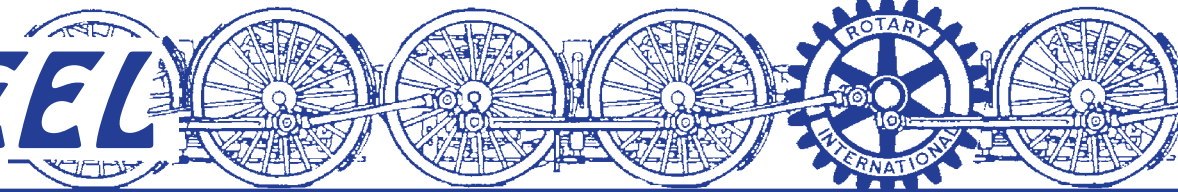


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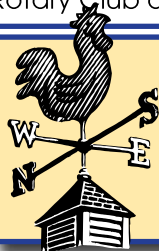


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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President Peian called upon **Peter Pelavin** for the double duty of the Pledge and “Thought of the Day.” He mentioned his baseball cards, some of which are live auction items. “Rely on people who have the abilities but remain humble”, stated **Peter**.

Guests an & Visiting Rotarians

Marisa Remak introduced daughter **Ashby**, while **Bill McDill** was dining with partner **Vicki**. Welcome back **Larry Harrison**, with spouse **Chris**. **Jorg Puhr-Westerheide** accompanied spouse **Linda**. **Gloria Dunn-Violin** was with **Lisa Clarke**. **Lisa** is involved with zero waste in the Novato School system. **Shelly Scott**, part of our program, is with the Novato Evening Club and formerly with Novato Sunrise. **Jay Wayne** introduced **Gary Phillips**, president elect of San Rafael Rotary and **Jay’s** friend for 65 years. **Holly Axtell** introduced **Jeff Slavitz**.

Sunshine Report

President Peian said **Bruce Palmer** is back home from a two week stay at Marin General.

Announcements

Western BBQ & Dance

Chris DeGabriele stated tickets are going fast 178 already sold and capping at 200. Sponsorship money is at \$41,000 but there is always room for more sponsors. Get those bidding groups organized for the fantastic live auction

items. The list has been emailed separately. **Dennis Hagerty** and his band **Blind Date** will be providing the music. **Peter Pelavin** is donating two lots of his baseball card collection He mentioned it took him about 20 years of collecting to obtain the baseball cards. Take a look at the separate emailed list of all the amazing items.

Maggie Shao is looking for 4-5 more deserts for the auction.

Jay Wayne commented on how wonderful **Frank and Robin Bruno’s** gathering is. Bocce, fresh baked pizza great dinner and marvelous desert. 12 couples. Again get those bidding groups organized for the live auction

Reminders...

Peian also mentioned The Foundation legacy planning meeting on February 4th, from 9am-12pm at Rotary Terrace, South San Francisco.

She also reminded us of the District Assembly, at Redwood High School Larkspur March 25th, from 8am-1pm.

Travel Tales

President Peian called on members to share their travel tales.

Fred Anderson is just back from a cruise of the East Coast of Africa and a post trip to Victoria Falls on Rovos Rail. **Fred** just returned from the trip and was recovering from 44 hours of travel time .

Intrepid traveler **Mike Morrissey** shared tales of his five week trip to Ecuador, the Galapagos Island, Amazon Rain Forest and lastly Columbia

Program

Dean Heffelfinger introduced todays program. Our own **Lori Frugoli**, District Attorney, and Rotarian **Shelly Scott**, County Assessor, Recorder and County Clerk discussed deed fraud. Both women were raised in Marin County. **Lori’s** interest in the law started while she was at Terra Linda High School participating in “Keep Marin Safe” ride along program. **Lori**

was one of the first women to volunteer as a reserve police officer in San Rafael. She was then with the Santa Rosa Police Department. **Lori** worked her way through law school while with the Marin Sheriff’s Department and has been District Attorney since elected in 2018. **Alfiya Nachtigall** and investigator **Marc Reischel** were also on the stage to assist with the program.

The Recorder’s Office has to record what is presented to them and thus without the owner’s permission or awareness a grant deed or quit claim deed can be filed. This is especially concerning since Marin has a large percentage of seniors with long time equity in their homes. **Lori** and **Shelley** discussed a case that Investigator **Marc Reischel** worked on. A home in Tiburon had been empty for awhile and was in the process of being staged for sale. Yes, a grant deed had been filed against the house. This would enable the criminal to use the house like a personal ATM. This was brought to **Investigator Marc Reischel’s** attention. He followed the paper work trail before serious financial damage could be done. Yes, the perpetrator is now doing jail time.

Lori and **Shelly** discussed occasionally checking www.marincounty.org and then going to the recorders web site. You are able to see if there is any unusual activity tied to your home. Thank you for an excellent program.

The Winner

Ron Harness won the 25er.

GET YOUR TICKETS

Bring a \$45 check to purchase your Western BBQ ticket or check the QR code on the flyer. This event sells out!



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"Imagine Rotary"

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?
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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

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

Mar. 17 **NO MEETING**

Mar. 24 **Richard Friesen:** Healing the Political Divide

Mar. 31 **Jan Lynn & Andy Dudnuck:** Performing Jazz, Standards, and Pop Tunes

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February

SPECIAL DATES

- 2-4 Gloria Dunn-Violin
- 2-12 Ron Harness
- 2-12 John Ringgenberg
- 2-12 David Browne, M.D.
- 2-14 Jean Brown
- 2-14 Diane & Peter Oser
- 2-14 Susie Pfingst-McCurdy
- 2-15 Arlene Henry
- 2-17 Peggy Glass
- 2-17 Russ Ketron
- 2-17 Rafelina Maglio
- 2-19 Don Violin
- 2-22 Frank Falzon
- 2-22 Penny Hansen
- 2-24 Mike & Marisa Remak
- 2-28 David Hernandez & Sonia Seeman

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Proceeds Support Community and International Service Projects

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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

LIVE MUSIC  Auctions through the Evening 

BIG SKY AUCTION

PIE AUCTION

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

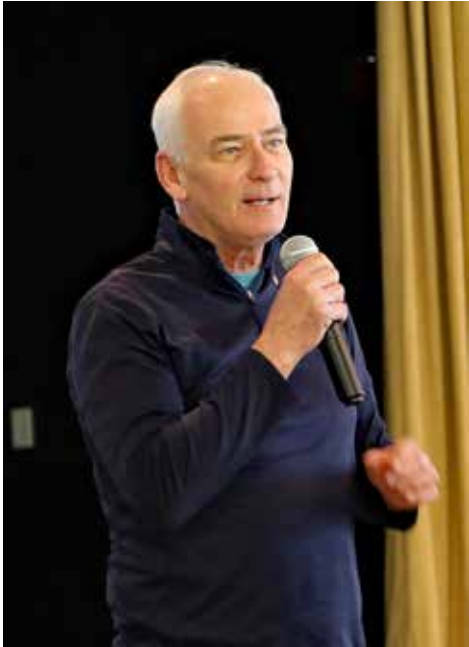
Please make checks payable to:
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Tickets may also be purchased at novatorotary.org or use QR Code below



NO Tickets at the Door!

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



Chris DeGabriele reports on money raised for the Western BBQ.



District Attorney Lori Frugoli, Assessor-Recorder Shelly Scott, Investigator Mark Reischel.



Maggie Shao describing the dessert donations and would like more for the Western BBQ.



Fred Anderson talks about a trip to the East Coast of Africa and Victoria Falls and recovering from a 44 hour return transit.



January 27 meeting attendees.



Mike Morrissey talks about a recent trip to the Amazon River, Ecuador, Galapagos, Columbia, post Pablo Escobar.