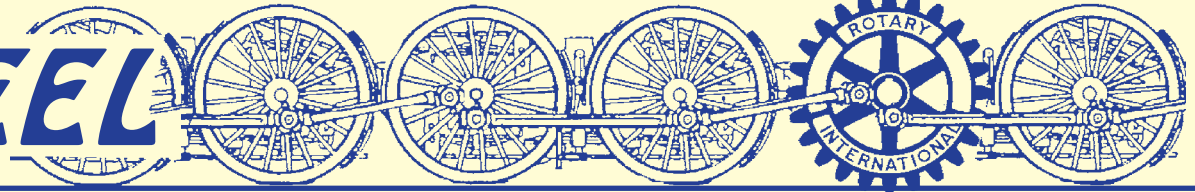


# The BIG WHEEL



Rotary Club of Novato

Chartered April 26, 1954

The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## In the Beginning...

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Jim White**.

The 'Thought of the Day' was presented by **Peter Pelavin**: *"I have ever hated all nations, professions, and communities, and all my love is toward individuals."* - **Jonathan Swift**.

**Peter** highlighted the act of overcoming pre-judgement of those for their associations and to think of, and appreciate others as an individual.

## Visitors & Guests

Joining us were: **Ashby and Jo - Marisa Remak's** daughter and Mom; **Linda - Jorg Puhr-Westerheide's** wife; and **Roberta, Alan Dunham's** wife.

## Announcements

**President Christina** immediately rolled into the welcome announcements with gratitude and raved about the Women in Rotary fundraiser 'Love, Loss and What I Wore.'

## Memorial Announcements

Memorial announcements were made for **Lynn Perry** and **David Price Jones**. Info will be sent with more details.

## Sunshine Report

The father of **Robin (Frank's Bruno's wife)** recently passed away.

## Membership Participation Forms

Further announcements from members started with President Elect **Peian Harness** reminding all to fill out your membership participation forms for the upcoming Rotary year. Be sure to choose 1 (one) service and please note the following committees that need help: Club Administration - the goal is to get 40 members on board; The Bulletin Committee is striving for 12 members; And the Membership Committee.

Make your picks and don't forget about your voice in the social events.

## District Assembly

**Past President Ron Harness** followed up with an announcement about the District Assembly slated for March 26th, at Redwood High School in Larkspur. This is the time to behold the power of Rotary on the District level.

## ShelterBox

**Past President** and ShelterBox Ambassador **Larry Harrison** gave an update of ShelterBox, how donations are being distributed and a reminder to get your contributions in by April 1. It was hard not to feel the need to help. Many in Ukraine are sheltered in their destroyed cities and there are thousands of refugees with little to hang on to.

## Rotary Day of Service

**Larry** continued with a reminder of the Rotary Day of Service scheduled for April 9. An event themed about Protecting the Environment with hands on projects, an environmental info fair and exhibits: <https://rotary5150.org/page/dayofservice/>

## Rotaract Chess Table Project

**Ashby Remak**, representing Rotaract, presented

the Chess Tables Project. The opportunity to participate and contribute will be through a participation fee of \$15 and an auction. Fliers with more info will be provided to all members.

## Polio Update & Disaster Response Fund

**Past President Jorg** says polio cases are declining but the urgent need for vaccination is ever present.

Please donate, and also know that Contributions to the Disaster Response Fund received by April 30, 2022 qualify for use in support of the Ukrainian relief efforts. Rotary Districts can apply for expedited disaster response grants to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine, and clothing.

## Endowment Bylaws

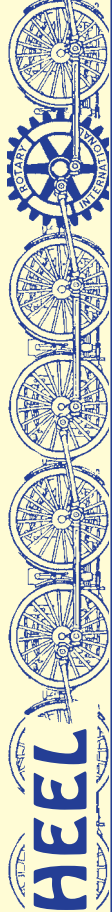
Endowment Bylaws are amended. **Bill Vespa** motioned to amend the entire 1992 Novato Rotary Endowment bylaws by replacing them with the revised bylaws unanimously approved by the Novato Rotary Endowment Board of Directors on May 27, 2021. Upon motion to second, the voting began and the revised bylaws passed unanimously in favor by the members present.

## Blue Badge Presentation

**Rob Haff** and **Tony Garza** were presented with Blue Badges - many thanks to and from **President Christina** and fellow Rotary members were shared.

## The Program

**Past President Frank Bruno** happily pulled back the curtain to introduce the main attraction for the day in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the Macintosh Pipe Band, a mini version, shared a handful of numbers for all to enjoy. Of the four members performing, two were




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"Serve to Change Lives"

### 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 Club Meeting**  
**Bill & Adele Jonas Center**  
**March 25**

**Tai Chi**  
with Fern Jeffcoat

SAVE THE DATE:  
*District Conference*  
An Event Fit for the Stars

May 14, 2022

**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 2022	
Mar. 25	<b>Tai Chi</b> with Fern Jeffcoat
April 2022	
April 1	<b>Duffy Jennings:</b> SF History
April 8	<b>Rotary Radio Mystery Hour - District Video</b>
April 15	<b>NO MEETING</b>
April 22	<b>NO MEETING -</b> <b>A Night of Cole Porter Fundraiser</b> 6pm Jonas center
April 29	<b>TBD</b>

[www.novatorotary.org](http://www.novatorotary.org)

### ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2021/2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

<p><b>OFFICERS</b></p> <p><b>Christina Stroeh</b> <i>President</i></p> <p><b>Peian Harness</b> <i>Vice President</i></p> <p><b>Phil Dougherty</b> <i>Secretary</i></p> <p><b>Reggie Winner</b> <i>Treasurer</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>Shekhar Mehta</b> <i>R.I. President</i></p> <p><b>Danielle Lallement</b> <i>District Governor</i></p> <p><b>Terri Carillo</b> <i>Assistant District Governor</i></p>	<p><b>DIRECTORS</b></p> <p><b>Craig Anderson &amp; Jim Bates</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>Sonia Seeman</b> <i>Membership</i></p> <p><b>Robert Marshall</b> <i>President, Nova-Ro Corp.</i></p> <p><b>Jay Wayne</b> <i>Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment</i></p> <p><b>Chris DeGabriele</b> <i>Past President</i></p>
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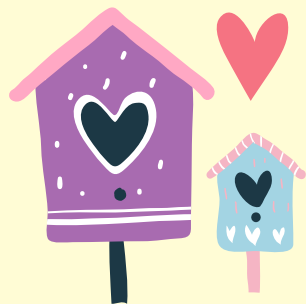
on pipes and the other two on drums. The band is currently over 25 members strong and has been in existence for 40 years.

The performances sounded amazing. It wasn't surprising to learn of each of the performers' enduring desire and infectious inspiration to "do what they do". An early attraction to the pipes, typically from local events, was shared between them.

Be sure to keep an eye open and ear ready - you'll find them performing at many Bay Area events.

### In the End...

Closing remarks were shared from **President Christina** and the raffle winner was **Ashby (Marisa's daughter)**.



Proceeds Support Community and International Service Projects

**Rotary**  
Club of Novato

**Western BBQ & Line Dance**

**NEW DATE!** **BIG SKY AUCTION**

Bill & Adele Jonas Center  
IVC Campus, Novato

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

5:30 - 6:30 - BELLY-UP to the Bar  
6:30 - Dinner • Auctions through the Evening

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Menu  
BBQ Chicken Thighs, Pulled Pork  
Beans, Cole Slaw & French Roll

**\$45 per Person**  
Tickets are Available  
From Novato Rotary Club Members  
Please make checks payable to:  
Novato Rotary Endowment  
P.O. Box 657 • Novato, CA 94948

Tickets may also be purchased at  
[novatorotary.org](http://novatorotary.org) or use QR Code below

**NO Tickets at the Door!**

All CDC, State and Local COVID Guidelines will be followed.

# Get Your Tickets Now!

**Support Our Marin Rotary Challenge  
by Attending Resilient Neighborhoods  
CLIMATE ACTION WORKSHOPS**

**5 Free Online Meetings + Climate Action = BIG Impact!**

- Reduce your carbon footprint
- Get ready for climate-linked emergencies
- Build a resilient community

Rotary Gets Credit when YOU, a FRIEND or FAMILY MEMBER Attend!

Wednesday Team

Starts March 30 • 4:00-6:00 pm

Thursday Team

Starts April 7 • 6:30-8:30 pm

Sign up or Learn more about these popular FREE Marin Workshops at [www.resilientneighborhoods.org](http://www.resilientneighborhoods.org)

Rotary Club of Novato presents

# A NIGHT OF COLE PORTER

A fundraiser benefiting the Novato Rotary Endowment

Starring

Angela Colombo

Noah Griffin

Friday, April 22, 2022  
6:00 pm

Bill and Adele Jonas Center  
COM/IVC Campus  
1800 Ignacio Blvd, Novato  
FREE PARKING in Lot #4

Admission includes:  
Show, Appetizers, Dessert, and Non-alcoholic beverages  
Beer and wine available for purchase

Sean O'Brien

Desiree Goyette

\$30 Admission

Purchase tickets online or mail check  
**Online:** Go to [NovatoRotary.org](http://NovatoRotary.org) or scan QR code.  
**Mail:** Make check payable to Novato Rotary Endowment and send check to: Novato Rotary Club Endowment, P.O. Box 657, Novato, CA 94948

TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT DOOR.

Questions: Email Christina Stroeh [christina.stroeh@gmail.com](mailto:christina.stroeh@gmail.com)

All CDC, State and Local COVID guidelines will be followed. Masks required.





*The MacIntosh Pipe Band of Larkspur*



*Past President Larry Harrison announces the free District Service Day registration of clean up and lunch at the Marin Civic Center on April 9.*



*Tony Garza and Rob Haff go from Red to Blue Badge.*



*San Marin Interactor Ashby Remak announces Chess Table Fund Raising.*



*Past President Jorg Puhr-Westerheide gives Polio infection update.*



*President Elect Peian Harness reminds us to fill out our participation forms for the upcoming Rotary year.*



*Past President Peter Oser calls for questions and the vote of approval of the Rotary Endowment revised by-laws.*



*Past President Al Angulo reminds us of the Blood Drive.*