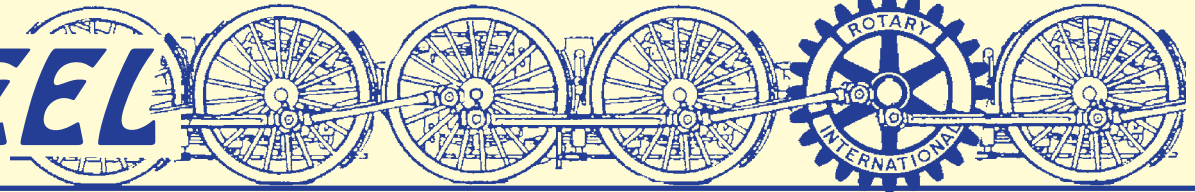


# The BIG WHEEL



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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## In the Beginning...

Prez Peian rang da bell.

PDG Holly Axtell led us in the Pledge and gave us a Thanksgiving prayer:

*“May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey be plump*

*May your potatoes & Gravy  
Have nary a lump*

*May your yams be delicious  
And your pigs take the prize,*

*And may your Thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off of your thighs!”*

This prayer was obviously written for ladies. For us guys it would say: “*May your dinner be yummy and stay off of your tummy!*”

## Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Rotarians dropping by included PDG and Sausalito Rotarian, **Chris Gallagher** and two Rotarians from Mission San Rafael, **Bruce Burtch** and **Melissa Prandi**.

Guests were **Darlene Purcell** with **Al Angulo**, while PDG **Chris Gallagher** brought a prospective member for our Club, **Christie Lin**. **Jim Spilman** brought “The Love of His Life,” the lovely **Diane**. **Marty Wickenheiser** intro’d another prospective member, **Joseph Erellberry**. Finally **Gary Bramon** intro’d his guest **Kyle** “**What’s His Name.**” (PLEASE! Write your guests names legibly.)

## Announcements

**Mike Morrissey** and his lovely wife are taking a trip to South America.

**Paul Scheller** is getting better.

Happy 50th for **Jean** and **Phil Brown!**

**Frank Bruno** reminded us to pick a square! He has open spots on the Super Bowl Pool. He also reminded us of the documentary film about the evacuation of Italian Americans during WWII. Just like Japanese Americans were evacuated. His grandfather **Leon Panetta** was one of them. The documentary film will be shone immediately after our meeting on Friday, December 2.

**John Cutrufelli** reminded us that the Annual Car Wash is Sunday, November 20.

## Upcoming Events

Prez Peian told us about:

1. The Rotary District Foundation Event here tomorrow.
2. The Holiday Party at the **Harrison’s** House on Friday, December 9. Bring a Target gift card.
3. The Holiday Brunch on Sunday, December 18 at the Marin Country Club. It’s \$55 per person. Contact **Marsha Molloy** to pay.

## Safari Night Fundraiser

**Bruce Bertch** from Mission San Rafael Rotary made a presentation about his Club’s Safari Night to raise funds for the **Melissa Prandi** Children’s Foundation. The event will be held on Saturday, December 3 at the Osher JC Center. The cost is \$175 per ticket. **Jim Spilman** auctioned off tickets and his wife, **Diane**, bought a pair for \$350, while **Brad Williams** got another pair for the same price.

## Polio Plus

PDG **Russ Ketron** announces a whole bunch of money has recently been raised to fight Polio, including \$5 million from LDS.

## Speaker

**John Reuscher** introduced our speaker, **Jim Steele**, who told us that the drought was not caused by climate change, but by El Niño and La Niña. **Mr. Steele** explained that it was much hotter in the thirties than in the 90’s and the 21st century. He told us that lost vegetation increased the temperature. He said infrared radiation was not very penetrative and did not cause much of a raise in temperature. Frankly, I believe in seeing a debate between **Steele** and a climate change expert would be interesting. **Steele** never explained what cause El Niño and a La Niña.

## Raffle

**Mike Morrissey** won the 25 bucks. The rich get richer!

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Pre-Paid Donation \$10 per Ticket Good for Drive-Thru Express Wash \$12 Value

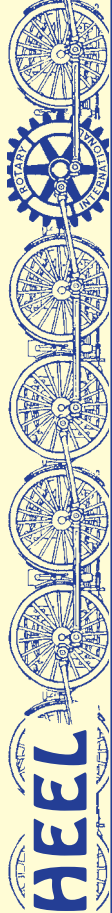
Annual **CAR WASH**  
Sunday, November 20th  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**NOVATO CAR WASH**  
(across from Marin Community Clinic and Marin County Ford)  
6981 Redwood Blvd.

All Proceeds Support Novato Teachers

Visit [novatorotary.org](http://novatorotary.org) or use this QR Code below for tickets or more info





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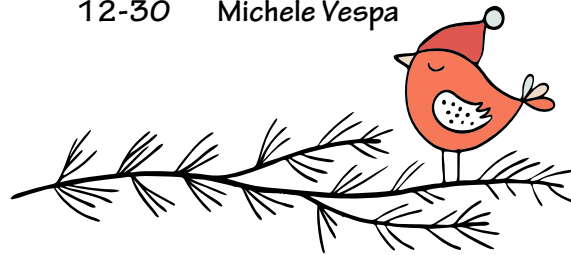
## The Four-Way Test

"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?"

## December SPECIAL DATES

- 12-1 Michelle Ghirardo
- 12-2 Pat Eklund
- 12-3 Kathie Williams
- 12-4 Rob Haff
- 12-5 Jim Spilman
- 12-9 Diane & Jim Spilman
- 12-11 Linda Scott
- 12-12 Toni Bramon
- 12-15 Gary Bramon
- 12-19 Tom Bales
- 12-20 Mike Remak
- 12-25 Chris DeGabriele
- 12-27 Maggie Shao
- 12-30 Michele Yespa



## 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

### November 2022

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)
- Dec. 23 **NO MEETING**
- Dec. 23 **NO MEETING**

### January 2023 - Happy New Year!

- Jan. 6 **Jan Lynn & Andy Dudnuck:** Performing Jazz, Standards, and Pop Tunes
- Jan. 13 **NO MEETING**

## ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2022/2023 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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*Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment*

**Christina Stroeh**  
*Past President*

## Cleaning the Nile

Thanks to **Ron Harness**, our Rotary Club is participating in removing plastic from the Nile River before it gets to the ocean. Our Environmental Committee decided last Rotary year to donate almost \$5,000 of our District Designated Funds to End Plastic Soup for a Global Grant in Egypt.

Plastic soup refers to the huge accumulation of plastic waste that has been thrown away and ends up in the Ocean. As plastic does not degrade biologically the plastic soup keeps on growing, these plastic debris reduce to tiny particles and eventually the fish eat them as they mistake plastic for food. Plastic soup can seriously damage the environment not just as poisonous gases but also when we eat fish with plastic particles our bodies can come in contact with different toxic substances. An astonishing 8 million tons of plastic waste enter the oceans every year. Research shows that 10 rivers are to host 90 % of the plastic getting dumped into the Ocean. Ranking 6th of these rivers is the river Nile which contributes to about 85,000 tons yearly. This pollution causes death to marine life and endangers human life from eating contaminated fish.

The Global Grant supports the Very Nile initiative working directly with the local community of Qurasaya Island under a formal agreement with the ministry of Environment. The work force and the Fishermen for this project will receive environmental awareness training with a focus on the problem of plastic pollution in marine environment.

Community members working on this project and the recycling project on the island receive payment. The Global Grant will build a boat to collect plastic from the Nile and then send the plastic for recycling. This boat should be able to collect about 250 kg daily. This plastic is then segregated by kind and color.

The project generates its own revenue. The plastic collected will be recycled on Qurasia Island and be recycled into non-food packing. The products will be sold to obtain funds.

Article by Holly Axtell



## Rotary Club of Novato



# A Winter Wonderland

BRUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
**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

NO HOST BAR

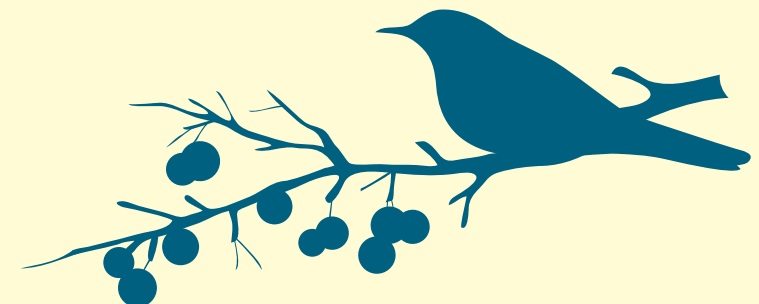


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RSVPS and checks due by December 10th





*The second marriage stuck. Jean and Phil brown celebrate 50 years!*



*Mission San Rafael member, Bruce Burtch, describing Safari Night Fund Raiser.*



*Community Service Chairman Jim Spilman auctions Safari tickets to highest bidder.*



*Speaker Jim Steele demonstrated ocean and air temperature with graphs over the years.*