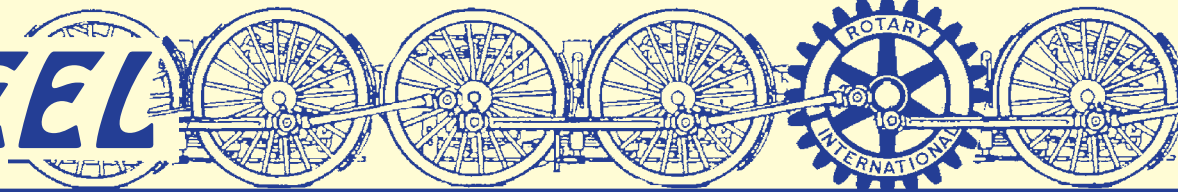


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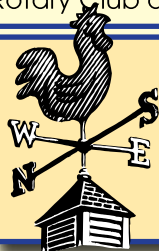


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## The Way It Was..Spring has Sprung and There's Music in the Air

### 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 & Thoughts for the Day

**Marisa Remak** led the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag.

**Marisa Remak** had several thoughts today including:

*"People haven't always been there for me but music always has"*- **Taylor Swift**, *"Music is the universal language of mankind"*- **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**, *"If you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know"*- **Louis Armstrong**, *"Music is the shorthand of emotion"*-**Leo Tolstoy**.

### Lunch & Raffle Rules

**Sam** prepared and served another tasty comfort lunch of meat loaf and all the delicious trimmings.

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

### Sunshine Report

**Gary Bramon** reported on a visit with **Paul Scheller**. It was good to see him and he enjoys cards

**Donna Borok Moss** reported that father **Ben** is in much pain.

**Peian** reported that she visited **Grace Wong** and she is doing well.

**Jim Spilman** noted that **Larry Mazzotta** is recovering from a heart valve replacement and is doing well.

### Introduction of Guests

Visiting Rotarians: **Bob Dimond**, Youth Chair of the Rotary Club of Novato Sunrise joined us to hear our program. They walk their dogs together.

We also welcomed: Former Member and **Past President Anne Wade** with **Nohemi Beissmann-Mason**; **Roberta Dunham** with husband **Alan**; **Michele Vespa**, **Tracy Rempe** and **Donna Borok Moss** with **Bill Vespa**; **Linda Westerheide** and **Melinda Mixer** with **Jorg Puhr-Westerheide** and **Toni Bramon** with husband **Gary**.

### President's Messages

#### District Assembly

**Peian** thanked all members who attended the District Assembly on March 25 and hoped everyone had a good time. We welcomed **President Elect Phil Dougherty** as he received his year's theme flag "Create Hope in the World."



We also enjoyed; **Christina Stroeh's** rendition of the National Anthem, her leading the Youth Services Breakout plus **Ron Harness** leading the World Service Breakout.

### District Conference

The District Conference is on April 28 – 30 at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. 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. Registration fee goes up significantly after April 6.

### Announcements

#### New Piano

**Christina Stroeh** acknowledged our new piano for the Jonas Center donated by **Kay Jones** in memory of her husband **Dave Jones**.

#### Scholarship Committee

**John Ringgenberg** announced an upcoming meeting of the Scholarship Committee to be held at Nova-Ro 3 on Thursday, April 6 at 5:00 pm.

#### North Marin Community Service

**Jim Spilman** invited members to help pack and serve food packs at the North Marin Community Services pantry on Tuesday, April 4.

### Special Presentations

#### Bill Vespa's Retirement

**Gloria Dunn-Violin** began the special presentations which acknowledged **Bill Vespa** and **Ben Borok's** many years of behind the scenes contributions to our Club.

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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?"

## Rotary Restoration Project in Hawaii

President Elect Phil Dougherty participated in a restoration project of a canal behind Waikiki. An Eco Rotary Club of Kaka'ako using thousands of Genki balls to improve water quality and bring back life to the canal using Microorganisms (EM) Technology. Very cool project!



## 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

### 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**
- May 19 **Leonard Weingarten / VP of ESCOM Council:** ESCOM Presentation
- May 26 **NO MEETING**

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

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*Vice President*

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**Dean Heffelfinger**  
*President, Nova-Ro Corp.*

**Rob Haff**  
*Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment*

**Christina Stroeh**  
*Past President*

She also listed numerous contributions by the staff at Zenith Printing including **Donna Borok Moss**, **Michele Vespa** and Graphic Designer extraordinaire **Tracy Rempe** who has designed all the Big Wheels, and numerous promotional posters brochures and flyers for our numerous fundraisers. **Jorg Puhr-Westerheide** then presented Paul Harris award as follows: **Tracy Rempe** a Paul Harris Fellow with certificate and pin, **Michele Vespa** with a Paul Harris pin with a blue sapphire (PHF+1), and **Bill Vespa** with a Paul Harris pin with a red ruby (PHF+6).



## Our Program

**Maggie Shao** introduced **Jan Lynn** and **Andy Dudnick** who performed jazz and pop tunes from great American songs. **Andy** played several songs on our new piano, **Jan** sang several favorite songs and then she led our group in several songs. Join them at the new Novato restaurant Boardroom/Speakeasy to hear them play and sing again.

## The Raffle Winner

And the Big Winner for the week was **Lynn Dawson**.

**Note: There is no meeting next Friday April 7.**



## North Marin Community Service Project



The Rotary Club of Novato donated \$5,000 to the North Marin Community Service for the April 4th Tuesday Food distribution to registered Novato residents. There were two shifts, morning and afternoon shifts of Rotary volunteers to pick up, unload a large truck of food, bagging the individual bags and then distributing the bags in the afternoon. 160 bags of food that included a canned ham was donated to the pre-Easter food distribution in addition to the regular weekly NMCS distribution.



*Christina Stroeh describes the plaque honoring David Jones on the Piano gifted to the Club by Kay.*



*Bill Vespa retires from Zenith Instant Printing. He learned the business at a young age and was mentored by Ben Borok.*



*Andy Dudnick and Jan Lynn performing jazz, standards, and pop tunes.*



*Jorg Puhr Westerheide, Nohemi Beissmann-Mason, Tracy Rempe, Gloria Dunn-Violin, Donna Borok Moss, Bill Vespa, and Michele Vespa.*