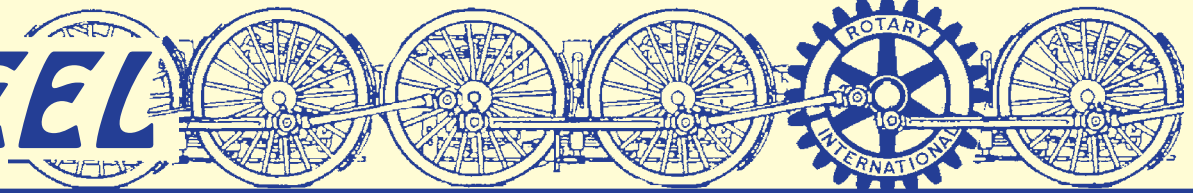


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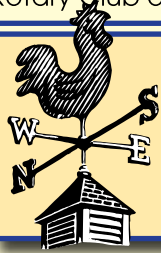


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## The Way It Was: Back to the Ranch

### 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

**Don Violin** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

### Thought for the Day

**Larry Mazzoto** gave the Thoughts for the Day.

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visiting Rotarians included: **William McNally** from the Rotary Club of West Saint Paul-Mendota Heights in Minnesota.

Guests included: **Vicky McDill** with **Bill**, **Judy Ross** with **Marty**, **Randall Lee** with **Jackie**, **Debra Roesler** with **Eliza**.

### Community Care

**Reggie Winner** was back and thanked members for their support during her absence and recovery.

**Marty** reported that **Kyle Frazier's** father is in the hospital.

**Russ Ketron** noted that **Kathy** is recovering and he is learning how to use the appliances.

## Announcements

### International Conference

**President Elect Tom Ricky** is back from the Rotary International Conference in Singapore. More to come later.

### Pet Video

**Lynn Dawson's** poodle and **Debbie Brusatori's** Golden Retriever were featured. **Debbie** was offered a fine option relating to Giant's upcoming wins. She chose not to gamble and paid the fine.

### Homeward Bound

**Marty** asked for volunteers to help assemble furnishings for the new units at Homeward Bound for vets on Friday May 31 and on Saturday June 1 from 9-12.

### Memorial Day

**Eliza Roesler** invited members to join a memorial service on June 1, sponsored by the VFW Post at their Hall at 844 Sweetser Avenue in Novato.

### Novato Speaker Series

**Lynn Dawson** reminded us of the upcoming Speaker Series featuring musician **Tony Saunders** and **Max Gill** on Thursday, May 30.

### Scholarships

**John Ringenberg** thanked his committee members for all the time they spent reviewing applications and interviewing applicants. A total of \$73,000 was awarded. Winners included: 21 students from Novato, 23 from Marin Oaks, and 29 from San Marin High Schools.

## Special Presentations

### Magnolia Project

A video highlighting the Magnolia Project was shown. The Project offers High School students an opportunity to work in various businesses and vocations. Our own **Burt Hoffmann** was highlighted as a sponsor and advocate for the program.

### SASY

**Rene Prado** was honored for all his behind the scenes work he does to make our Club meetings run smoothly.

## Program

**Dean Heffelfinger** introduced Marin County Sheriff **Jamie Scardina**. He spoke of his background and of the many departments and services that the Sheriff staff and volunteers provide. Of special interest was many ways the County is using to reduce the number of RVs on Binford Road.

## The Winner

The Winner this week was **Ryan Lee**.



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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?"

## Bay Area Music: From Johnny Mathis to the Grateful Dead

### A Night with Tony Saunders



**The Bill and Adele Jonas Center**  
**Thursday, May 30**  
**7 pm to 8:30 pm**

Tony Saunders is a luminous figure in the world of music, celebrated for his exceptional talent as a two-time Emmy Award-winning bassist, composer, and producer.

His musical versatility is unparalleled, seamlessly genres from jazz, gospel, and R&B to pop, rock, and world music. The son of legendary Bay Area keyboardist Merl Saunders, Tony embarked on his musical journey early, securing his first Emmy at age 14 for his contribution to the PBS documentary Soul Is, and collaborating with his father and Jerry Garcia by age 17. His acclaim continued to grow with a second Emmy for his work on the TV show Digital Journey.

Educated at the prestigious Conservatory of Music in San Francisco, Saunders initially trained as a piano player before making a significant mark as a bassist, drawing inspiration from giants like James Jamerson and Stanley Clarke. His illustrious career boasts collaborations with music legends such as Eric Clapton, David Crosby, and Chaka Khan, as well as significant contributions as a producer, musical director, and composer, including for the stage musical Rock Justice.

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



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## Upcoming Programs & Events

### May

- May 24 **Teacher Recognition**
- May 30 **(Thursday) – Novato Speaker Series: Tony Saunders: From Johnny Mathis to the Grateful Dead**
- May 31 **TGIF - Off-site Social TBD**

### June

- June 7 **Rick Wells, Marin Builders**
- June 14 **Ody Andrianos, Alchemical Healing**
- June 21 **Phil's last regular meeting**
- June 28 **Installation Dinner & Debunking**

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# District Conference in Reno

Phil Dougherty, Thank you for a Great Presidential  
Year and Four Generations of Rotary Service!!



Larry Harrison at the ShelterBox booth at the District Conference.



Robert and John Marshall H2OpenDoors booth at the District Conference.



The DG pass on to Steve

## June SPECIAL DATES

- 6-6 Katie & Scott Chase
- 6-9 Tiff Fischer
- 6-10 Rhonda & Art Crofts
- 6-11 Jorg Puhr-Westerheide
- 6-12 Roberta & Alan Dunham
- 6-13 Toni & Gary Bramon
- 6-15 Sonia Seeman
- 6-17 Judith Keeler & Moses Jacob
- 6-17 Brenda Pfeifer
- 6-19 John Cutrufelli
- 6-20 Lynn & Carl Dawson
- 6-20 Susie Pfingst-McCurdy & Craig McCurdy
- 6-22 Kathie & Brad Williams
- 6-23 Chris Harrison
- 6-25 Michelle & Steve Ghirardo
- 6-25 Bruce Palmer
- 6-26 Donna & Frank Falzon



### NEW MEMBER NOTICE



The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the Board of Directors and the membership:

- David Gabriel: Comm. RE Fin. & Dev., Retired

If there are no objections by:

**Thursday, June 6**

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:

**Friday, June 7**

*Sonia Seeman / Jim White*  
Co-Secretaries





*Burt Hoffmann of H&J Tire mentored Magnolia Project interns in vehicle repair, giving them experience in a service that is in great demand.*



*Eliza Roesler and Tiffany Fischer are organizing a support organization for children of Vets*



*Our guest speaker Jamie Scardina described his Marin life in law enforcement and gave a recruitment presentation.*



*President Phil recognizes video and ZOOM controller, Rene Prado.*



*Marty Wickenheiser asks for more help on May 31 furnishing Vets apartments at Homeward Bound*



*Marin County Sheriff Jamie Scardina showed a recruitment video of Sheriff department responsibilities*