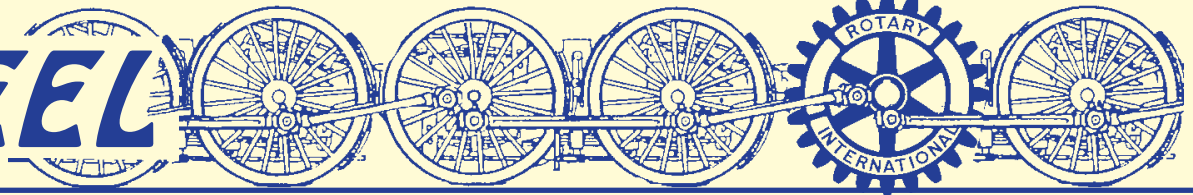


# The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons

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## Youth Leadership Novato's First Graduating Class!

On May 28th, 2026 there was a celebration for the first class of the Youth Leadership Novato program. Among many present who hosted our students this year were NUSD Superintendent Dr. Tracy Smith who gave each student a congratulatory letter from the School District, and City Councilman and past Mayor, Tim O'Conner, who also gave them a letter from the City of Novato.

*(L to R: Charley Vogt, President of Ignacio Rotary; Susan Royce, President of Novato Sunrise Rotary; Lynn Dawson, President of Novato Rotary and the 2026 Class.)*

## Youth Leadership Program

On May 14th President Lynn and a Youth Leadership Student spoke at the Ignacio Club about the Youth Leadership Novato Program. Three Novato Club Presidents were recognized with the Snoopy Service Award by the Rotary Club of Ignacio.

*(R to L: Charley Vogt, President of Ignacio Rotary; Lynn Dawson, President of Novato Rotary; Susan Royce, President of Novato Sunrise Rotary; and Patty Campbell, President of Novato Evening Rotary)*



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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?"



## Tony Lindsay A Soulful Evening with Tony Lindsay

**Thurs., July 23, 2026  
7 pm to 8:30 pm**

Back by popular demand!

Tony and his band wowed us in season one! Join us for an extraordinary evening as we embark on a remarkable musical journey with Tony Lindsay, the legendary lead vocalist of Santana.

Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to witness a true icon in action, captivating audiences with his undeniable talent and unforgettable stage presence.

**Tickets: Adults \$30 • Students \$15**  
[www.novatospeakerseries.com](http://www.novatospeakerseries.com)

## Upcoming Programs & Events

### June

- June 5 **International Services** - Holly Axtel
- June 12 **Meeting at Jonas** - The Good Old Days: Polenta Feed! Polish your Boots!!
- June 19 **No Meeting** - Campus Holiday
- June 26 **Meeting at Jonas** - Farewell to 2025-26 & Induction 2026-27
- June 27 **Debunking**

## In Memoriam

# Anne Wade

May 29, 2026

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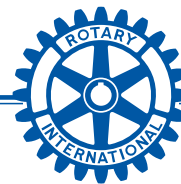
**Brad Williams**  
*Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment*

**Tom Rickey**  
*Past President*

# 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 Pfungst-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
- 6-27 Shelayna Levo
- 6-28 Matt Chiang
- 6-28 Jay Magtibay



You are cordially invited to attend the

## Rotary Club of Novato

### 2026

## Celebration of Lynn's Year

AKA "The Debunking"

Saturday, June 27, 2026

Bill and Adele Jonas Center

No Host Cocktails & Appetizers: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. ☞ Buffet Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Debunking: 7:30

**Reservations Required! NO Tickets Sold at Door!**

**RSVP Deadline June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

\$75.00 per person

Guests Welcome

Please contact Marsha Molloy with your reservations:

(415) 328-7745 or email: [mjmolloy@pacbell.net](mailto:mjmolloy@pacbell.net)

**Choice of Entree:**

- Chicken Marsala
- Fresh Oven Broiled Salmon
- Polenta Marinara (Vegan and Gluten Free)



Pay with Square

Pay with Square QR and contact Marsha with your menu choice OR tear off and mail with your payment to:

Marsha Molloy, 308 Becky Court, Novato, CA 94949  
 Make check payable to: Rotary Club of Novato

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate your choice of Entree:

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Salmon	_____
Polenta	_____

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# Hamilton Transit Mural Installation Project

May 28, 2026 (9 am- 11:30 am)

Volunteers:

Jim Spilman, Phil Dougherty, Randy Baker, Mark Bosch, Larry Mazotta, Marisa Remak

