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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO** **ANDREW SSENDYOWA FROM** **KENYA!**

Robert Marshall met Andrew in Kenya and trained him to install Sun Springs for water purification. Andrew later contacted Robert to let him know that he had been selected for a UNESCO IHE Delft Rotary Scholarship in the Netherlands. This is Rotary's program to support the training of water professionals from around the world.

These scholarships are designed to promote long-term productive relationships between Rotarians and highly skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities. Since the inception of the partnership in 2012, some 150 scholarships have been awarded. Scholars have Rotary "hosts" from the area in Holland who keep in touch with them during their time at the university.

The strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and IHE Delft Institute for Water Education aims to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis by increasing the number of trained professionals to devise, plan, and implement solutions in developing and emerging countries.

Through this partnership, scholarships are awarded annually for graduate students at IHE Delft's campus in the Netherlands. The scholar is required to raise additional funds to assure that he/she can manage financially for the duration of the training. Our Rotary club committed \$500 from our Endowment fund for Andrew.

Andrew recently graduated and sent us photos.

Holly



# The BIG WHEEL

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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?"

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## Christian Thwaites

### Driving Ukraine

Thurs., January 26, 2026

7 pm to 8:30 pm

Christian has volunteered to deliver front line vehicles to Ukrainian military and aid organizations the last two years.

In his talk, Christian will share his volunteer mission insights, life in Ukraine, personal stories about the Ukrainians and volunteers he met, Ukraine's resilience amid war scenarios, and thoughts about Russia/Ukraine economy and their journey towards peace.

Tickets: Adults \$30 • Students \$15

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## Upcoming Programs & Events

### December

Dec. 5	Center for Domestic Peace -
Dec. 12	Annual Meeting & Speaker - Melissa Prandi
Dec. 19	Unwrapping AI: The Gift That Keeps on Learning
Dec. 21	Holiday Brunch - Marin Country Club
Dec. 26	No Meeting

### January

Jan. 2	No Meeting
Jan. 9	Novato Rotary Endowment Presentation
Jan. 16	Club Assembly
Jan. 22	Novato Speaker Series - Christian Thwaites
Jan. 30	Mental Health & Rotary

# Rotary



Club of Novato

## YES, BIG WHEEL EDITORS ARE STILL NEEDED

Support the most interesting  
Rotary Club ever!

Help share our meetings  
with family, friends  
and members unable to attend.

All you need to do is supply typed  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

Rotary Club of Novato



*A Winter Wonderland*  
BRUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
11:00 A.M. SOCIAL • 11:30 A.M. BRUNCH

MARIN COUNTRY CLUB  
500 Country Club Drive, Novato

\$60 PER PERSON  
KIDS under 12 EAT FREE

BUFFET BRUNCH - NO HOST BAR

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**ITALIAN SUPPER & MUSIC**

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO PRESENTS**  
**A DINNER YOU CAN'T REFUSE**

Bill & Adele Jonas Center • 1800 Ignacio Blvd., Novato

**Saturday, February 7, 2026**  
5:30-6:30 Signature Cocktails  
6:30 Dinner  
Auctions through the Evening  
Cocktail Attire Encouraged!

**Silent Auction**

**Live Auctions**

**Live Entertainment, Music & Dancing**  
**Featuring "Frank Sinatra"!**

**NO Tickets at the Door!**

Event tickets are \$100 subject to availability, purchase before Jan. 31, 2026



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ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT COMMUNITY,  
YOUTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, VOCATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS.

## Golden Gate Bistro Dog Friendly Social November 21, 2025

Phil Brown's Memorial at Valley Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m. was well attended and the sun was shining on the Military flag folding and Taps.

The evening followed with our Club Social hosted by President Lynn with her husband Carl and poodle Page. Dogs were invited. The dining area was well heated with good attendance.

Penny

