel Editors

NEEDED

for the
Month of June & July

Contact Bill Vespa

Support the most interesting
Rotary Club ever!

Help share the meeting with family,
friends and members unable to attend.

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

May 2022

- May 20 Teacher Recognition Day - Mary Jane Burke
- May 27 VFW Hall BBQ - **NO MEETING**

June 2022

- June 3 TBA
- June 10 Farm Tours at IVC
- June 17 Dr. Coon COM
- June 24 Debunking

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Announcements

Thank You!

Prez Christina thanked those members who helped with Cole Porter Night.

District Conference

Da Prez reminded us it was this Saturday.

Western BBQ & Line Dance

Chris DeGabriele says there's still time to buy tickets! They've got plenty. Also, **Reggie Winner** advises us that we could use another couple of pies or cakes. Call her (**Reggie**).

Let's Plant Trees and Bushes

Gloria Dunn-Violin tells us we have a chance to be **Johnny Appleseed** next Tuesday and Wednesday (May 17 & 18) in the morning. We'll be planting 25 trees and 175 bushes (shrubs) in Hamilton. Call **Gloria** for directions. Help protect the environment!

Litter on Video

Gloria then told us the winners have been selected for the "Stop Litter" video contest for Novato High School and Middle School students. The student winners will receive their award checks at our June 3rd meeting. Hopefully we'll get to see their videos. They're very good and should be fun.

Let's have a BBQ with a Vet

Prez Christina announced that our meeting on Friday, May 27th will be a BBQ at the VFW Hall. **John Cutrufelli** will be BBQing there rather than at Miwok Park.

Dinners for the Ukraine

Marty Wickenheiser told us we could still sign up for dinners to help support the people of the Ukraine. Call **Jay Wayne** and he'll get you booked.

Happy, Happy Birthday!!!!

Prez Christina showed a video featuring our four members celebrating May birthdays. They are; **Phil Brown, Frank Bruno, Katie Chase, and Reggie Winner**. Have a great b'day and let them eat cake!

Bow Wow and Meow

Prez Christina then asked for pet stories. Several people shared them, but I heard nothing like "My Friend Flicka" or "Lassie Comes Home" so I wrote none down. **Mike Morrissey** did tell a story about a cat named **Midnight**. That was the name of my first cat! She was jet black.

Speaker

Da Prez introduced **Nancy McKenney**, head Marin Humane. **Nancy** explained a significant change at the Society is they used to rate themselves by how many animals they had in the shelter. Now the rating is based on how many animals they have in homes.

They have joined with the Oakland Hopalong Animal Rescue that has been beneficial to both organizations as a partnership.

Raffle

The raffle was once again not won by **Suzanne Bales**, but by "Lucky" **Alan Dunham**!

Cancer Clinic in San Felipe, Mexico

The Novato World Community Service Committee is pleased to have helped fund a cancer clinic in San Felipe, Mexico, using funds you donated to our Endowment. Our committee member, **Jorg Puhr-Westerheide**, informed us of the needs at San Felipe Early Cancer Detection Center – Caminata Contra El Cancer – a Rotary project he has visited.

The Center was initiated 2006 as a project of the San Felipe Rotary Club with a simple Cancer Walk. It has grown into its own agency, a full-time clinic with a doctor, nurse x-ray technician, visiting radiologist and support staff. The clinic provides physical examinations, mammograms, ultrasounds, colon and PSA testing and other cancer screening procedures. Later, a four-bedroom hospice for temporary housing for end-of-life patients was added.

The clinic is seeing 5,000 visits per year in "normal" times and the need is at least 50% higher.

The Center is funded by fundraisers which could not fully be performed due to the pandemic. Despite running the operation on a skeleton staffing to a 60% capacity, an extreme reduction of the operational reserve took place.

With emergency funding of the Novato Rotary Club of \$ 2,000, of individuals of \$ 500 and the matching gift of \$ 2,500 we could help to stabilizing the ongoing operation.

We have received very appreciative and grateful feed-back for our contributions, quote:

You and your Club certainly live up to the Rotary Presidential Motto of "SERVE TO SAVE LIVES". Nothing saves lives better than "early detection".

There is not much more that we can say other than THANK YOU and to extend our personal invitation to you to visit the clinic that you are helping to support.

Together in Service, **Michele and Bob MacDonald**, Rotary Club of San Felipe



*Dra. Lilli Preciado,
Medical Director*



Street view of the clinic.



Treasurer Reggie Winner asks for Western BBQ auction dessert donations.



President Christina returns from Scotland.



Nancy McKenney, CEO, President of Marin Humane.



My daughter Deb.



Environmental Chair Gloria Dunn-Violin asks for bush and tree planters at Hamilton.



Mike Morrissey describes his cat and inspiration to travel.



May Birthdays!