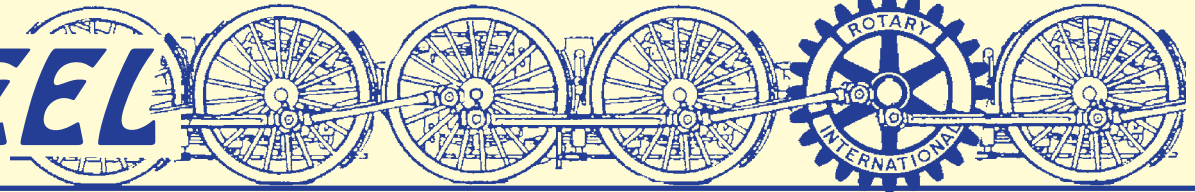


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

Prez Peian called the meeting to order. Past Prez Marty Wickenheiser led us in the Pledge.

The Day's Thought

P.P. Marty then provided the 'Thought for the Day'. *"Instead of being sad and grumpy over the things you can't do anymore, celebrate the things you can do."*

Amen, sister Marty!



Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Dean Moser and Doug Hood, both of the Ignacio Rotary Club, joined us. Keith Axtell of the Marin Evening Rotary Club and hubby of P.D.G. Holly Axtell was also here. Jeff Slavitz was intro'd as a guest for the final time.

Sunshine Report



P.P. Marty W. announced that Jay Wayne is in Novato Community Hospital getting unwanted fluids drained. He'll be there for three or four days more.

Past Prez Gary Bramon advised us that Diana Tomasini has cancer. It's up her back and into her liver. P.P. Gary asked us to give her a call. I know there are a number of us, including myself, who have had cancer. Please call her. You can give her positive hope! Today (Friday) is her first day of chemotherapy.

Announcements

Community Service Committee

Penny Hansen announced that the Community Service Committee will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza. The next meeting is April 19 at 6 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

Larry Mazzotta announced we'll be delivering food on April 4 for 180 to 200 families. Contact Larry (See info to the right).

Queen Bea

Marisa Remak told us that her daughter, Sadie, really enjoyed working with Past Prez Christina Stroeh in making the movie 'Queen Bea'. Sadie did an excellent job!

Ignacio Rotary Golf Tournament

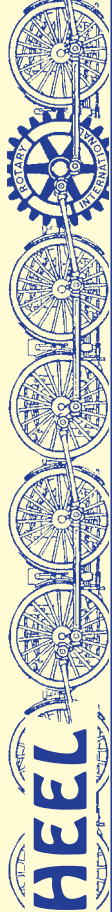
Dean Moser and Doug Hood announced Ignacio Rotary's Golf Tournament on Monday, April 24 at Marin Country Club. The cost is \$225 per golfer

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Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers from the Club to help out at North Marin Community Center (NMCS) on April 4. The Rotary Club of Novato is donating \$5000 in food to the food insecure in Novato. We will need help placing food items into bags in the morning (8:30-11:30) and distributing the bags to needy folk in the afternoon (12:30-3:30). Volunteers will need to bring their Covid vaccination cards and fill out a brief application form if they have not done this in the past. The application can be done beforehand and is found on the NMCS volunteer page --it takes no more than 5 minutes.



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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?"

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 Contact the Club you wish to attend for
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 for contact info at:
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Upcoming Programs

March 2023

Mar. 31 **Jan Lynn & Andy Dudnick:** 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, Marine Mammal Center:** Behind the Bark

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

May 2023

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

May 12 **Teacher's Recognition Luncheon**

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which includes cart, green fees, range balls, box lunch, games and prizes and after party event including appetizers (no host bar). Contact www.ignaciorotary.com.

For Whom the Bell Tolls

Prez Peian announced that if anyone's phone rang out loud during the meeting, that person will pay with a donation of \$100 to the Foundation or Endowment. **Past Prez T.J. Neff** and **Past Prez Brad Williams** each rang in for 100 bucks!

New Member Induction

P.P. Gary Bramon introduced New Member **Jeff Slavitz** and said they met in prison. **Jeff** must have been one of **Gary's** guards. Then **Gary** began a Q&A of **Jeff** and found out **Jeff** was born in Los Angeles went to Columbia University in N.Y. City and he met his future bride on St. Patrick's Day (over a shamrock shake?). We all enthusiastically welcomed with a standing ovation our newest member, **Jeff Slavitz**.

Speaker

John Reuscher intro'd our speaker **Richard Friesen**, who said he was going to tell us how to heal the political divide. **Mr. Friesen** had

numerous charts but I don't believe any specific formula was provided other than listening to the other side.

Raffle

P.P. Larry Harrison left with 25 bucks in his pocket.

Next Week's Meeting

Jan Lynn and **Andy Dudnick** will perform songs from the Great American Songbook and have us sing along to a couple of songs.



April SPECIAL DATES

- 4-1 Jan Hoffmann
- 4-6 Jim Botko
- 4-9 Jan & Burt Hoffmann
- 4-10 Scott Chase
- 4-10 Christina Stroeh
- 4-11 Tom Young
- 4-13 Jim Bates
- 4-14 Ed Jones
- 4-19 Suzanne Bales
- 4-20 Jo Heffelfinger
- 4-20 Leslie & Rene Prado
- 4-21 Fred Anderson
- 4-21 Phil Dougherty
- 4-21 Mike Morrissey
- 4-22 Judith Keeler
- 4-23 Sandy & Jim Bates
- 4-25 Moses Jacob
- 4-27 Kathy Ketron





Saturday's District Assembly



Novato Rotary Club's newest member, Jeff Slavitz.



Speaker Richard Friesen.