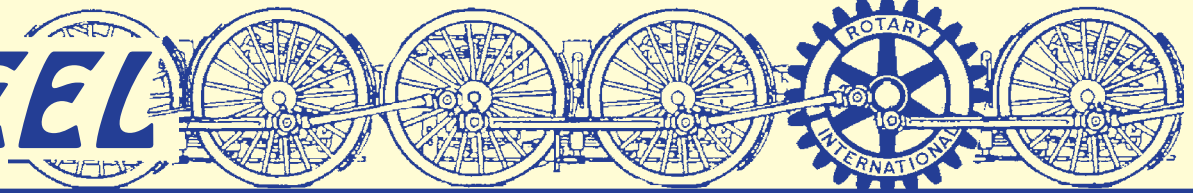


The BIG WHEEL



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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Prez. Phil Rang Da Bell.

John Reuscher led us in da Pledge. Then **Jackson Coster**, one of our new members provided a “Thought for the Day” which included “Go placidly (if you are arrested?) and avoid loud people (so don’t go to any Niners, Warriors or Giants Games).”

Visiting Rotarians

We welcomed **Paul Simmons** from Mission San Rafael.

Guests of Rotarians

Jackie was here as the guest of **Lynn Dawson**, while **Jim Botko** brought his beautiful bride, **Kathy**. **Tiffany Fischer** introduced **Eliza**, who is a nurse, an E.M.T., and a medical assistant, a mother, and a vet... She may want to join our humble little Club! The First Lady of Novato Rotary Club, **Laurie D.** was intro’d by **Da Prez** with the first daughter **Patricia**.

Announcements

Super Bowl Pool

Frank Bruno told us there were only 34 more squares left for the Super Bowl Pool. Well... There’s really only 32 or fewer left since I bought two right after the meeting.

Western BBQ

Peter Rubens announced the Western BBQ is looking for Event Sponsors and Live Auction items such as dinners, vacation weekends, etc.

Final Speakers Series

Gary Bramon announced that the final Speakers Series of the year will feature Heidi Kuhn who will give a very, very interesting presentation about land mines and the devastation caused to innocent civilians, including children. I’ve seen **Heidi** speak previously and I highly recommend attending on Thursday.

Donate your Glasses!

Russ Ketron lost someone’s glasses and wants more. Please donate!

Another new member

Larry Harrison introduced **Thomas Frazier**, who is transferring from a Petaluma Rotary Club to ours. He is the father of a relatively new member, **Kyle Frazier**. **Tom** at one time was the police commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department.

Let us talk about 2025-2026

That’s the year the Past Presidents nominated **Lynn Dawson** to be President of our Club. The motion was made and seconded (by me) and passed unanimously. Congrats, **Lynn**.

John Reuscher, via video, interviewed **Tom Rickey** on what he wanted to accomplish as Prez. in his year 2024-2025. You can see it on 60 minutes by CBS, but I already knew he has a passion for sports, primarily football!

29th Annual
Proceeds Support Community and International Service Projects

Rotary Club of Novato

Western BBQ & Dance

Bill & Adele Jonas Center
IVC Campus
1800 Ignacio Blvd, Novato

Live Music
Featuring
Dennis Hogenry
and Blind Date

Big Sky Auction

PIE AUCTION

Saturday, February 10, 2024

5:30 - 6:30 - BELLY-UP to the Bar

6:30 - Dinner

Auctions through the Evening

\$65 per Person
Tickets are Available
From Novato Rotary Club Members
Please make checks payable to:
Novato Rotary Endowment
P.O. Box 657 - Novato, CA 94948

Tickets may also be purchased at
novatorotary.org or use QR Code below

NO Tickets at the Door!

Event Proceeds Fund the Novato Rotary Endowment a 501(c)3

All CDC, State and Local COVID Guidelines will be followed

Speaker

Our Speaker was **Sergeant Kyle Baker**, a Detective with the Pittsburgh California Police Department, starting in 2010. **Kyle** told us all about human trafficking. He was very blunt in his talk, telling us about active cases with relationships being young girls in their teens. Handling human trafficking cases

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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

December 2023

- Dec. 15 **Kerry Bacho:** Reading Program
Dec. 17 **Holiday Brunch - Marin Country Club**
Dec. 21 **Novato Speaker Series:** Heidi Kuhn
Dec. 22 **NO MEETING**
Dec. 29 **NO MEETING**

January 2024

- Jan. 5 **Kevin Briggs, Retired CHP:** GGB Suicide Prevention
Jan. 12 **District Governor Laine Hendricks:** Club Visit
Jan. 19 **Marcus Combs, Retired Golden Gate National Park Ranger:** How the Bay Area changed through the 1950's
Jan. 25 **Novato Speaker Series:** Dr. Michael Pritchard and Mark Dale
Jan. 26 **NO MEETING**

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was his first assignment as a detective. Generally girls in unhappy situations including their neighborhoods, schools, history of abuse, divorce, alcohol. Sergeant told us there are three different groups involved in human trafficking: Victims, exploiters, and buyers. Watch out for social media. Good groups include Truckers against Trafficking. This was a very informative program. Good job, Kyle!

Raffle

Jim White won the 25er.



Rotary Work Party Brick Laying at the Novato City Hall on December 8



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RCN Service Week!

April 7 - 14, 2024 • Colima, Mexico

Contact Phil Dougherty if interested.

Informational meeting planned for January – stay tuned!





President Phil.

Next Rotary Club of Novato President, Thomas Rickey.



Our speaker talks about sex trafficking in the SF Bay Area.



Lynn Dawson, future Rotary Club of Novato President.



Larry Harrison introduces new member Tom Frazier being pinned by his son Kyle.



The Novato Police Heroes and Helpers Program supported by Rotary.

