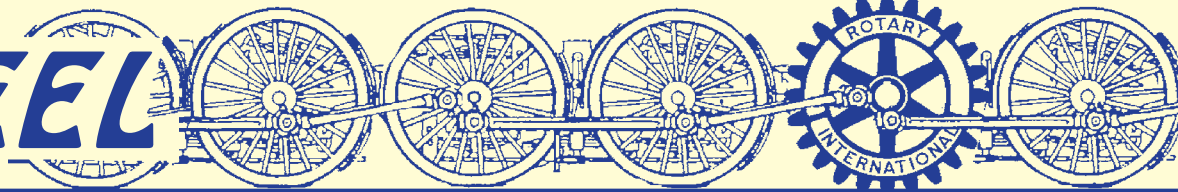


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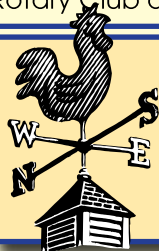


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Dean H.**

We're celebrating National Red Head Day?, Week?, Month? Whatever.

For the celebration, **Prez Christina** added a sidekick: **Sadie Remak**.

Prez Christina rang da bell, then she and her sidekick, **Sadie**, led us in the Pledge.

Thought for the Day

Suzanne Bales advised us "Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers. The Titanic was built by paid professionals."

Visiting Rotarians

There was one visitor. I didn't get his name so let's call him **John Doe**.

Guests of Rotarians

Phil Dougherty brought his buddy **Mark**. **Jay Wayne** intro'd his better half, **Maureen**, while **Bill McDill** brought his much better half, **Vicki**. **Al Angulo** intro'd **Rick Russell**. **Chris DeGabriele** presented the talented **Joni** (his bride) and **Joni's** friend **Ginny Hanna**. **Gary Bramon** intro'd **Kevin M.** while **Alan Dunham** brought his translator (wife) **Roberta**. **Marisa Remak** intro'd her two lovely daughters.

Fixing the Environment

Roy Pfeifer told us how to win a hat. He also told us to bring our own flat wear (knives, forks, spoons) when we go out to eat! **Roy** told us to wear Rotary underwear (logo on front or back?) with our new hats.

Pick up that Trash!

Joni DeGabriele reminded us of "Litter Free Community." Her associate, **Ginny Hanna** told us how we can team up to clean up Novato. We "Adopt a Spot" such as your block, or street, etc. and you get a neat kit that includes a trash can, first aid kit, bright yellow vest, gloves and a pickup stick device.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Prez Christina advised us that the October 27, 2021 issue of the Novato Advance has a big section that's a "Salute to Rotary." **Penny Hansen** is the mover and shaker that got this done with the help of **Prez. Christina**, **Prez-Elect Peian Harness**, **PDG Holly Axtell**, **Sonia Seeman**, and several other members.

The Endowment Well

Jay Wayne, President of the Novato Rotary Endowment told us everything we ever wanted to know about the Endowment and much more! **Jay** told us about many of the local and International Projects that the Endowment has supported, including scholarships, teacher awards, Copper Canyon, Project Amigo, Philippine Boys town, Shelter Boxes, Marin Food Bank

and many, many more.

Jay said that there are several ways to grow the Endowment, including gifts and fundraisers such as the Car Wash (Teachers Recognition) and Polenta Feed (Permanent Fund). Their goal is to grow to a two million dollar fund in ten years.

Currently, for this Rotary year they're giving away \$71,540. **Jay** was not presented a speakers award.

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A Winter Wonderland

BRUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

BILL AND ADELE JONAS CENTER
1800 Ignacio Boulevard, Novato
Parking Lot #4 - free parking

\$45 PER PERSON
KIDS EAT FREE



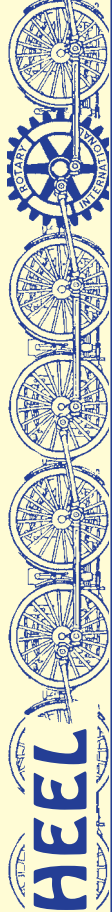
RSVP to: Marsha Molloy
mjmolloy@pacbell.net or 415-328-7745

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RSVPS and checks due by December 3rd

All CDC, State and Local Covid Guidelines will be followed.
Must be vaccinated or have a negative test to attend.
Masks are required.

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"Serve to Change Lives"

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?"



**Rotary Club Meeting
November 12**
Bill and Adele Jonas Center

**Honoring
Veteran's Day**

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/

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Upcoming Programs

November

Nov. 12 **Honoring Veteran's Day**

Nov. 19 **No Meeting**

Lebanese Dinner & Entertainment
at Sam's Place - 6pm

Nov. 26 **No Meeting** - Thanksgiving holiday

December

Dec. 3 **San Marin High School Jazz Choir**
directed by Emily Gates

Dec. 10 Larry Bauer- Grand Jury

Dec. 17 **Wright Brothers Day**- speaker TBA

Dec. 24 **No meeting**

Dec. 31 **No meeting**

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Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment

Chris DeGabriele
Past President

Rotary Foundation

Jorg told us he still can get Foundation Raffle tickets up to next week, so buy, buy, buy.

Speaker

Frank Bruno intro'd our speaker, Gina Stahl-Haven. Gina is a stand up comic who told us all about improv (improvisational) comedy.

She said the first rule to stand up is "yes, and"... which is someone saying something, and the next person says "yes, and" to change the subject. She had each table do it for three rounds. It was fun!

Gina had us play toss the invisible ball. We made them heavy as a bowling ball and light as a feather. This too, was fun. She then got up seven people to play a one-word game. Finally musical chairs with each chair being an emotion.

Announcements

Blood Drive

Jim Spilman announced a Blood Drive on Wednesday. Please, give!

Volunteers Needed

Larry Harrison is looking for more volunteers for packing meals next Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Druids Hall.

Holiday Party at the Harrison's

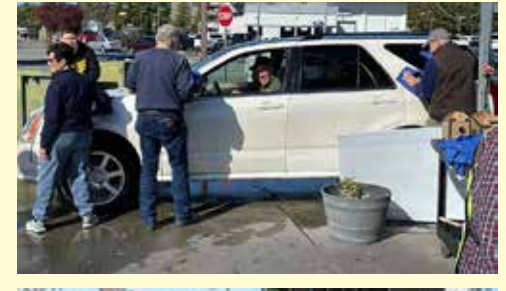
Larry also announced he and Chris are holding their Annual Holiday Party at their house on Friday, December 3. Instead of Toys for Tots, they're looking for Target gift cards.

Raffle

Don't know who won, but it wasn't me.



Bill McDill, Interactor Ryan Remak, future President Peian Harness.



Chef and Builder John Cutrufelli making pizza.



John pizza twirling.



Team Work - drying cars at the car wash

Nov 7 Annual Car Wash

In support of Novato Teachers John Cutrufelli and partner Matea organize an annual fund raiser with many members contributing their skill and time to the cause. In particular, Bill Vespa and staff do the graphic art and printing for the advertising that includes tickets, large signs, newspaper add in Rotary Tribute and table flyers for weekly lunch meetings.

Now, if you did not attend the event to dry off cars and exchange greetings you missed the event highlight, in my opinion; Bay Builders Contractor John Cutrufelli builds Pizza from scratch on the spot, on a portable table loaded with ingredients, paper towels, napkins. The haunting, delicious aroma of roasted pizza sizzled on a cooking stone- in a portable propane fueled pizza oven.

I found this amazing when John tossed the dough in the air! Patrons easing their vehicles out of the drying tunnel could not believe what was going on. There we were- glistening in the sun in our Rotary swag clamoring around wet cars with clean rags. Smiling faces everywhere. Ryan and Sadie Remak pitched in with mom Marisa; young, old and every age 9-90 pitching in. What a scene! A sight to behold and cherish.

By Penny Hansen



Marty Wickenheiser, TJ Neff, and Debbie Brusatori.



President Christina salutes Red Hair Day with Sadie Remak.



Suzanne Bales shares a thought for the day.



Gina asked for volunteers and then the fun began.



Gina demonstrated techniques.



Roy Pfeifer offers a Rotary Cap for signing up for Adopt a Spot for City Clean Up program.



Joni DeGabriele demonstrated the Adopt a Spot kit to keep Novato litter free.



We learned to have fun with communication exercises.



Jay Wayne gives a concise and passionate description of Rotary Foundation purpose.



Rotary Foundation Chairman Jorg presents Mike Morrissey with a double diamond award.



Guest Gina taught us improvisation in various ways.