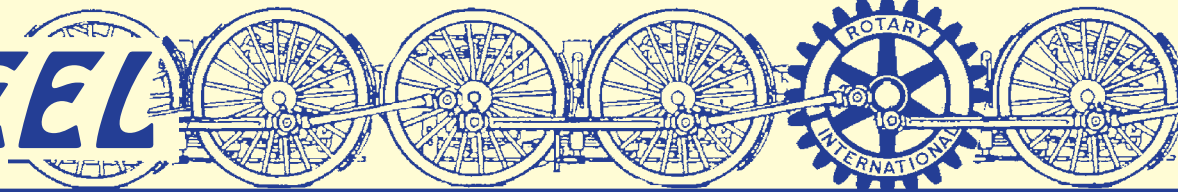


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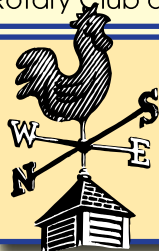


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## In the Beginning...

**Prez. Peian** rang da bell and we were off and running celebrating Veteran's Day.

## Pledge & Thought

**TJ** led us in da Pledge then told us 'Thoughts for Veteran's Day': Prez. **Harry S. Truman** said of Veterans - "Our debt to the the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our Country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude." and **General George S. Patton** added: "*It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God such men lived.*"

## Guests & Visiting Rotarians

**Russ Ketron** brought **Kathy**, while **Brad Williams** escorted his bride **Kathie**. **Jorg Puhr-Weserheide** brought the lovely **Linda**, and **Bill McDill** intro'd his first (and last!) wife **Vicki**.

**Andy Podshadley**, who's running for City Council intro'd himself, a former member of Novato Sunrise Rotary. **Andy** thanked us for our support of his Wine Bar & Winery, Trek. Rotarian **Carl Frasier** also was here.

## Sunshine Report

**Marty Wickenheiser** told us that **Paul Scheller** fell and went boom. He broke his hip and maybe his leg too. **Paul** is 90 years old and seems to be recovering well. **Larry Harrison** has follow-up procedures scheduled.

## Announcements

### Documentary Showing

**Frank Bruno** told us about a documentary that tells about Italians during World War II being placed in isolation camps just like the Japanese were. **Frank's** grandfather was taken away to one of these places. The documentary will be shown at the Jonas Center on Friday, December 2nd immediately following our Rotary meeting.

### Food Bank

**Jim Spilman** told us about food packing at the Food Bank. More info to follow.

### Scholarship Committee Looking for New Members

**John Ringgenberg** announced he is the chair of the Scholarship Committee and he's looking for new members.

### Car Wash!

**John Cutrufelli** told us the Annual Car Wash is set for Sunday, November 20th. Tickets are 10 bucks each and we'll all get to sell.

### VFW

VFW member **Rick Saber** thanked us for the help and support we've given to the VFW.

### District 5150 Foundation Event

**Prez Peian** announced there's a District 5150 Foundation event at the Jonas Center on November 19.

**Da Prez** then reminded us of the Holiday House Party at **Larry** and **Chris Harrison's** on Friday, December 9. Bring a gift card from Target.

**Prez Peian** then reminded us of the Holiday Brunch at the Marin Country Club on December 18th. It's \$55 per person and kids 12 and under eat free!

## Veteran's Day

**Prez Peian** asked the Veterans from each branch of the service to stand up, one branch at a time and be recognized.

We then had a video presentation by Army Veteran **Don Violin**. **Don** joined the army when he was only 14 years old and eventually served in Germany, Paris, and Korea. After he came back from overseas he was assigned to Mercury Flats where the army tested nuclear bombs. I guess that's where he got his glow! He worked for Pacific Bell and AT&T for 33 years. **Don** had two kids. He met and **Gloria** and fell in love immediately and married 4 years later. He eventually joined Rotary and also Druids and the VFW. **Don** then introduced these VFW members who came to our meeting today: **Wally Holmes**, Air Force; **Dick Locke**, Army; **Tim Cox**, Marines; **Rick Saber**, Navy; and **Dom Bramonte**, Army.



**HONOR  
OUR  
VETERANS**

## Speaker

**Gloria Dunn-Violin** introduced our speaker today: **Anita Jones Roehrick**, a 20 year college professor, aka **Anita Gail Jones**, a writer.

First, **Anita** remarked what a beautiful building the Jonas Center is. She then told a great story regarding singing frogs and mosquitoes. She attended Albany State College. **Anita** then told us that her father was a veteran. Her dad didn't talk about his service in World War II. She did tell us the story of her dad returning from

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"Imagine Rotary"

### 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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## Upcoming Programs

**November 2022**

Nov. 11 **NO MEETING**

Nov. 18 **Jim Steele:** Climate Change - The Causes and Effects and What We Can Do About It

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**

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**January 2023 - Happy New Year!**

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overseas. All the soldiers on the ship were one army until they landed in the USA. They were separated into two lines, one black and one white. Anita asked how did the black men manage to be leaders, especially in the South? Because they were heroic. They did it behind the scenes above and below the poverty line.

### Raffle

The raffle was won by Jorg Puhr-Westerheide.

### 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

## SUPPORT NOVATO TEACHERS

Rotary  
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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  
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2022





*Chairman Jim Spilman invites members to join Larry Mazzotta distributing food.*



*John Cutrufelli supports Novato Teachers with Annual Car Wash.*



*TJ Neff reads his 'Thoughts for the Day' in his Paris beret.*



*Speaker Anita Jones describes her family history in the age of desegregation in Albany, Georgia.*



*Debbie Brusatori with sister Barbara Bagileo of Education Foundation Cotati & Rohnert Park.*



*VFW Commander introduces Veteran guests.*



*Don Violin introduces Veteran lunch guests.*