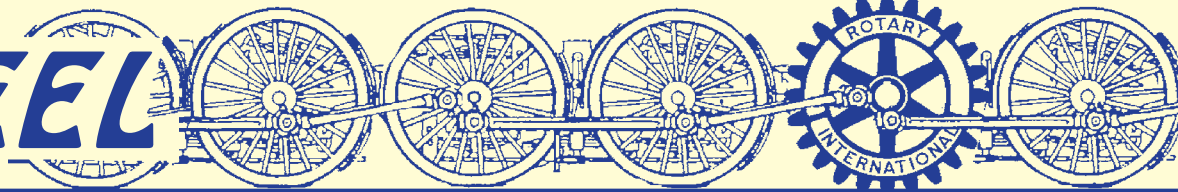


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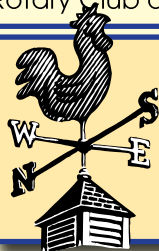


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In the Beginning

Gloria Dunn-Violin in honor of her husband, **Don Violin**, offered these thoughts for the day after leading the Pledge of Allegiance. "Why Getting Older is Beautiful? As we age, we grow into a deeper kind of beauty, one which works its way from the inside out. It's a more authentic and less superficial beauty. It shows through the eyes and the confident way one moves through life. It's a different beauty because it radiates from within and draws others in." **Albert Einstein** quote: "Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we were born." **Benjamin Franklin** quote: "We do not stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing!" We all celebrated **Don's** 90th birthday with a song and a delicious cake provided by **Gloria**.

Guest and Visitors

We had many visitors today. **Kyle Frazier** introduced his dad **Tom Frazier**, a former Police Chief, and his date, **Suzanne Ivana Hubertova**, President Elect of San Rafael Evening Club. **Frank Falzon** introduced his sister **Jean**, nephew **Greg**, and **Donna**, his lovely wife. **Keith Axtell** from Rotary Club of Marin Evening joined his wife **Holly Axtell** today. **Nohemi Beissmann-Mason** introduced her daughter **Kerry Bacho**. **Bill McDill** and his current wife **Vicki**, **Russ**

Ketron brought wife **Kathy**. **Mike Morrissey** introduced his colleague at Spirit House Productions, **Peter Ivory**. **Jeff Slavitz**, a potential new Novato Rotary Club member. **Joni DeGabriele** came without **Chris**, **Phil** brought CEO of the Harrison household, **Chris**. **Ingrid** and **George Martinez** joined us from Sonoma Valley Rotary. And from Marin Evening we had **Al Shirley**, **Paul Simmons**, and **Jim Carry**.

Announcements

Peian Harness wanted to acknowledge hard work and success to **Chris DeGabriele** and Western BBQ committee. for a great event. **Frank Bruno** announced Superbowl winners - **Marty Wickenheiser** and **Reggie Winner**.

Fred Anderson reminded us of SF Orchid Festival in SF this weekend.

Penny Hansen wanted to thank MarinScope for printing articles on our Rotary meeting on fraud as well as the Western BBQ in latest edition.

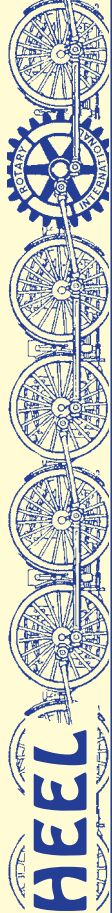
Reminders from **Peian** of upcoming Rotary events, especially March 23, the District Assembly at Redwood High in Larkspur where we can cheer for our incoming President Elect, **Phil Dougherty**.

Many past presidents of our Club lined up to present **Phil** with Good Luck mementos and gifts for his intense PETS, President Elect Training, weekend on leadership at the Doubletree in San Jose. Some highlights included a Heidi dirndl dress and wig from **Frank Bruno**, a snazzy jacket from **Bill McDill** to not take things too seriously. **Larry Harrison** presented a punching bag, to vent frustrations on and many other funny gifts for our President Elect.

Program

Duffy Jennings, who came last year with his book *Reporter's Notebook*, stories from his days as crime reporter for the SF Chronicle. He and our own **Frank Falzon**, who served on SF Police from 1970 to 1992, crossed paths in the 70s and 80s and they reconnected just 2 years ago. That's when the idea of this book collaboration came about. **Duffy** had the right stuff, knew punctuation and how to craft a story and **Frank** had the inside story on many of these cases and they produced the book *San Francisco Homicide Inspector 5-Henry-7*. 5 Henry 7 refers to **Frank's** radio call sign and this book covers 13 cases that captured the attention of the public and memorable for **Frank**, still gives him chills, investigating the dark side of homicide. **Frank** also stated being in Rotary has helped him see the positive and good side of life.

The talk began on the Night Stalker case at a home near Lake Merced in SF. **Peter** and **Barbara Pan** were the victims of **Richard Ramirez** and **Frank** shared how for 17 days he worked tirelessly with Glendale PD in southern California to identify who the Night Stalker was. A chilling story when **Richard Ramirez**, turned during the booking and said to **Frank** "Hey **Falzon** how about those two old ladies on Telegraph Hill" referring to a homicide of two sisters that was unsolved up to that point. **Frank** kept us on the edge of our seats with more stories of the cases, we wish we had more time for his talk. His investigations included the Zebra Murders and Nightmare on Portrero Hill where the victim gave testimony, in the hospital as she laid dying, to **Frank** of the horrific crime.



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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?”

March

SPECIAL DATES

- 3-6 Dave Kapranos
- 3-9 Rhonda Crofts
- 3-10 Alan Dunham
- 3-10 Keith Axtell
- 3-12 Leslie Prado
- 3-12 Linda Puhr-Westerheide
- 3-14 Frances & Ben Borok
- 3-14 Joy Fillman, PhD
- 3-16 Brad Williams
- 3-23 Robert Marshall
- 3-24 Steve Ghirardo
- 3-28 Roberta Dunham
- 3-30 Robin Bruno
- 3-30 Vicki & Bill McDill
- 3-31 Debbie Brusatori
- 3-31 Diane Oser

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

March 2023

- Mar. 3 **Robert Marshall, Jorg Puhr-Westerheide, Ron Harness:** Guatemala Humanitarian Expedition
- Mar. 10 **Bob Heller:** The Coming Double Dip Recession
- Mar. 17 **NO MEETING**
- Mar. 24 **Richard Friesen:** Healing the Political Divide
- Mar. 31 **Jan Lynn & Andy Dudnuck:** Performing Jazz, Standards, and Pop Tunes

April 2023

- Apr. 7 **NO MEETING - Good Friday**
- Apr. 14 **Yvette Blount, Novato Fire District:** Wildfire Mitigation and Vegetation Management Presentation

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Duffy reminded us that Netflix has a documentary on the Night Stalker where they interviewed Frank and we can get more details and also to read their book.

Frank was proud to say if a book sells 250 copies, it's considered a good book, so far and counting this book

has sold 3,000 copies. Many members buzzed around Frank and Duffy and got their autographed copies after the meeting.

The Winner

The 25er was won by Craig Anderson.



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

Jeff Slavitz - Computer Consultant

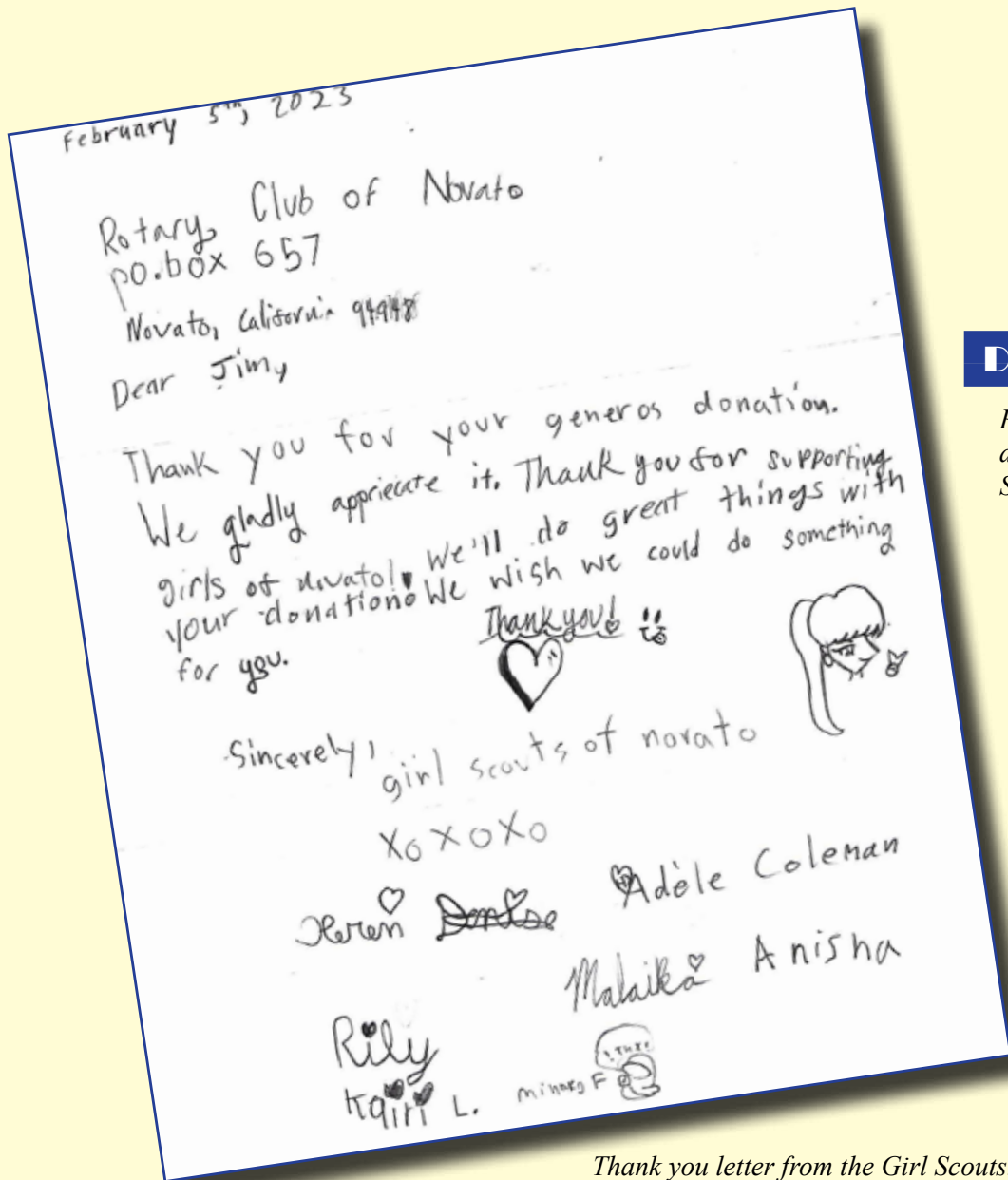
if there are no objections by:

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

Phil Dougherty
Secretary



Thank you letter from the Girl Scouts.

Dictionary Distribution to Novato 3rd Graders

Photos from our dictionary distribution at Good Shepherd School.





Frank Bruno presents President Elect Phil with a Heidi dirndl costume and wig.



Future President Phil receives sweets and surprises from the Rotary Club Board of Directors.



Gloria and Don celebrating Don's 90th Birthday.



Frank Falzon and Duffy Jennings describe recent publication of Frank's experiences as a San Francisco Homicide Inspector with his book 'San Francisco Homicide Inspector 5-Henry-7'.

