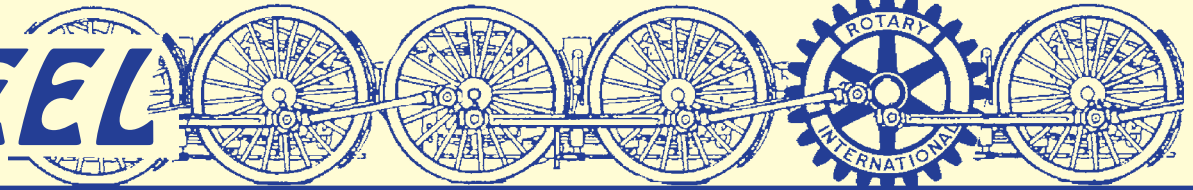


# The BIG WHEEL



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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: Spring has Sprung.**

## In the Beginning

**President Phil** opened the meeting at the Jonas Center on the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus at 12:15.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Visitor **Roberta Dunham**, **Alan's** recent wife of 63+ years led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

## Thought for the Day

**Jean Brown**, after remarking on last week's speaker said, "I didn't get anywhere in my life waiting on someone's permission."

## Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Visiting Rotarians included: Our speaker, **Dick Spotswood**, writer and Past President of Mill Valley Rotary Club.

Guests included: **Marcus Combs** with **Roy Pfeifer**; **Roberta Dunham** with husband **Alan**; **Sandy Marker** and **David Hernandez**, **Sonia's** husband, with **Sonia Seeman**; **Randall Lee** with **Jackie Lee**; First Lady **Laurie Dougherty** with **President Phil** and newest member **Patty Dougherty**; **Kathy Botko** with **Jim**; and **Marc Desil**, caregiver with **Tommy Lee**.

## Community Care

**Reggie Winner** reported that **Larry Harrison** is walking after 14 days, and **Holly Axtell** reported that **Keith** is recovering from COVID and respiratory issues.

## Announcements

### Pet Video

**President Phil** is still awaiting videos and photos of our pets for a Pet Video he and **Patty** are producing. He gave a sampling of funny pet videos.

### District Assembly

**President Phil** encouraged all members to attend the District Assembly. **President Elect Tom Rickey** will be recognized. Let us all be there to welcome **Tom** as our upcoming President and show him our support and cheer him on to another Fabulous Novato Rotary Year. We practiced our cheer for him "TOM! TOM! TOM!" (ed. note: There was a great turnout for Tom plus several interesting breakout sessions and a delicious BBQ prepared and served by Foster City Rotary.)

### TGIF

**President Phil** reminded us of the TGIF on Friday, March 29, Good Friday, from 4:30-6:00pm at Mantra, 881 Grant Avenue, Novato. There will be a no-host bar for beer and wine. Come visit with your fellow Rotarians. If you wish to stay beyond 6pm Mantras does offer music.

### Tree Planting

**Gloria Dunn-Violin** asked us to save Friday, April 26 morning (No Rotary Meeting) to help plant trees in the median strips on Wilson Avenue. This is a project of the Environmental Sustainability Committee.



## TGIF

**Friday, March 29**  
**4:30 - 6:00**  
**Mantra**  
**881 Grant Avenue, Novato**  
*All members and guests are invited to attend!*

There will appetizers and a no-host bar for beer and wine. Come visit with your fellow Rotarians. If you wish to stay beyond 6pm Mantra does offer music.

### Food Give

**Larry Mazotta** invited members to help package and serve food at the North Marin Community Services on Novato Boulevard from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00 on Tuesday, March 26.

### Novato Speakers Series

**Gary Bramon** reminded us of the upcoming program on Thursday March 28, at 7pm at the Jonas Center. The Speaker is **Chris Waugh** of Sutter Health speaking on "Insights & Innovations in Health and Wellness: Shaping a Healthier Tomorrow."

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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 Chris Waugh

*Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer*

### The Bill and Adele Jonas Center Thursday, March 28 7 pm to 8:30 pm

As Sutter Health's first Chief Innovation Officer, Chris Waugh applies his extensive experience in human-centered design to guide the integrated network's innovation strategy. Human-centered design is a creative approach that seeks personalized solutions to meet individual needs — understanding people and their behaviors, identifying trends and exploring solutions that improve a person's healthcare experience — in order to make healthcare more usable and accessible for patients, doctors and nurses. Before joining Sutter Health, Waugh held entrepreneurial leadership roles at IDEO, a globally regarded Bay Area design and innovation firm, and was vice president of design at One Medical Group in San Francisco where he helped create a culture of innovation. Waugh graduated from Fort Lewis College in Colorado, with bachelor's degrees in international business and French.

**Tickets: Adults \$25 • Students \$10**

## Rotary Big Wheel Sponsor



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## Upcoming Programs & Events

### March

- Mar. 28 (Thursday) **Novato Speaker Series - Chris Waugh**  
Mar. 29 **No Meeting - TGIF at Mantra's**

### April

- April 5 **Kerri Murray: President of Shelter Box USA**  
April 12 **Marlene Capra**  
April 19 **Club Assembly**  
April 25 (Thursday) **Novato Speaker Series - Lauren Vong & Laurie Reemsnyder**  
April 26 **No Meeting – Club Social**

## ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2023/2024 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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**Craig Anderson**  
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**Peian Harness**  
*Past President*

## Magnolia Program

**President Phil** reported on the Marin Oaks two week mentorship program. Our Rotary Club has helped in gaining several mentors including our own generous **Burt Hoffmann** of H & J Tire.

## PETS

**President Elect Tom Rickey** gave a brief report of his attendance at the recent PETS (President Elect Training.) He was very impressed, had a great time and learned about many objectives and programs. He is now prepared to lead our Club for another fantastic Novato Rotary Club Year.

## Charter Party

Celebrate with the new Novato Evening Rotary Club at The McInnis Park Clubhouse on Saturday, April 6 from 6pm-9pm. Dinner is provided for \$75 per person. RSVP to [Rotary415@gmail.com](mailto:Rotary415@gmail.com)

## New Member

**Past President Reggie Winner** introduced **Patricia (Patty) Dougherty**. **Patty**, the daughter of **President Phil** and **Laurie** will become our Club's first fourth generation Rotarian (Great-Grandfather served in Minnesota and Grand Father was a member of Rotary Club of Central Marin.) She serves as General Manager of the family business Only Health Insurance.

She participated in the Copper Canyon Project and wishes to serve on the Community Service, International and Climate Action Committees.

Welcome our Newest and Most Important Member.

## Special Presentations

**Past President Jean Brown** gave a history of our bell. She was President in 2004-2005, the year Rotary International celebrated its 100 year anniversary. They had 50 commemorative bells at the International Convention. Our **District Governor Eric Shapiro**

obtained 2 bells. He retained one and gave our Club the other as "Best Club in the District."

## Five Minute Talk

Recent member **Ryan Lee** gave us some facts including being Third Generation Novato Rotarian following Father **Tommy** and Grandfather **Wendell**. He was raised in Novato, is proud to be a 7 year recovering substance abuser and is President of a Recovery Program in Sonoma County. He gave an impressive demonstration of his drone flying over our meeting and surrounding hills.

## Blue Badge

**President Phil** presented **Tiffany Fischer** with her Blue Badge.

## Program

**Moses Jacob** introduced our speaker **Dick Spotswood**. **Dick** is a long time Mill valley resident, retired attorney, Past President of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley, member of several public offices and editor of a column that appears in the Wednesday and Sunday editions of the Marin IJ. He spoke mostly of Local, State and Federal elections and issues of housing, drugs, limited taxes, wildfires, utility rate increases, law enforcement issues and more.

## The Winner

The Winner this week was **Tiffany Fischer**.



5150 District Assembly attendees.



*President Phil with the Centennial Bell awarded to our Club for being best Club in the District, during Jean Brown's Presidential year 2004-2005.*



*Introducing Patty as fourth generation of Dougherty Rotarians.*



*Tiffany Fischer gets her Blue Badge.*



*Speaker Dick Spotswood with past and current politics and taxes and law enforcement.*



*Tommy Lee*



*Larry Mazzotta needs help with North Marin Community Service food distribution March 26. There are a.m. and p.m. shifts.*



*John Reuscher*



*Ryan prepares for drone sky reconnaissance of our territory. His drone gives panoramic sky view of IVC transmitted to our Stage screen.*



*Next Rotary Club of Novato President Thomas Rickey*