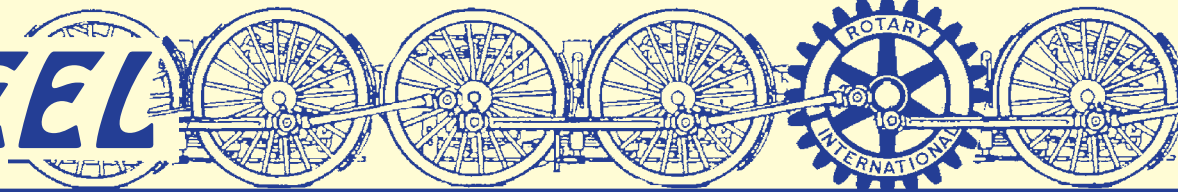


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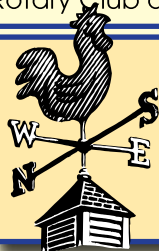


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## In the Beginning

**Prez Peian** rang da bell and called da meeting to order.

### Pledge & Thought 4 Day

**Dr. Larry Mazzotta** led us in the Pledge and then told us of historical sayings that happened on October 21st.

**Alfred E. Newman** said *“Good judgment comes from experience and much of that comes from bad judgment.”*

**Desmond Tutu** said *“Do your little bit of good. All those little bits of good together that overwhelm the world.”*

**Indira Gandhi** said *“My grandfather told me there are two kinds of people. Those who do the work and those who take the credit. Be in the first group, less competition.”*

## Guests & Visitors

Guests: **Russ Ketron** brought his wife **Kathy**; **Jorg** brought spouse **Linda**, while **Chris DeGabriele** brought **Tony Williams** and **Curtis Paxton**, both water district heads. If you took just their first names, we'd have **Tony Curtis**!

Visitors: **Tricia Conwell** of Mission San Rafael and **Al Shirley** of Marin Evening.

## Sunshine Report

**Paul Scheller** fell and broke his hip. They operated for repairs and now he is rehab. **Jim Spilman** is back from a bad hit of COVID and **Diane** is still recovering.

## Announcements

### ESCOM

**Gloria Dunn-Violin** told us about ESCOM which is on the College of Marin Campus for those 55+ old people. Look it up on [www.marinedu/escom](http://www.marinedu/escom).

### Non-Spaghetti Feed

**Bill McDill** reminded us that tonight is the Non-Spaghetti Feed. Then he explained the history of the event.

### Badges

**Fred Anderson** told us where to put our badges (nowhere obscene!).

### Polio Awareness Month

**Prez. Peian** reminded us it was Polio Awareness Month and there is a District 5150 Foundation Polio Event.

### Holiday Party at the Harrison's

**Prez. Peian** told us about the Holiday Party at **Larry** and **Chris Harrison's** home on December 9. We're all invited. Bring a toy or gift card from Target.

### Holiday Brunch at Marin Country Club

**Prez. Peian** then announced the Holiday Brunch will be on Sunday, December 18 at the Marin Country Club. More info to follow.

### Coral Reef

**Gloria Dunn-Violin** showed us a video about the dying coral reefs and that \$1,950 can start a new coral reef. She announced that we have donated that much to start a new

coral reef or revive an old one. Contact **Gloria** for more info.

### Rotarian Vacation's

**Reggie Winner** told us about her trip to New England with her sisters. They saw lots of pumpkins and squash as decorations and beautiful fall leaves changing color.

**Jorg** told us about the town of Page in North West Arizona and a slippery three mile trail.

## Speaker

**Moses Jacob** introduced California State Senator **Mike McGuire**, who is the California State Senate Majority Leader. Senator **Mike** is a member of the Hillsborough Rotary Club. As the State Senate Majority Leader, he's here to tell us what's going on in the State.

First, compared to rest of the nation, our economy in California is strong.

- Unemployment is at an all time low.
- Consumer confidence is high.
- The State is buying down bond and pension debt.
- The State has adopted higher standards for public schools K-12.
- The State is making colleges more affordable.
- Community Colleges Free.
- New Cal Poly College (University)

**Mike** then told us that the climate crisis is real. We've lost 30% of our State's snow pack and are heading for a 50% loss. We're accelerating Cal's Clean Emissions Goal. The State is going to spend \$54 billion dollars on wind and solar. Next, **Mike** talked about our State's struggle with wild fires. **Mike** told us we, California,



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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?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

## Big Wheel Editors **NEEDED**

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/](http://Rotary5150.org/clubs/rotary-club-directory/)

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## Upcoming Programs

### October 2022

Oct. 28 **Lynn Dawson:**  
Novato: The Teenage Years (1950-1970)

### November 2022

Nov. 4 **Anita Gail Jones: Opening Our Hearts to Everyone**

Nov. 11 **NO MEETING**

Nov. 18 **Jim Steele:** Climate Change - The Causes and Effects and What We Can Do About It

Nov. 25 **NO MEETING**

### December 2022

Dec. 2 **Rob Haff:** RCN Endowment Presentation

Dec. 9 **RCN Club Past Presidents:** RCN Annual Meeting & PEN Announcement

Dec. 15 **NO MEETING** (12/18 Holiday Brunch)

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**Christina Stroeh**  
*Past President*

have the largest wildfires in the Country. This has happened since 2015. He said 54% of the forests in Cal are managed by the Fed. Wild fires are caused mainly by: Lightning, automobiles, and PG&E.

Mike told us that comparatively, San Diego Gas & Electric spends 60% of their budget on wildfire control compared to 19% for PG&E.

Mike ended his talk by saying due to our high economic growth, our homeless population has grown exponentially. He added that the state is spending more on crime control.



## Support the Novato Rotary Endowment

Many more of us are shopping on-line these days. If you use Amazon for your shopping, try using [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Smile) Select the Novato Rotary Endowment as your charity and 0.5% of your purchases will go to the NRE.

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Pre-Paid Donation  
**\$10 per Ticket**  
Good for  
Drive-Thru Express Wash  
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Annual

# CAR WASH

Sunday, November 20th

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## NOVATO CAR WASH

(across from Marin Community Clinic  
and Marin County Ford)

6981 Redwood Blvd.

All Proceeds  
Support Novato Teachers

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this QR Code below  
for tickets or more info



2022

**NON-SPAGHETTI FEED At the McDILL'S!**



California District 2  
Senator, Mike McGuire



Environmental  
Chairwoman  
Gloria Dunn-  
Violin explains  
Rotary reef  
donation.



**Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Event**



**Oktoberfest FUN!**