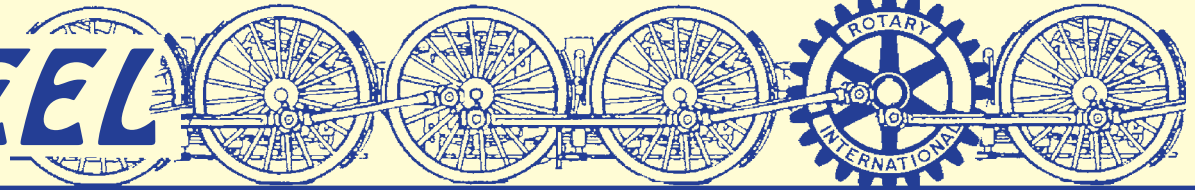


The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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Frontier Phil (AKA **Cowboy Phil**) rang dabel and opened the meeting.

Pledge

Christina Stroeh led the pledge.

Thought for the day

Scott Root told us “Success is getting up one more time, after falling down again.”

Visiting Rotarians

We had one visitor today. It’s **Steve Hodgdon** of Ignacio Rotary.

Guests of Rotarians

Barry Smail was the guest of **Moses Jacob**. **Marty Wickenheiser** brought **Jackie Courmier** and **John Simmons**. **Prez Phil** brought his lovely daughter, **Patty Dougherty** (soon to be a member).

Announcements

Prez Phil thanked **Maggie** for having the Qi Gong sessions in the A.M., it works better. **Da Prez** announced **Phil Brown** and **Paul Scheller** were receiving community care, and that **Paul’s** passing was greatly exaggerated. We all then sang “Happy Birthday” to the births and anniversaries.

Prez Phil stated the Western BBQ is sold out and

they need volunteers for check-in, set-up and take-down. He told us no parking passes were needed Saturday, yeayy!

Ground Hog Day

Phil then announced today was Ground Hog Day and the movie with **Bill Murray** and **Andie MacDowell** was the best movie ever made!

Then **Phil** gave us a table quiz with seven questions: 1) Ground Hogs are also known as? Wood Chucks. 2) Ground Hogs belong to what family? Marmots. 3) In the movie, what was Weatherman **Phil Conners** high school friend’s occupation? Insurance Agent. 4) Who has a better record of predicting weather? **Staten Island Chuck** or **Punxsutawney Phil**? **Chuck**. 5) What song is played on the radio every A.M. to wake up **Phil**? “I got You Babe” by **Sonny** and **Cher**. 6) According to folklore, if the Ground Hog sees its shadow, how many more weeks of winter will there be? Six. 7) Ground Hog Day is the most watched weather in America. It has been celebrated since; 1881?, 1950?, 1886? 1886.

There were two tables with four

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NO Tickets at the Door!

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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
Felecia Gaston

The Bill and Adele Jonas Center
Thursday, February 22
7 pm to 8:30 pm

Founder and director of Performing Stars of Marin, and The Marin City Historical and Preservation Society

Gaston writes about the Marin Housing Authority building temporary homes in 1942, the beginning of a community in Marin City, outside developers, the Ku Klux Klan's cross burning in Marin City, what the Marin Civic Center was proposing for the future of the land in Marin City in 1952, and how people such as Supervisor Vera Schultz, Mary Summers, Aaron Green, Lawrence Livingston, Jr., Lawrence Halprin, and John Carl Warnecke help to plan and shape Marin City.

Tickets: Adults \$25 • Students \$10

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Upcoming Programs & Events

February 2024

- Feb. 9 **Karen Beale:** Society of Women Engineers
Feb. 16 **Ryan Lee:** Drones: A New Perspective
Feb. 22 **Novato Speaker Series:** Felecia Gaston will discuss the History of Marin City

March 2024

- Mar. 1 **Dr. Jill Cobb, CME,** Novato Community Hospital. She runs the Physician Wellness Program for Sutter.
Mar. 8 **Davis Perkins:** Marin artist and smokejumper
Mar. 15 **Sylvia Whitlock:** First Woman In Rotary
Mar. 22 **Dick Spotswood:** Marin IJ



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correct answers (mine was one of them). So, **Phil (Prez, not Punxsutawney)** asked a tie breaker question. 8) What wedding gift does **Phil** give to **Debbie** and **Fred**? Tickets to Wrestlemania! No one knew it, so eighties!

Announcements Continued...

Prez Phil announced there will be a regular meeting next Friday, February 11th at the Jonas Center. On Wednesday, February 7th the World Community Service Committee meets at Nova-Ro III to discuss projects. On Tuesday, February 13th the Climate Action Committee meets at 6pm via Zoom.

You Can't Beat City Hall!

A great place to meet on Friday Feb. 16th, when the Jonas Center is closed. So is the whole college. New member **Ryan Lee** will be speaking on drones. No, we won't send one to Iran, **Ryan** will talk about how he uses them in his photo work.

The Community Service Committee will meet Wednesday, February 21st at Round Table Pizza.

On Thursday, February 22nd **Felecia Gaston** is the speaker for the Novato Speaker Series. She will discuss the beginning of Marin City.

All Aboard!

Choo! Choo! On Saturday, February 24th we'll take a SMART train ride to Santa Rosa for lunch. Yum! Yum!

Speaker

Moses Jacob introduced our speaker, **Professor John Quigley** who was with us by Zoom. The Professor gave us a history of Israel which was once Palestine. Palestine was part of the Ottoman Empire. Its occupants were primarily Arabs with a small percentage of Jewish people, who were treated as second class citizens. Britain took over this area and eventually wanted to set up a Jewish State. Around the turn of the 19th to the 20th century Britain considered setting up a Jewish state for the Zionists. They were called Zionists because they mainly lived around Mt. Zion. Great Britain wanted to set up the Jewish state and they wanted

access to the Suez Canal. When the United Nations agreed to establishing the state of Israel, the Country did not take up all of Palestine and there was still a large percentage of Arabs in the Country... there's a lot more. We should all read his book. Good program.

Raffle

We had a rollover from last week (since **Prez Phil** won), so this week it was a \$50 prize, which was won by **Christopher Mychajluk**.



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the Board of Directors and the membership:

- **Jackie Cormier – Finance, Retired**
- **Eliza Roesler – Healthcare**
- **Patty Dougherty – Health Insurance**

if there are no objections by:

Thursday, February 15

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:

Friday, February 16

Sonia Seeman / Jim White

Co-Secretaries

Do You Know Someone Who Would Be A Good Applicant??

Each year our Rotary District funds one Global Scholar. Our club has been a generous donor to this program which gives an opportunity to get an advanced degree in one of the seven Rotary Areas of Focus:

Applications for the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship from Rotary District 5150 (Rotary clubs located in San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo counties) are now open until March 23, 2024. The scholarship of USD\$31,500.00 supports one year of tuition and living costs at an international university for graduate study

- This is not a needs-based scholarship and is based solely on the qualifications of the candidate.
- Candidates must be from the United States and must study outside of their home country and in a country where a Rotary Club exists.
- Candidates must be sponsored by a Rotary Club in District 5150, and clubs may sponsor more than one candidate for this scholarship.
- Candidates may not be Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians, or employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International. Spouses, lineal descendants (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, or ancestors (parent or grandparent) of persons in the aforementioned categories are also ineligible. Please note that Rotarians and their relatives remain ineligible for scholarship awards for 36 months after a Rotarian has resigned from club membership.
- Scholarship must be used for a graduate program – masters, PhD, or post-doctoral program. This scholarship is not available for undergraduate studies.
- Candidates must have completed their undergraduate degree program before commencing scholarship studies.
- Candidates must either have a full offer or conditional offer to a graduate program at time of application or have one remaining full academic year of a graduate program from a multi-year program. This scholarship is not available for a partial year of study.
- Candidates must have ability to express source of funds for remaining costs above and beyond the USD\$31,500 of this scholarship (See “Additional Funding” on application).
- Candidates may seek or be awardees of other Rotary Scholarships.

Amount of Scholarship and Key Dates

- USD\$31,500 awarded for 2024-25 and may be used for travel, housing, tuition, books, supplies, and/or living expenses.
- Rotarians may increase the amount of this scholarship through individual donations. If interested, please contact Global Grant Scholarship Chair Gina Grant at ginagrant2@hotmail.com.



Ground Hog Day Trivia with Phil.



Rob Marhsall announces that the water filtration systems and eye glasses have arrived at destination.



Moses Jacob introduces our Speaker, Professor John Quigley.



Rotary Crab Fest at Peggy and Peter Rubens' home

Lynwood School Beautification Project



Lynwood School yard landscape and beautification of adding benches and planters was completed on Saturday, February 3 between rain storms.



Rob Haff, Phil Dougherty, Penny Hansen, and Roy Pfeifer.



Rob Haff, Phil Dougherty, Jim Spilman, and Roy Pfeifer.



L-R: Al Shirley, Jim Spilman, Ed Ross, and Dave Kapranos.