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Nohemi Beissmann Mason led the Pledge and Rene Prado provided the thought of the day. “If you wait to achieve success stop asking for permission.”

Visitors & Guests
Visiting Rotarians were Carlos Afre from the Ignacio Club. He left flyers on the Rotary Foundation 2024 cruise, August 14-21, 2024. Also visiting was Steve Wright from Rotary Pacifica, our governor elect. Our own Dennis Hagerty, past president of Novato Rotary, was out visiting from Colorado. Guest of Rotarians included Jean Bradfield, wife of speaker Bill Bradfield. The spouses. Roberta with Alan Dunham, Kathy with Russ Ketron, Diane with Jim Spilman and Toni with Gary Bramon. Peian Harness introduced Jackson Coster an associate of Peter Oser’s. Rene Prado was with his brother-in-law, Michael.

Sunshine Report
Marty, Community Care, announced Reggie is on her way to recovery from a knee replacement.

Announcements
Larry Harrison thanked the Club for attending the party at their house. Over $3000 was raised for homeless vets and Blue Star Moms.
Russ Ketron stated he and Kathy just returned from San Diego, attending the Zone 2627 meetings. Learning opportunities and training are provided for future Rotary leaders.
Former member Dennis Hagerty and President of the Rotary Club of Wet Mountain Valley, CO, shared that although his Club is small (about 20 people), they have joined with our Mike Morrissey to provide a matching grant of $5,000 to support 45 Ukrainian orphans.
Jim Spilman reported that three Novato Clubs joined together with the City of Novato to replace and enhance signage at Scottsdale Pond. After approximately three years of pushing this project it happened! Please take a stroll around the pond and enjoy what a great and informative job has been done. Helpful Rotarians included Alan Dunham, Mike Morrissey, Marty Wickenheiser, Penny Hansen and Jim Spilman.
President Phil reminded everyone to get those RSVPS to Marsha Molly ASAP, for the Holiday Brunch!
President Phil too reminded everyone to check out Marin Scope and the Salute to Rotary insert. Thanks to Kyle Frazier for organizing the articles.
President Phil also mentioned a thank you note from the National Alliance for Mental Health. Rotarians participated in the walk and were a contributor financially.
A busy President Phil next presented Anne Wade with an Honorary Member’s Blue Badge. Anne was the first woman president of our Club and has been regularly attending our meetings. Once a Rotarian always a Rotarian!!
The Annual Car Wash, reported President Phil, earned $1,300 for the tip jar in addition to tickets being sold. President Phil passed out coveted blue towels to Rotarian helpers who did a fantastic job drying cars. Among the recognized: John Reuscher, Christina Stroeh, Marty Wickenheiser, Joe Gonzales, son of Rebecca and of course the Prince of Pizza John Cutrufelli. And thank you too to Peter Pelavin for heading this up. This had been Johns project for years!

Speaker
Gary Bramon introduced speaker Bill Bradfield. Gary is actually a partner in this presentation. Bill moved to Novato in 2011. Gary mentioned Bill should be a Rotarian as he is also very active in the Presbyterian Church, SIRS and the Breakfast Club.
Topic: Norman Rockwell. Born in New York City, he received his first commercial job at age 16, doing a Christmas card. In May of 1916 he began his work for the Saturday Evening Post. In 47 years Rockwell had 323 Post covers. Rockwell, with a sense of humor, covered two world wars, a great depression, and civil rights.
Other publications he was involved with were Boys Life, Popular Science, Literary Digest and Country Gentleman. During World War II Bill reviewed such works as: Willie Gillis on Leave, Rosie the Riveter, Home for Thanksgiving and At the Breakfast Table.
Also among the works shown and discussed were the

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Brunch & Entertainment

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
11:00 A.M. SOCIAL • 11:30 A.M. BRUNCH
MARIN COUNTRY CLUB
500 Country Club Drive, Novato
$55 PER PERSON • KIDS UNDER 12 EAT FREE
BUFFET BRUNCH - NO HOST BAR

RSVP to: Marsha Molloy
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Marsha Molloy, 308 Becky Court, Novato, CA 94949
RSVPS and checks due by December 11th
Heidi Kühn’s social justice story replaces land mines with grapevines. Heidi Kühn’s vision for a humanitarian mission to eradicate the world’s former war zones of the scourge of land mines and transform those minefields into vineyards and sustainable crops came to her in an unscripted moment of clarity she still calls an “epiphany.”

Enjoy pre-show music from Don Forbes and his band Don Forbes and Reckless.

Tickets: Adults $25 • Students $10
Soda Jerk, The Four Freedoms, and later the Civil Rights Movement. Ruby Bridge, a 6 year old black girl received quite a bit of discussion. Thank you Gary and Bill for an interesting presentation and just brings the point home yep……had to be there to have the full understanding of the presentation and the symbolism of the visual art.

The Winner

$25 won by Peter Rubens.

NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

- Scott Root, Head of School
- Jackson Coster, Insurance Producer
- Sasha D’Amico, Law Enforcement
- Thomas C. Frazier, Police Commissioner – Retired
- Ryan Lee, Photographer

if there are no objections by:

Thursday, November 30

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:

Friday, December 1

Sonia Seeman / Jim White
Co-Secretaries

Bill Bradfield interpreting the Norman Rockwell Four Freedoms illustrations and more through the decades.

Chairman Jim Spilman describes replacing signs at Scottsdale Pond as a Community Service Project.

Sign installation photographer Penny Hansen.

Chairman of Community Service hauls the new signs by Novato artist and produced in New York and installed by Rotary members on November 16.

New Members and their Mentors, who attended the Novato Rotary Informational Meeting. Row 1: Peter Oser; Row 2 from left to right: Lynn Dawson, Suzanne Bales; Row 3, from left to right; Jackson Coster, Sasha D’Amico, President Phil Dougherty, Ryan Lee, Scott Root. Missing from the photo: New Member Thomas Frazier with Mentor son Kyle Frazier.

Mike, Marty, Jim and Alan removing 8 old signs and wire brushing and painting existing pedestal and attaching new signs.

President Phil acknowledging our first woman Club President with Honor.

President Phil presenting the inaugural Car Wash trophy towel honors to John Reuscher.

Former member Dennis Hagerty stopped by. He is Rotary President at Westcliffe, CO.
Thank you to all who helped with the Annual Rotary Car Wash!