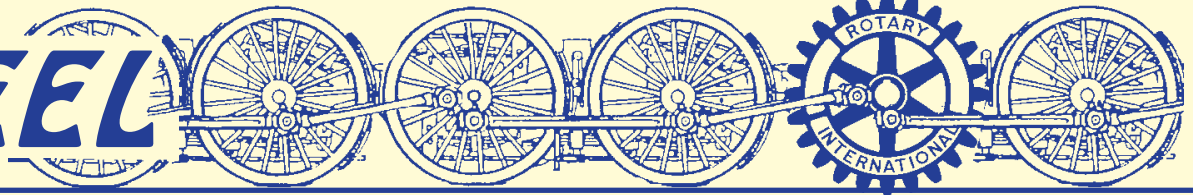


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Miwok Park Potluck & Fun 2026

Featuring
"Chef John Cutrufelli"



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OCTOBER

SPECIAL DATES

- 10-10 Zenetta & Mark Bosch
- 10-11 Michele & Bill Vespa
- 10-12 Lori Frugoli
- 10-18 Dean Heffelfinger
- 10-24 Joni & Chris DeGabriele
- 10-25 Sara & David Gabriel
- 10-25 Christopher Mychajluk
- 10-26 Homa Rassouli
- 10-30 Ashley Baker
- 10-30 Ed Ross
- 10-31 Laura Joss

Rosie Casals

A Golden Return

Thurs., October 22, 2026

7 pm to 8:30 pm

Rosie Casals is an International Tennis Hall of Fame inductee, 12-time Grand Slam champion, and a revolutionary force who fundamentally reshaped professional sports. Rising from the public courts of San Francisco as America's first prominent Latina tennis player, the 5'2" powerhouse defied the era's traditional tennis mold with an acrobat's speed and an unyielding, fiery court presence. Globally celebrated for her historic doubles partnership with Billie Jean King, Casals captured 112 professional doubles titles—the second-most in tennis history. More than a champion, "The General" was a fierce social advocate and one of the courageous "Original 9" players who risked their careers in 1970 to form the first women's professional tour, breaking gender barriers to pave the way for modern player equity and equal prize money.

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Upcoming Programs & Events

October

- Oct 9 **Dora Zuniga** - Project Amigo
- Oct 16 **Charlie Vogelheim** - Transportation Industry
- Oct 22 **Novato Speaker Series** - Rosie Casals
- Oct 23 **Non Spaghetti Feed** - The McDill's Home
- Oct 30 **Kym McNicholas** - Peripheral Artery Disease

November

- Nov 6 **Julie Jacobson** - NUSD
- Nov 13 **Dr. Smith** - Polio Update
- Nov 20 **Meeting at Jonas** - TBD
- Nov 27 **No Meeting**

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Presents

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October 17 • 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Greek Orthodox Church, 1110 Highland Drive, Novato, CA

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music you can dance to!*

- Complimentary "Champagne" upon arrival
- Appetizers and Dinner
- Complimentary wine with Dinner
- An evening of everyone's favorite music from the last few decades
- Silent Auction with something for everyone

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Club of Ignacio



A Historic Rotary Conversation!

DR. SYLVIA WHITLOCK

**The first woman to serve as
president of a Rotary Club.**

Join us for lunch and an inspiring
conversation with a Rotary trailblazer who
opened doors to women's leadership.

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Homeward Bound - Key Room

1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato



\$40 per person ~ Includes Lunch

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 15

<https://tinyurl.com/t4w2tcsy>

Presented by the Rotary Club of Ignacio

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TGIF

Friday September 25th at Greystones Lounge



*District Coastal Clean-Up
Day 9/19/26.*

*Our Climate Action and
Community Services
Committees worked with the
others cleaning up Novato
Creek (l) and Scottsdale
Pond(r).*

*Ed Ross, Laura Joss (and
husband Skip), Marisa
Remak, Marty Wickenheiser,
and Roy Pfeifer were all
chipping in!
-Randy Baker.*

