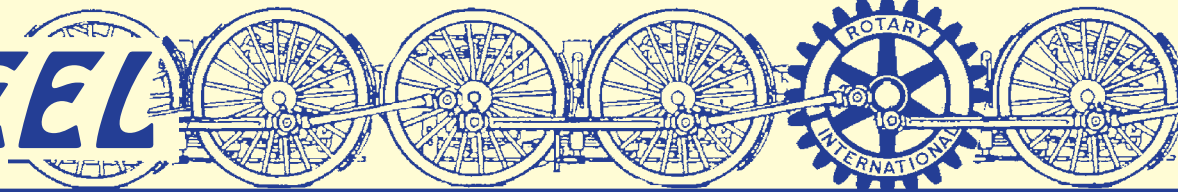


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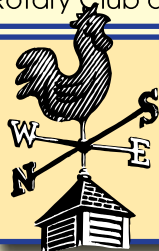


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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**Today's Theme & Meal:**

*Italiano-Paradiso!*  
*Spaghetti and Meatballs*

## In the Beginning...

Pledge of Allegiance by: Lynn Dawson

The 'Thought of the Day' was presented by **Larry Mazotta**: "Practice kindness all day to everybody and you will realize you are already in heaven now" - **Jack Kerouac**.

**Jay Wayne** provided piano throughout the meeting for donations in advance of the Alzheimer's walk in October.

## Visitors & Guests

Visiting Members included: **Daniel DeGabriele** - son of **Chris**; **Robin Bruno** - **Frank's** wife; **Maureen Wayne** with **Jay**; **Roberta Dunham**, **Alan's** wife; **Brody** with **President Christina**; **Mike** and **Ryan** - husband and son of **Marisa Remak**; and **Jo** and **Hannah** - wife and granddaughter of **Dean Heffelfinger**.

## Birthdays

**Nohemi Beissmann-Mason** and **Marisa Remak** celebrated birthdays.

## Announcements

### TGIF at the Remaks

Come to the TGIF social at the home of **Marisa** and **Mike Remak** on September 3. Beverages and some appetizers and desserts will be provided, and if you'd like to contribute, bring your favorite appetizer or drink to share. Come fully vaccinated and bring a chair if you have it. Bring layers to wear because it can get gold in the evening. See page 3 for more info.

## Sunshine Report

**Marty Wickenheiser** gave us the Sunshine Report:

- **Ryan Pocock** enduring a broken femur.
- **Debbie Brusatori** is in the hospital.
- **Joy Fillman** is expecting 6 weeks of chemo.
- **Dean Heffelfinger** is in complete remission.
- **Frances Borok** is back at home.

## The Meeting

Today's meeting provided two presentations. The first presentation was by **Holly Axtell**:

**TOPIC: Rotary International and World Community Service**

**PURPOSE: To raise funds to provide for low income and poor communities. Alongside the fundraising, technical expertise is provided as well.**

When giving to the Novato Rotary Endowment each of the committees, including the World Community



*International Service Chair Holly Axtell.*

Service, is granted a portion of the funds.

Foundation money used for the Rotary International projects is specifically used for the following:

- Disease
- Water
- Peace
- Education - maternal and child
- Economy
- Environment

When giving to the foundation, know that you are providing to a cause that checks all the boxes toward a better world.

Ways to get involved:

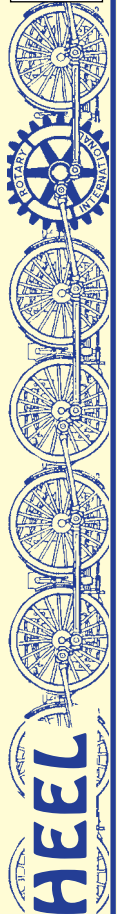
- Sponsor a guest
- Attend Rotary conventions
- Join a Rotary Fellowship

Currently the committee has 16 members and meetings are on Tuesdays, monthly. Contact **Holly** for more info - "Remember we are Rotary International and there are a lot of things you can do."

The Second presentation by **Rafelina Maglio**:

**TOPIC: Italian heritage and growing up in Italy**

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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 August 20

### Bill and Adele Jonas Center Resilient Neighborhoods

**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/)

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## Upcoming Programs

### August

- Aug. 20 **Resilient Neighborhoods**
- Aug. 27 **NO MEETING**
- Aug. 28 **District 5150 - Rotary Radio Mystery Hour:** Zoom play written by Phil Dougherty

### September

- Sept. 3 **TGIF** at Marisa Remak's Home - 5 pm
- Sept. 10 **Grand Opening of the Bill and Adele Jonas Center** - COM/RCN hosting - 10am - Noon
- Sept. 17 **West African Drumming** with Xavier Eikerenkoetter
- Sept. 24 **Filmmaking** - Snigdha Kapoor, NY Filmmaker

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### ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2021/2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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**and North Beach San Francisco.**

**Rafelina** provided wonderful insight on the family dynamics of the Italian household through stories of travel, fashion and the life of a small, modest mountain community in Italy.

The takeaways from **Rafelina's** presentation include the joy and richness of the sometimes reluctant experiences growing up when reflected upon and seen through a wide lens. And, next time your family is over for dinner, check your cupboards for live doves - you'll need to ask **Rafelina** about the latter.

Continuation of the Italian American theme - **President Christina** introduced performers, **Lauren Brody-Clark** and **Dominic Quin-Harkin** for song, dance, recipes for trouble and dinner, and a few laughs along the way.

**Frank Bruno** provided some wonderful recipes through a flyer that was handed to all present. The eggplant dish is a Sicilian favorite. Visit the website for more. [https://friendsofisoladellefemmine.org/food\\_travel/](https://friendsofisoladellefemmine.org/food_travel/)

Cha-cha-cha the music and dance begins - **Lauren Brody-Clarke** has been performing professionally all over the country for 35yrs!!!! She has Degrees from UCLA and NYU in musical theater, performance and non-profit theater management. She often directs "At-Risk Youth" theater programs in the Virgin Islands and produces/directs musicals with various children's theater companies in the Bay Area. Currently she runs the Performing Arts Department for grades K-8 at Marin Horizon School in Mill Valley. She absolutely adores her sister-in-law, **Christina**, and is thrilled to perform in front of fabulous Rotarians!

**Dominic Quin-Harkin** is a local drama product and hometown return. He has studied at AMDA in NYC, and spent about 10 yrs in various regional theaters across the country. His favorite roles include **Pirelli** (Sweeney Todd), **Sir Evelyn Oakleigh**

(Anything Goes); **Orin Scrivello, DDS** (Little Shop of Horrors); **Man 2** (I Love you, You're Perfect, Now Change), and **Frank Sinatra** in (Rat Pack: Remembered).

**Dominic** also is a jazz crooner and has sung at various venues around the Bay Area and Phoenix.

**Dominic** wishes to thank **Christina** for the passion and guidance for this once young and awkward boy with a song in his heart.

After wonderful song and dance routines from **Lauren** and **Dominic**, a video showcasing the magnificent landscapes and architecture of Italy is viewed alongside a recorded duet performance of **Andrea Bocelli** and his son, **Matteo** singing "Fall On Me".

Tip of the day: Add raisins to your homemade tomato sauce in lieu of sugar - you'll be impressed with the sweetness they provide and the plumpness they regain

### The Winner

The Raffle ticket was selected by **Lauren (Brody's sister)**.

The Raffle Winner: **Brody (Christina's husband)**.

## NEW MEMBER NOTICE



The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the Board of Directors and the membership:

**John Reuscher** / Financial Planner

if there are no objections by:  
**Thursday, August 19, 2021**

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:  
**Friday, August 20, 2021**

*Phil Dougherty*  
Secretary

## Novato Rotary

# TGIF

**Friday, September 3, 5:00 pm**  
135 Santa Maria Drive, Novato

**Hosts: Marisa and Mike Remak & The Rotary Club of Novato**

We will provide beverages and some appetizers and desserts. If you'd like to contribute, bring your favorite appetizer or drink to share. Otherwise, just come and enjoy an evening of fellowship (outdoors) with your fellow Rotarians.

It can get windy in the evening, so bring layers.

**mremak@mac.com for RSVP**

**(welcome, but not required) or questions**

*With COVID precautions in mind (and a young child in our family), we respectfully request that all attendees be vaccinated.*

**Public Image** | There is a new process for submitting all written copy and photos covering activities of the Rotary Club of Novato for any publication or social media post. All photos and articles should be emailed to our Public Image Director, **Marisa Remak: [media@novatorotary.org](mailto:media@novatorotary.org)**.





Frank Bruno



Dean, Hannah and Jo



Bev Pool



Lauren Brody-Clark and Dominic Quin-Harkin

# Italiano-Paradiso!



Lauren Brody-Clark



Rafelina Maglio



Lauren Brody-Clark and Dominic Quin-Harkin



Lauren Brody-Clark



Dominic Quin-Harkin and Lauren Brody-Clark



Lauren Brody-Clark and Frank Bruno