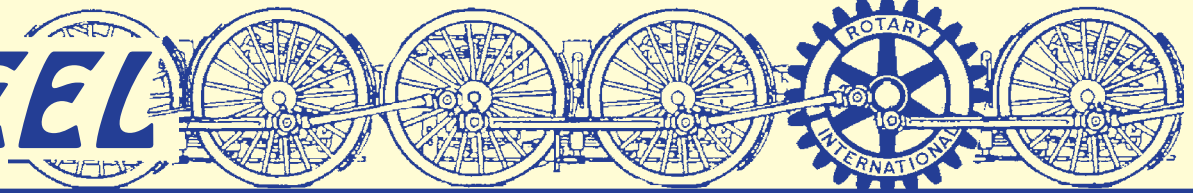


The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Retired Reindeer

In the Beginning...

The meeting began with **Mike Howard** (Novato Police Lieutenant and Club member) leading us in the Pledge with the room filled with festive red and green colors to celebrate the holiday season.

Rene Prado gave two "Thoughts for the Day":

"Eleanor was right. She never looked nice. She looked like art, and art wasn't supposed to look nice; it was supposed to make you feel something" - **Rainbow Rowell**.

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life doing nothing." - **George Bernard Shaw**.

Visiting Rotarians, family & friends :

Reggie Winner introduced **Yvonne Curley**, **Bob** and **Riki Intner** (both are past district governors PDG) from SF Fisherman's Wharf Club. Visitors, family and friends included: **Russ Ketron's** bride **Kathy**; **Bill McDill's** first wife **Vicki**; **Marisa Remak's** oldest daughter **Ashby**; **Dr. Craig McCurdy's** fabulous wife **Susie**; **Alan Dunham's** favorite wife **Roberta**; **Chris DeGabriele** introduced his wife **Joni**; also **Jim white** - past member and soon to be member again; and **Catherine Young** who was a past member with **Jim Spliman**.

All welcome...

Sunshine Report

Warren Glass had a triple bypass and is on the mend now. Please send him your best wishes.

Announcements

Tips from CAT (Climate Action Team)

Roy Pfeifer mentioned some tips on how to reduce the usage of plastic bags. He encouraged members to consider to using zipper bags or containers which can be re-used, instead of using disposable plastic bags.

Lebanese Dinner at Sam's

There was a good turn out for dinner at Sam's, complete with a with a Lebanese belly dancer. All enjoyed the energy and enthusiasm in the room. Thanks you, **Sam!**

Thank You Note

President Christina Stroeh shared a thank you note from NYC Women Filmmakers which is a non-profit that received a donation from our Club.

Holiday TGIF

The event is tonight at the **Harrison's** residence and **Phil** is collecting gift cards for those who can't make it to the event. This is a joint effort with the 5150 Car Club and our Club. All the donations will go to Blue Star Moms to benefit the families of homeless veterans.

Holiday Brunch / Winter Wonderland

The Holiday Brunch is on December 12 and starts 11am. The RSVP is due today. Cost is \$45 and please send to **Marsha Molloy**. Forks & Fingers will prepare the food and their will be a live musical program written by **Christina** and **Phil**. This will be a joint event with the other two Novato Rotary Clubs, so don't miss it.

Western BBQ & Line Dance

Chris DeGabriele announced our Club's fund raising Western BBQ & Line Dance event on Saturday, February 5 at the Bill and Jonas Center. This event will include a pie auction chaired by **Reggie Winner**, **Frank Bruno** will help with live auction, and the MC is our favorite **Craig McCurdy**. Let **Chris** know if you are interested in providing a live auction

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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

Mail check to:
Marsha Molloy, 308 Becky Court, Novato, CA 94949

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.

item. Please mark your calendar and all hands on deck.

Books and Art Around Town at Tree Lighting

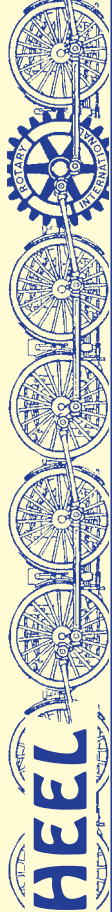
Marisa Remak announced Books and Art Around Town is back! She will have a booth during the Novato Tree Lighting Event on December 4, from 4 – 7 pm. Please come by and visit.

Jim Spilman mentioned that the Tree Lighting set up starts from 9am at the City Hall.

Thank You for Your Service!

Jim Spilman then invited **Russ** and **Kathy Ketron** up and presented a banner to honor **Reuben Kaehler** who was

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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?"

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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**Rotary Club Meeting
 December 10**
 Bill and Adele Jonas Center
Your Civil Grand Jury

Speakers:

Dr. Lawrence T. Bauer
 President,
 Marin County Civil Grand Jury Association

David Gabriel
 Ex Juror and Rotarian

Upcoming Programs

December

- Dec. 10 **Your Civil Grand Jury:** Speakers: Dr. Lawrence T. Bauer, President, Marin County Civil Grand Jury Association; David Gabriel, Ex Juror and Rotarian
- Dec. 17 **Wright Brothers Day-** speaker TBA
- Dec. 24 **No meeting**
- Dec. 31 **No meeting**



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Past President

DG from 1980-81 and **Russ** who was also a DG from 2008-2009. We thank you for your service.

Thanksgiving Generosity

Penny Hansen recognized our caterer – **Sam** who provided meals to the fire and police department on Thanksgiving evening. What a great way to show your appreciation and thanks to **Sam’s** generosity.

Future Rotarians

Frank Bruno had good news and announced that they are expecting a grandchild from their daughter **Sarah**. Let’s celebrate together for this future Rotarian.

Russ Ketron also shared his joy of babysitting their first great grandchild. Thanks to his lovely wife **Kathy** who he married when **Kathy** was 10 years old.

Hanukkah

Moses Jacob took the opportunity to introduce us the Hanaka, Hanukkah or Hanuka?

Hanukkah translates “dedication” and he likes to dedicate ourselves to stop senseless killing of our kids.

Free Veggies!

Marty Wickenheiser mentioned **Maryann Elloway** (spouse of past member, **John Elloway**) has tons of vegetables from her garden to give away. Please contact **Maryann** if you are interested.

Interact Club Update

Ashby Remak gave us an update about Interact Club. They participated with Car Wash event. They are also working on project to install chess tables on campus and will help with the city Tree Lighting event. With no time wasted, the Club has recruited them to help with pie auction next year.

Currently they have about 50-70 members and thanks to **Ashby** for her efforts to make all this happen!

Get Your Wine Glasses

Jim Spilman reminded members to pick up the wine glass for those who bid on them.

Water Filtration Project

Robert Marshall mentioned he is going back to Guatemala to install two more water filtration systems in the hospital that our Club members visited in 2019 where we installed the first water filtration system. That

first system is working well by reducing infant deaths from 7-11 to zero per month thanks to a safe water supply. The next trip is planned for January 5-10, 2022 and still has openings.

Sad News

Russ Ketron shared the sad news of RI Past President **Cliff Dochterman** (1991-1992 from D5150) who passed away at the age 95. His legacy will remain with us for many years to come.

Parking Reminder

Mike Howard reminds Club members to make sure that we park our cars in the designated area of Parking Lot 4 to avoid citation during Club events. More importantly **Mike** mentioned if you do get a ticket, please DO NOT call the Novato Police department....Oh Damn...

Other News

Dr. Criag McCurdy mentioned that **Susie’s** son finished army training and received a degree. He is based in Seattle and will be moving to Thailand.

Program

Today we had the pleasure to have the San Marin High School Jazz Choir led by the renowned **Emily Gates**. They sang us several lovely holiday songs. Club members also joined in to sang “Silent Night” together. Thanks for all 13 talented students and their lovely singing.

The performance received a standing ovation. Also **President Christina** presented a donation check of \$500 to **Emily** to support the music program at San Marin High.

Raffle Winner

The winning raffle ticket goes to **Peter Oser**.



Heroe’s and Helpers
handing out Target gift cards to families in need.



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Rotary Photo Album



Holly Axtell, Chairman of International Committee brings VIP's from another Rotary Club.



Jim White and Jay Wayne.



Books and Art Around Town at the December 4th Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 3 Meeting with the San Marin Jazz Choir led by Emily Gates



San Marin students of Emily Gates gave us Christmas songs for a holiday feeling.



Past District Governor Russ Ketron with Kathleen share a special banner.



Holiday TGIF at the Harrison's