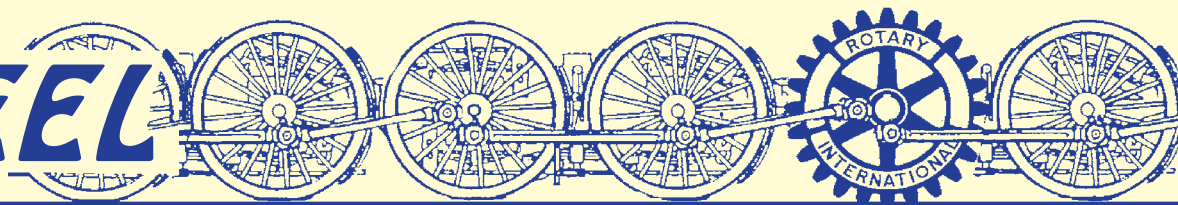


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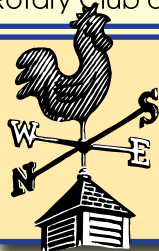


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Suzanne Bales

Our gathering at the Jonas Center was quite international. **President Peian** had requested members dress in honor of Chinese New Year while **Sam** served up a Mexican meal and a few honored the Niners, in the playoff race. **Dean Heffelfinger** was wearing a Niners jacket and I saw **Russ Ketron** in a Niner t-shirt. Now on to the Eagles! Both **Harnesses** started the meeting with **Peian** leading the Pledge and **Ron** providing several thoughts from **Mark Twain**. One was “Whenever you find yourself of the side of the majority, it is time to reconsider your position.”

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Visitors: **Jeff Slavitz** as with **Ron Harness** and **Nohemi Beissmann-Mason** introduced former member, **Anne Wade**, the first women President of our Club. **Brad Williams** introduced his bride **Kathie**, of 50 some odd years. **Alan Dunham** introduced **Roberta**, also a bride of many years. **Peian** introduced her aunt, **Jane Lin**, visiting from Taiwan for a month.

Sunshine report

Marty Wickenheiser stated **Paul Scheller** is home. If planning a visit, call first. **Suzanne Bales** mentioned **Bruce Palmer** had been at Marin General (or whatever it is called now) for over two weeks Cards would be appreciated. His new address in Greenbrae is 69 Landerman Lane, Greenbrae, CA 94904.

President Peian commented **Larry Harrison** is home and recovering from a procedure. Nurse **Chris** is at his beck and call.

Announcements

IVC Parking Passes

Sonia passed out IVC parking permits. They need to be attached to your rear view mirror or you will be ticketed.

Dictionary Distribution

Marty Wickenheiser is occupied by the dictionary distribution. If you are involved with distributing to the various schools you should have been contacted by **Marty**. Thanks **Marty** for taking this on.

The Western BBQ and Dance

On to our Clubs biggest fundraiser of the year... The Western BBQ. You can purchase your ticket at novatorotary.org or bring your check for \$45 per person to the next meeting. You can also can use the QR code on the flyer. So many of our Club members are volunteering to make this THE event of the year: **Peter Pelavin** is on check-in; **Burt Hoffmann** in charge of clean up; **Maggie Shao** organizing the dessert auction; Contact **Maggie** if you have a special baked treat. Coming separate from this bulletin will be the list of live auction items. Get ready to form your bidding groups! The competition for these extraordinary items will be tough. Now is the time to get those ducks in a row. **Kathie Williams** extolled the lobster boil they had at their house and they are generously offering this special experience again. In addition to this, there are all kinds of group dining experiences: crab feed, lobster dinner and Italian bocce along with vacations, baseball card collections... and on and on. Pay attention to the separate email with more details on live auction items. Buy those tickets before they sell out!! The event is Saturday February 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Announcements

RYLA

Christina Stroeh discussed the youth leadership program RYLA. Facilitators are needed for the youth camp that takes place July 31 - August 4. Go to 5150.org to apply and consider supporting the camp with a visit. These kids are our future!

Guatemala Water System Update

Rob Marshall is back from Guatemala along with **Jorg** and wife **Linda** and **Ron Harness**. He will be presenting a program on March 3rd about the water system installations.

New Member

Past-President Jorg Puhr-Westerheide had the pleasure of inducting new member **Kyle Frazier**, sponsored by **Gary Bramon**. **Gary** stated that **Kyle** has a law degree and works for Compass Real Estate. **Kyle's** dad was present (he's a Rotarian in Petaluma.) Also on hand was **Kyles** wife, **Joann**. They have two daughters attending Marin Catholic. Welcome **Kyle**. Just in time to buy Western BBQ tickets!

The Program

Our own **John Reuscher** was our program. **John** is a financial planner here in Novato. **John** is a long time Rotarian, being a charter member and past president of Novato Sunrise. **John** combined his “five minute red badge talk” into a program. **John** grew up in the small town of Lockeford, population 800, in San Joaquin County.

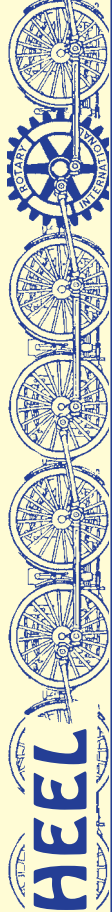
John's career started as a kid doing a newspaper route, harvesting grain in the delta area, working for Sears Gas Stations and then Sears Automotive at Northgate. He is a graduate of University of Santa Clara plus multiple designations with financial organizations. He is President of Reuscher Financial Group.

The majority of **John's** program concerned his acting career. **John** was a major in theater arts and has done over 40 voice-overs, print, and movie appearances He presented many of them to share.

He also shared some pics of his role as Boo Boo the Clown in Novato's 4th of July Parade and was active in Clowns Around Marin. This stems from Novato Sunrise sponsoring a circus as a fund raiser.

John ended his program by having **Roy Pfeifer** come up on

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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?"

**Big Wheel Editors
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Contact Bill Vespa

**Support the most
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Help share the meeting with
family, friends and members
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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

January 2023 - Happy New Year!

Jan. 27	Lori Frugoli & Shelly Scott: General Presentation
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February 2023

Feb. 3	Alan Goldhammer: Discussion about COVID
Feb. 10	NO MEETING
Feb. 17	NO MEETING - Holiday
Feb. 24	Frank Falzon: SFO Crimes in the 70's & 80's

March 2023

Mar. 3	Robert Marshall, Jorg Puhr-Westerheide, Ron Harness: Guatemala Humanitarian Expedition
Mar. 10	Bob Heller: The Coming Double Dip Recession

ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2022/2023 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

OFFICERS	DIRECTORS
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	Rob Haff <i>Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment</i>
	Christina Stroeh <i>Past President</i>

stage and help him with a monologue based on “ I’m mad as hell and not going to take it anymore!” **John** is still actively auditioning while meanwhile running a successful financial advising business.

The Winner

Lucky **Dean Heffelfinger**, wearing a great 49ers jacket, won the \$25.

Bring Your Check!

Remember, bring your check to the next meeting for Western BBQ tickets. The cost is \$45 per person. Bring your neighbors and friends for a fun filled evening with Live music with our own **Dennis Hagerty** and his band. It doesn’t get much better than that!

Annual Downtown Novato Holiday Tree Lighting Festival



Dear Tree Lighting Festival Sponsor and Booth participant,

The Tree Lighting Committee of the Downtown Novato Business Association is deeply grateful for your participation in this delightful and merry community event.

This Tree Lighting Festival has been an annual tradition for 95 years and your sponsorship, enthusiasm and participation make it possible! Every year we receive feedback from those attending that this is truly a magical event.

We look forward to your participation again next year to help us bring this joyful celebration to our community!

Thank you! Stephanie Koehn WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

Thank you for all you do! Don Bamfield

Thank you! Audrey

Thank you Elaine Miller

Thank you so much! Kathy Nickie

You're the best! Thank you Nancy Weber

Thank you! Sylvia

Thank you! Susan

Thank you! Michele Santa

Thank you! Paul Rob

Thank you! Dew

You all make it happen!! See you next year!

TREE LIGHTING DEC. 2022
January 2023

Proceeds Support Community and International Service Projects

28th Annual

Rotary Club of Novato

Western BBQ & Dance

Bill & Adele Jonas Center
IVC Campus, Novato

Saturday, February 11, 2023

5:30 - 6:30 - BELLY-UP to the Bar

6:30 - Dinner

Auctions through the Evening

BIG SKY AUCTION

LIVE MUSIC

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.



January 6th Social at Sam's

