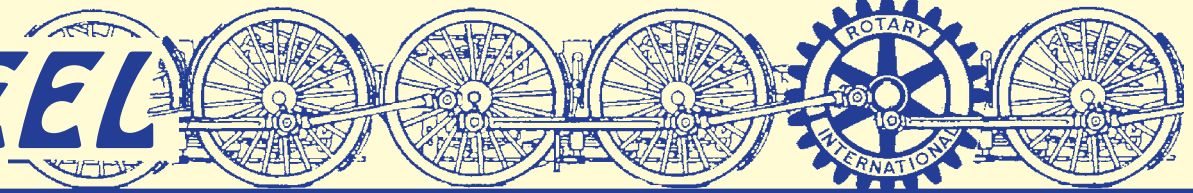


# The BIG WHEEL



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...

**John Reuscher** led the Pledge and **Kyle Frazier** had several 'Thoughts of the Day.' He quoted **Einstein**, **Aristotle** and **John Wooden**. **Wooden** stated if you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over? **Lucille Ball** said the secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.

## Visitors & Guests

**Kyle Frazier** introduced his mom and Rotarian dad **Tom**. **Tom** will be transferring from the Petaluma Club to our Novato Club; **Patti Hurst**, long time Novato Rotarian is visiting from Athens, Georgia. **Gary Bramon** introduced Rotarian **Michael Pritchard**; **Russ** introduced **Kathy Ketron** and **Jorg Puh**-Westerheide introduced spouse **Linda**; **Lynn Dawson** introduced **Novato Police Captain Sasha D'Amico**; **Larry Harrison** introduced **Tony Lazzarini**, CEO of the 51-50 Foundation. He will be assisting **Larry** on the homeless vet fundraiser; **Marty Wickenheiser** introduced **Jackie Cormier**.

## Announcements

### Let's Celebrate!

The birthday anniversary tables were well occupied. Among the celebrants were **Phil** and **Jean Brown**, 51 years and **Holly** and **Keith Axtell** at 43 years.

## Fishing Tales

**President Phil** called upon infrequent visitor **Tom Bales**. **Tom** mentioned fishing the North Platte River a few weeks ago. Planned trips include Antarctica, Pitcairn Island and Egypt. **Tom** also mentioned spending time at the Montana cabin during the summer.

## Sell those Car Wash Tickets!

**Roy Pfeifer** and **President Phil** presented a skit on how to sell car wash tickets. The Car Wash is Sunday, November 12th (see ad).

## Recycling Used Eye Glasses

**Marty Wickenheiser** gave **Russ Ketron** a large bag full of used eye glasses. **Russ** will send them on to be reused in Mexico. Reminder to bring your used eyeglasses to the meeting and pass them on to **Russ**.

## Speakers Series

**Gary Bramon** mentioned the speaker series. **Gary** will be stepping away from heading our Rotary speakers and **Moses Jacob** has agreed to step up for the remaining months.

## Oops!

**Chris DeGabriele** reminded **President Phil** that he goofed in not acknowledging his own wife **Laurie** as a guest!

## International Grants Available

**Holly Axtell** reminded the Club that International grants up to \$500 are available. Simple form to fill out.

## Ticket Date Correction!

The Car Wash tickets show the incorrect date of November 20. The correct date of the Car Wash is November 12. Please hand correct your tickets to read November 12 before distributing the tickets. If you have already distributed tickets, please contact the recipients and confirm the correct date of November 12.

## SUPPORT NOVATO TEACHERS

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Annual

# CAR WASH

Sunday, November 12th

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

All Proceeds  
Support Novato Teachers

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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. 10 **Offsite Meeting at VFW Hall:**  
**Brian Sobel:** The Fighting Patton's
- Nov 10 **Offsite Social:** Veteran's Fundraiser at Larry & Chris Harrison's
- Nov. 17 **Bill Bradfield:** "The Four Freedoms" and other Norman Rockwell masterpieces
- 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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## Super Bowl Board

“Mr. Super Bowl!” **Frank Bruno** is collecting money for the Super Bowl Board. \$20 a square, \$250 a quarter winning including the final score. They fill up fast!

## Holiday Party

**Larry Harrison** reminded us of the upcoming Holiday Party on Friday, November 10th. Optional to bring a Target gift card for homeless vets. Thank you **Chris**, the real power to getting this party started.

## Thank You!

**Jim Spilman** thanks those who helped with the Bahia Lagoon project.

## Blood Drive

**Jim** also mentioned a blood drive November 9th. The blood mobile will be at the Elks Club, San Rafael.

## Let's Go to the Movies!

**Christina Stroeh** mentioned the Larkspur theater event for Queen Bea. The film with our own 9 year old Sadie Remak starring and won best of festival recently in Wales.

## Sunshine

**Patti Hurst** announced **Reggie's** knee replacement surgery went well.

## Paul Harris Awards

**Jorg Puhr-Westerheide** master of ceremonies for the award of pins. **Jorg** had 13 new pins to present and each pin represents \$1000 donation to the Paul Harris Fellowship.

**Al Angulo's** brand new great granddaughter is now a Paul Harris fellow. **Jeff Slavitz** is also a new Paul Harris fellow. **Larry Mazzotta** and **Jim Bates** received pins as well.

## The Speaker

**Gary Bramon** introduced **Michael Pritchard**. **Michael** was here to introduce his neighbor and friend **Mark Dale**. **Michael** did share some thoughts on Rotary, stating Rotarians know how to operate with dignity, love and compassion.

**Mark Dale** is the Founder of Families for Safe Schools. **Mark**, with personal family experience, is navigating youth substance abuse in Marin county.

**Mark** and his wife, originally from Russia, have three children. The middle son became involved with drugs after a family car crash left him with PTSD.

In 8th grade his son started using DSM, a component of cough syrup. **Mark** so feared losing his son. The state did step in and placed him in a two year program.

A scary statistic Marin is the healthiest county in the state and yet number two in the state in drug overdose deaths!

A meaningful quote. “I have never had a kid in my office who said my parents listen too much”

So parents, grandparents pay attention. Young males are programed to be risk takers and they do!

Thank you **Mark** for sharing such a personal story and making us aware of what might be out there endangering our youth.

See you at the **Harrison's** Friday the 10th and see you at the OFFSITE meeting on the 10th at the VFW Hall.

## The Winner

Winner of the 25er was **Tony Lazzarini** founder of the 51-50 Foundation. Nice to see a good deed person rewarded!

*Harrison's Holiday Party*

**Friday, November 10th, 5:30**  
No RSVP needed

**at Larry & Chris Harrison's Home**  
6 David Court • Novato

*Optional to bring a Target Gift card  
for homeless veterans*



*John explains his Car Wash sidewalk Pizza oven where volunteers are served hot pizza out of the oven.*



*Russ Ketron collecting eye glasses for donation to Colima trip.*



*Neighbor of our Speaker Mark Dale. Michael Pritchard shows his Star Wars special effects at nationally acclaimed Speaker and Comedian and Silver Buckle representing Halleck Creek Ranch Nicasio with Therapeutic horse backing.*



*Jim Bates receives Rotary International Paul Harris Award.*



*Frank Bruno's Super Bowl Pool also benefits Rotary.*



*Community Service Committee commends Bahia Lagoon Restoration Volunteers.*



*Christina fresh from Wales for Queen Bea production starring Sadie Remak.*



*Dr. Larry Mazzotto receives Rotary International Paul Harris Award.*



*Mark Dale discusses our children and drugs.*



*Jorg awards Jeff Slavitz for Rotary International Paul Harris donation.*