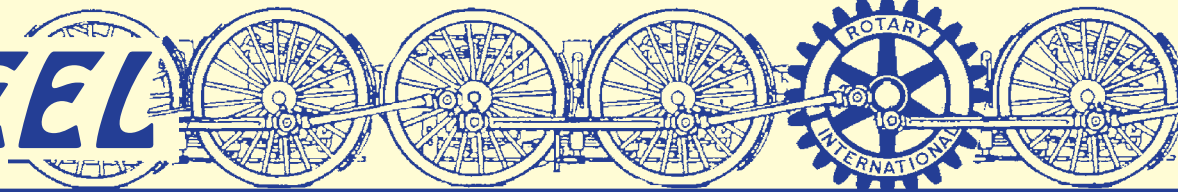


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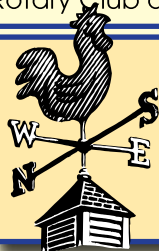


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## The Way It Was Another great year

### In the Beginning

**President Peian Harness** opened our regular meeting at 12:15 at the Jonas Center on The College of Marin, Indian Valley Campus.

### Pledge & Thought for the Day

**Craig Anderson** led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

**Craig** also gave the "Thoughts for the Day" which included: "When life gives you a rainy day, play in the puddles" and "Celebrate the rain, it only means that the sun will shine bigger and brighter."

### Lunch

**Sam** prepared and served another tasty lunch of fish in a creamy sauce with lots of delicious capers.

### Raffle Rules

**Peian** announce the raffle rules which included selecting a number between 1,000 and 2,000.

### Today's Birthday Boys

Yours truly, **Alan**, and **Keith Axtell** were serenaded on their birthdays.

### Sunshine Report

All are well this week.

## Guests & Visitors

We welcomed **Dabney Smith** with **Ron Harness**, **John Simmons** with **Marty Wickenheiser**, **Lou Batmale** with **Peter Rubens** and **Kathie Williams** with Husband **Brad**.

We also welcomed **Keith Axtell** of Marin Evening.

## President's Messages

### 5150 District Assembly

The 5150 District Assembly will be held on Mar 25th. It is at a convenient location at Redwood High School in Larkspur. Free to attend. Remember to Register on District Website. Great for training in your field of interest, introducing our incoming **President Phil Dougherty** and ending with a delicious BBQ furnished by the Foster City Rotarians. Always fun and fellowship to share with our fellow Rotarians.

### 5150 District Conference

There will be a 5150 District Conference on April 28 – 30 at Hyatt Regency in Monterey (3 day event, \$425 pp). They have wonderful speakers, game night, magic show and meals are included in registration fee. Also you can book your hotel through district website with special rate (\$229/night plus Tax) for Rotarians. **Peian** emphasized how she and **Ron** enjoy that area for fun and relaxation.

### Global Grant Scholarships

Global Grant Scholarships are available. The amount is \$31,000 for a graduate degree in another country and must be focused on one of the seven Areas of Focus. It is for the general public (not for Rotarians or direct family members). Deadline for applications is April 1. Contact **Peian** for more information.

## Announcements

### Honor Flight Program

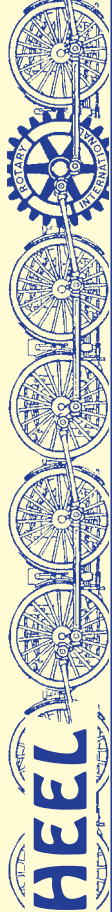
**Penny Hansen** mentioned **Mike Morrissey's** efforts to get financial support to help cover expenses for veterans of WWII and the Korean War to fly to Washington DC to be honored for their service at the War Memorials. Our Community Services Committee has been requested to help support this valuable program.

### PETS, President Elect Training Seminar

**President Elect Phil Dougherty** reported on the recent PETS weekend he attended in San Jose. He learned a lot about other Clubs in the Zone and problems and programs in the breakout sessions. The Rotary Theme for next year is "Create Hope in The World." He was very proud of the health and vitality of our Club.



*Future President Phil returns from PET pre-Presidential seminar.*



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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?"

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Contact Bill Vespa

Support the most  
interesting Rotary Club ever!  
Help share the meeting with  
family, friends and members  
unable to attend.

**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/](http://Rotary5150.org/clubs/rotary-club-directory/)

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## Upcoming Programs

**March 2023**

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

Apr. 21 **Laura Gill, Marin Mammal Center:** Behind the Bark

Apr. 28 **Tony Williams:** North Marin Water District Update

**May 2023**

May 5 **Ryan Yerkey:** Ocean Voyages Institute

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## Guatemala Eye Glasses

**Jorg Puhr-Westerheide** spoke about the recent trip to Guatemala which **Ron Harness** and **Rob Marshall** spoke of last week. **Jorg's** presentation focused on the eye glass donation program. The process includes testing, fitting reading glasses and selecting frames. Members of the Rotary Club of Chinatown were very much a part of the program. In three days over 750 reading and sunglasses were donated to many happy faces.

## Our Speaker

**John Reuscher** introduced our speaker **Robert Heller** who is an economist who has a wide range of experiences including Professor of Economics, President and CEO of VISA and Governor of Federal Reserve Bank. He spoke about how the Federal Reserve helps control inflation and stimulate economic growth. Also government aide and its multi trillion dollar debt. Not a pretty picture for our kids and grandchildren.

## The Winner

The Big Winner for the week was **Kathie Williams**.

## Thank you Rotary Club of Novato!

Rancho Elementary School would like to thank the Rotary Club of Novato for their support of sustainable schools. Their generous donation allowed our school to purchase much needed supplies for lunch waste sorting volunteers, including signs, grabbers, and bins.

With the Rotary Club of Novato's help we've made big changes at Rancho. Not only did we initiate our Zero Waste Program, but in just a few months we've gone from diverting 20% of recyclables and composting from landfill to diverting around 95%!

This amazing transition couldn't have been possible without the Rotary Club of Novato. Thank you for helping Rancho Elementary School reduce its carbon emissions, align with Novato climate action goals, and prepare students to advocate for their future.

For more excellent resources from the Rotary Club of Novato, please check out these amazing videos created by local Novato students.



## Rancho Elementary School Zero Waste Program Announcement

In September, Rancho Elementary School initiated its Zero Waste Program with the goal of increasing recycling and composting on campus. In just a few months, we've gone from diverting 20% of recyclables and composting from the landfill to diverting around 95%!

This enormous success wouldn't have been possible without the overwhelming support of students, parents, teachers, Mrs. Nam, custodians Monica and Graciela, and the kitchen staff, Susie and . Students have worked hard to learn how to recycle and compost. In addition, parent and student volunteers now help with lunch waste sorting every day and make sure classroom paper is recycled. Their participation has been essential in the success of the recycling and composting program.

**Interested in volunteering?** We currently need 3 more parent volunteers for lunch waste sorting 1 day a week. Please contact Mrs. Nam for more information.

We would like to acknowledge all of our student and parent volunteers for their hard work and the Rotary Club of Novato for their generous donation to Rancho Elementary School.

### Lunch Waste Sorting Team

Giedy and Susana  
Rashik  
Julissa  
Drake  
Frank  
Roy  
Penny  
Jennifer  
Skyler  
Christopher  
Zara

### Paper Recycling Team

Kayden  
Alex  
Felicity  
Bria

### Recycling Signs

Jolie Ternus

### Funding

Rotary Club of Novato





*Water Project 3, volunteers from 5 Rotary Clubs.*



*Robert Heller's family with first Federal Reserve Flag designed by his daughter.*



*Robert Heller PhD former Administrative Governor of Federal Reserve explains inflation and national debt.*

## India - Digital Classrooms

Last Rotary year, our Club gave \$1,000 of our District Designated Funds to the Rotary Club of Burlingame for their Global Grant in Unguturu Village, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India.

This grant was to provide state-of-the-art technology for Digital Learning in order to provide better educational facilities in a Govt. High school, for over 300 students from eight neighboring villages, from below poverty line around Unguturu village in Vijayawada. It was called the Vijayawada Digital Classrooms.

The grant was for a total of \$63,000 and was the Area of Focus of Basic Education and Literacy.

### Successful Outcomes:

The training given to teachers has paid off. They are using the Digital Screens and the Learning Platform to the full extent. Screens in every classroom are being used for teaching. Access to the online platform and the availability of the computer lab has helped teachers in creating Online assessments. The students go to the computer lab and finish the assessments on a regular basis as per the schedule. The process has ensured a better classroom teaching and a seamless assessment. The result is the increased participation from the students, active learning and a digital means to assess the performance.

- Increased student participation
- Simplified and Interactive Teaching & Learning
- Increased student interaction
- Digital content helping students understand the concepts better
- Digital platform helping the teachers in creating assessments on a regular basis
- Digital platform helping teachers assess the students in more detailed manner and guide students accordingly
- Seamless Teaching-Assessment-Performance Monitoring-Student Guidance

Your Novato World Community Service Committee at work. We are pleased to have an impact in many parts of the world.



*Boys and Girls using computers.*