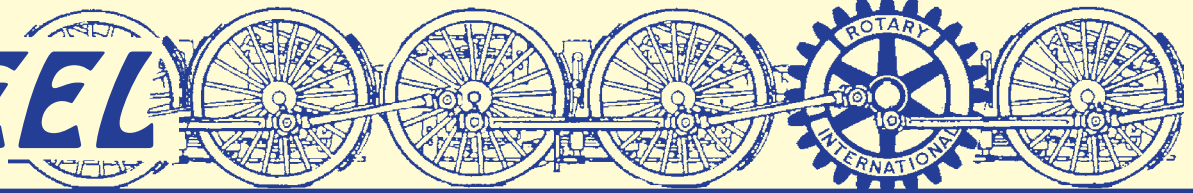


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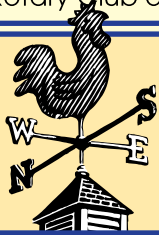


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## The Way It Was

Spring is just around the corner. Life renewed.

### 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

**Larry Harrison** led the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. **Larry** Also gave the 'Thought for the Day' which included: "Fresh water is necessary for survival of all living organisms on earth. Our bodies are made up of 60% water and we cannot survive more than a few days without it. Pure water is the world's first and foremost medicine."

### Lunch

**Sam** prepared and served another tasty lunch of Baked Chicken and Vegetables.

### Raffle Rules

**Peian** announced the raffle rules which included selecting a number between 1000 and 2000.

### Sunshine Report

All are well this week.

## Guests & Visitors

We welcomed **Kathy Ketron** with husband **Russ**.

We also welcomed visitors **Keith Axtell** of Marin Evening, **Carolyn Hoffman** of San Rafael, **Pat Balerama** of Ignacio and **Brian McLeran** of Terra Linda.

## President's Messages

### District 5150 Assembly

There will be a District Assembly 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.

### District 5150 Conference

There will be a 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.

### World History

**Peian** gave a brief history spanning from 1900-2023. Included were several wars, economic crisis and medical pandemics. We survived and as a positive note "better days await us. "

### Thank you Brian!

**Peian** thanked **Brian McLeran**. His family has a "Rose Stone Fund" that many of our Club's International Projects and Ron's Global Grant Project for Ukraine have applied and received match funds from them. It is a HUGE help to our projects.

## Announcements

### Shelter Box

**Larry Harrison** gave an update on the Shelter Box Program.

Rotary Clubs around the world help distribute the goods during a disaster. Each disaster has different need so the aide varies according to the needs. Our Club has provided support for many years.

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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?"

**Big Wheel Editors  
NEEDED**

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. 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

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

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2022/2023 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

<p><b>OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>Peian Harness</b> <i>President</i></p> <p><b>Phil Dougherty</b> <i>Vice President</i></p> <p><b>Tom Rickey</b> <b>Phil Dougherty</b> <i>Co-Secretaries</i></p> <p><b>Reggie Winner</b> <i>Treasurer</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>Jennifer E. Jones</b> <i>R.I. President</i></p> <p><b>Gary Chow</b> <i>District Governor</i></p> <p><b>Terri Carrillo</b> <i>Assistant District Governor</i></p>	<p><b>DIRECTORS</b></p> <p><b>Fred Anderson</b> <i>Club Administration</i></p> <p><b>Marisa Remak</b> <i>Public Image</i></p> <p><b>Jim Spilman</b> <i>Community Service</i></p> <p><b>Gloria Dunn-Violin</b> <i>Environmental Sustainability (NR-CAT)</i></p> <p><b>Holly Axtell</b> <i>International Service</i></p> <p><b>Jorg Puhr-Westerheide</b> <i>The Rotary Foundation (TRF)</i></p> <p><b>Lynn Dawson</b> <i>Youth Service</i></p> <p><b>Chris DeGabriele/Larry Harrison</b> <i>Membership</i></p> <p><b>Sonia Seeman/Christina Stroeh</b> <i>Jonas Center Liasons</i></p> <p><b>Dean Heffelfinger</b> <i>President, Nova-Ro Corp.</i></p> <p><b>Rob Haff</b> <i>Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment</i></p> <p><b>Christina Stroeh</b> <i>Past President</i></p>
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### Fish and Fowl Feast

**Carolyn Hoffman** of San Rafael Rotary invited our members and guests to a fundraiser to benefit Homeward Bound of Marin Veterans Housing on March 10th at the San Rafael Airport, 400 Smith Ranch Rd from 5:30-8:30. Donation is \$85 per person. Register <https://rotarydistrict5150.regfox.com/fish-n-fowl-feast>.

### Lynwood School Reading Program

**Rebekah Shapiro Gonzalez** offered an opportunity for members to volunteer at Lynwood Elementary School by helping students learn to read. The students that have English as a second language are part on an immersion program where they are taught in Spanish and English. See **Rebekah** for more details.

### Special Presentation

**Al Angulo** presented **President Peian** with a beautiful crystal Scepter from Ukraine. During **Al's** year as President, **John Elloway** took several trips to Ukraine to help reestablish Rotary in Ukraine. **John** was given the scepter and he presented it to **Al** at that time.

### Our Speakers

**Ron Harness** and **Rob Marshall** spoke of their recent trip to Guatemala for an H2OpenDoors Water project.

**Ron** shared photos representing the cultural aspects of Guatemala including ceramics, fabrics, murals, dances, painted buses and several buildings with arches.

**Rob** described the water filtration systems installed this year. In a hospital in Escuintla they brought the system

up to provide 100,000 liters per day. They also installed a 40,000 liter system for Chuiatzan, a community of 1200 homes.

In addition to **Ron** and **Rob**, **Jorg Westerheide** attended from our Club. Members of several Clubs in our District also participated. Another trip is being planned for Rotary Year 2023-24. Our Club has helped fund and participate in this project over the past several years.

### The Winner

The Big Winner for the week was **Chuck Hildebrand**.

### Rotary Photo Album



*Al Angulo passes on the scepter from the Ukraine awarded to our Rotary Club on behalf of Club contributions and Dr. John Elloway's many polio vaccination trips.*



*Carolyn Huffman of San Rafael Rotary describes March 10 Dinner and Dancing event at the San Rafael Airport.*



### 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





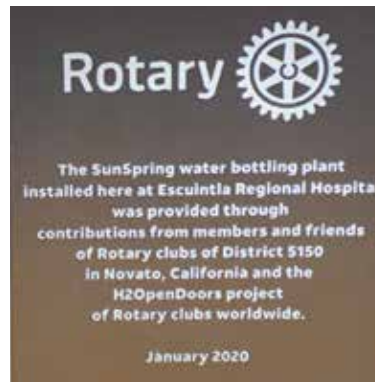
*Larry Harrison, Regional Director for Rotary Partner Shelter Box, gives description of the war refugees and purpose of Shelter Box.*



*Clean filtered water for drinking and hand washing.*



*The Crew.*



*A plaque from earlier installations.*



*Clean water has reduced infant mortality.*