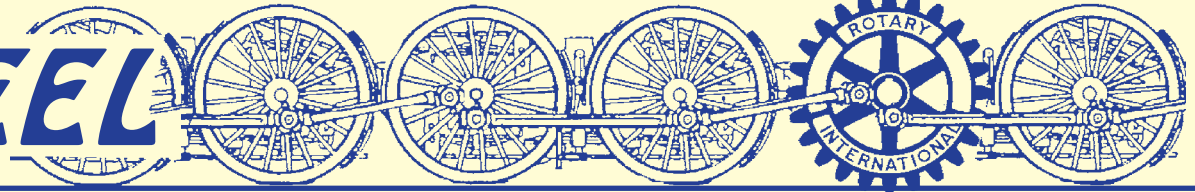


The BIG WHEEL



Rotary Club of Novato

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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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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. **Robertta** 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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A Winter Wonderland

BRUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT

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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

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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?"



featuring Heidi Kühn

**The Bill and Adele Jonas Center
Thursday, December 21
7 pm to 8:30 pm**

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

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Upcoming Programs & Events

November 2023

Nov. 24 **Happy Thanksgiving!** No Regular Meeting & No Speaker Series due to holiday

December 2023

Dec. 1 **Hawi Yema:** Ethiopian Refugee
Dec. 8 **Officer Kyle Baker:** Human Trafficking
Dec. 15 **Kerry Bacho:** Reading Program
Dec. 17 **Holiday Brunch - Marin Country Club**
Dec. 21 **Novato Speaker Series:** Heidi Kuhn

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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



*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.*



President Phil acknowledging our first woman Club President with Honor.



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



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



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.



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!

