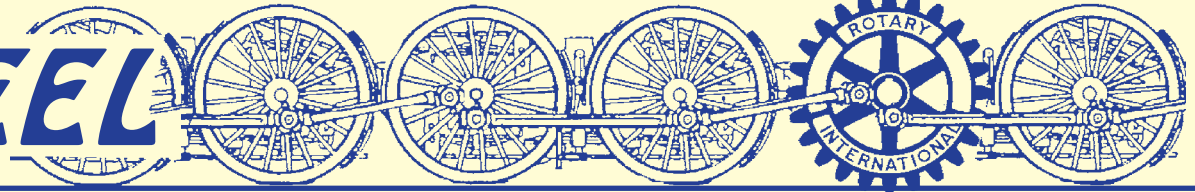


The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning...

Madam President Christina Stroeh rang the bell to start the meeting. Jay Wayne led us in the Pledge. Before Al Angulo started his "Thought for the Day", he asked everyone to sit down first while he gave SEVERAL thoughts to celebrate coming the upcoming "Father's Day". "A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic." and "Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough... so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's."



Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians – none today.

Visiting family and friends: Larry Harrison introduced Rebekah Shapiro Gonzalez who used to be Rotarian from SF#2 Club. Alan Dunham

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introduced his wife- **Roberta**. **Sonia** introduced a potential member – **Shad Rahman**. **Marisa** introduced her 2 lovely daughters – **Ashby** and **Sadie**.

Announcements:

Debunking!

President Christina reminded us about the debunking event on June 24, from 5:30 PM. Please send in your check to RSVP with **Marsha Molloy**.

Also **Craig** needs help with bartending. Please give him a helping hand before everyone orders their drinks.

ShelterBox

Larry Harrison representing ShelterBox gave a report about the progress that has been made in Ukraine. So far they have distributed 10k mattresses, clothing, water and hygiene supplies to people in need. The weather is getting better there, but they still need more support. Our Club has donated \$4,000.

College of Marin Speaker

Gloria Dunn-Violin reminded us about a College of Marin speaker Zoom event presented by **Admiral Michael Baker** on June 22, from 11am - noon. To signup – <http://escom.marin.edu>.

Ukrainian Dinner

Jay Wayne told us that the Ukrainian dinner went well. This event was to raise money for people in need due to the war.

Western BBQ Update

Jay then switch his hat and announced our Club had it's biggest fund raising event. The "Western BBQ" has

raised over \$42k. Thanks for all participated to make this happen.

Bulletin Editors Needed!

Bill Vespa mentioned we need more volunteers to help for writing bulletin. Members just need to take notes during meeting and **Bill** will take care the rest. Please contact **Bill** if you would like to help.

Rotary Books and Art Around Town

Marisa Remak reminded us there will be Rotary Book and Arts Around Town on July 4th next to the Buckaroo Breakfast from 7-10 AM. Please stop by and visit!

Save the Dates

Potluck Dinner

Peian Harness announced a Potluck event at her house on Saturday, July 16 at 5PM.

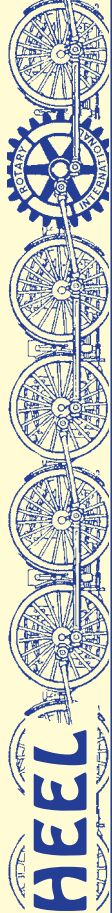
There will be a special guest **Dora Zuniga** who is the new director for Project Amigo (projectamigo.org) at this party. Please save the date! More info to come in early July.

Service Project - Volunteers Needed!

Jim Spilman announced a new service project on



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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?"



You are cordially invited to attend the

Rotary Club of Novato 2022 Installation of Officers and Board of Directors AKA "The Debunking" Friday, June 24, 2022 5:30 p.m.

Bill and Adele Jonas Center

Reservations Required!
NO Tickets Sold at Door!

RSVP Deadline June 20th

Please contact Marsha Molloy
with your reservations:

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

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/

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Upcoming Programs

June 2022

June 24 **Debunking**

July 2022

July 1 **NO MEETING**

July 8 **Ed Ryken:** Restore Alcatraz

July 15 **Scholarship Committee:** Scholarship Awards

July 22 **John Geoghegan:** Flying Dirigibles

July 29 **Club Board of Directors:** Club Assembly

August 2022

Aug. 5 **Norm Gershenz** from SaveNature.org: Youth Exploring Nature, Hands-on Insect Discovery Lab

Aug. 12 **Lori Frugoli & Shelly Scott**

Aug. 19 **Jack Gedney** from Wild Birds Unlimited: Natural History of Notable Novato Backyard Birds

ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2021/2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

Christina Stroeh
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Peian Harness
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Phil Dougherty
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Craig Anderson & Jim Bates
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Marisa Remak
Public Image

Jim Spilman
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Gloria Dunn-Violin
Environmental Sustainability (NR-CAT)

Holly Axtell
International Service

Jorg Puh-Westerheide
The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

Lynn Dawson
Youth Service

Sonia Seeman
Membership

Robert Marshall
President, Nova-Ro Corp.

Jay Wayne
Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment

Chris DeGabriele
Past President

Saturday, July 9, at 9AM to do some landscaping in Novato. Please mark your calendar!

Paul Harris Awards

Past President Jorg presented PH awards to several Rotarians, also family members include :

- * new PHF: for **Jim Spilman's** daughter-in-law **Sylvia** and her daughter **Casey**
- * PHF+5: **TJ Neff**
- * PHF+6: **Marisa Remak**
- * PHF+6: **Peian Harness**
- * PHF+8: **Phil Dougherty**
- * new PHF: **Warren Glass's** grandson **Ben**
- * PHF+1: **Cynthia Milano**
- * PHF+6: **Homa Rassouli**
- * PHF+6: **Ben Borok**
- * PHF+7: **Marty Wickenheiser**

Thanks for their dedication and generous donations to make this world a better place.

(*P.S. check out this link to learn more about Paul Harris Fellow recognition. <https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition>)

Red Badger's Talk

Our new member – **Peter Pelavin** gave a 5 minute talk about his life. He was born in San Francisco and grew up in the city. He enjoyed playing baseball and softball in his youth. He attended UCLA and got an English literacy degree. Later on, **Peter** went to Santa Clara University law school. **Peter** worked in Italy and likes everything Italian – food, language, etc. and visited places like Milan, Lucca.

Peter moved to Novato five years ago and currently works as an estate planner and probate lawyer. **Peter** joined Rotary because Rotary helps people.

We are so lucky to have **Peter** to be our Club member

who is devoted and engaged right from the beginning...

Program

Frank Bruno introduced our speaker – **Greg Nelson**. **Greg** has been involved in higher education for over 21 years. He began his career with the Technical College System of George before moving to California in 2011. **Greg** holds a Master's degree in business and BS in Political Science & Statistics.

Greg presented a few facts about College of Marin. It was opened in 1926 in Kentfield. Indian Valley College began in 1971 at Hamilton AFB and moved to its current location in 1975. The College currently employees about 630 people. 83% of students reside in Marin County but 58% of COM's faculty and staff live outside of Marin County due to high living costs.

Our Club had a 1st meeting with COM back in Nov 2015 to initiate the Bill and Adele Jonas Center Project. In summer 2021, the Jonas Center opened in mid pandemic. The Jonas Center includes four conference rooms, one catering kitchen, one commercial kitchen, one lounge area and a venue good for 300 seated dinner or 550 lecture style event. It is a \$19 million project of which \$5M came from our club. The rough economic impact to the local area in the past nine months since it opened is about \$ 590k and growing.

Before the meeting ended, the attendees gave a standing ovation to **President Christina** to thank her for her service in the past year. A lot of hard work has been put in to make things work during the pandemic and the transition from the Margaret Todd Center to the Bill and Adele Jonas Center.

The Winner

Roberta Dunham won the raffle.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend and hope to see you all at the Debunking!



Big Wheel Editors
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for the
Month of July and Beyond

Contact **Bill Vespa**

Support the most interesting
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Help share the meeting with family,
friends and members unable to attend.



Support the Novato Rotary Endowment

Many more of us are shopping on-line these days. If you use Amazon for your shopping, try using **Smile.Amazon.com** Select the Novato Rotary Endowment as your charity and 0.5% of your purchases will go to the NRE.



Past President Larry Harrison and current Ambassador of ShelterBox describes donations in Ukraine vicinity.



Al Angulo gives the "Thought for the Day".



New Member Peter Pelavin gives his Five Minute Talk.



Paul Harris Award Presentations

Novato Rotary Foundation Director Jorg Puhr-Westerheide awards Chairman of Community Service Jim Spilman a Paul Harris Award.

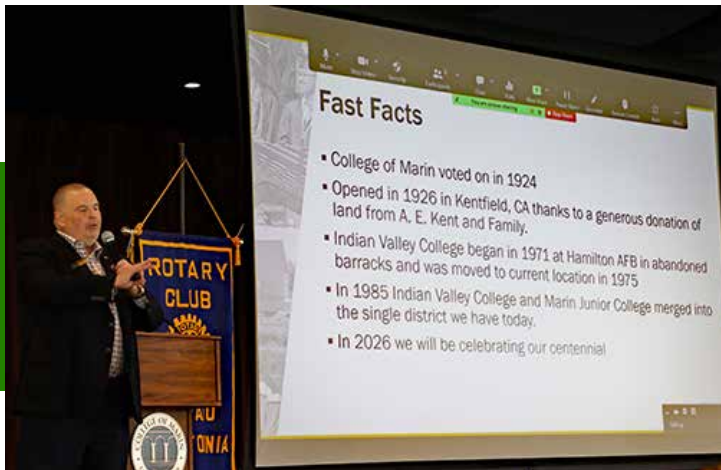


Foundation Director Jorg Puhr-Westerheide awards Phil Dougherty, Jim Spilman, TJ Neff, and Marisa Remak.



Future President Peian Harness receives Paul Harris Award.

**Guest Speaker:
Greg Nelson
of COM**



Greg Nelson gives us historical facts about College of Marin and Indian Valley Campus.



Pioneers fought for a place to call ours, that we share.



Sadie Remak wins as youngest attendee from COM Speaker Greg Nelson.