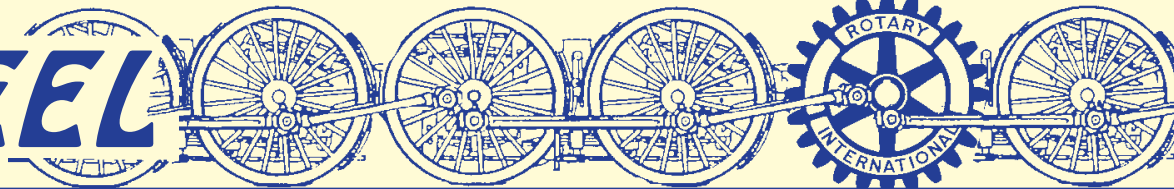


# The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

R.S.V.P to Marsha Molloy: (415) 328-7745 or [mjmolloy@pacbell.net](mailto:mjmolloy@pacbell.net)

Please indicate your choice of Entree:

	Quantity
Chicken	_____
Salmon	_____
Polenta	_____



## Tom Winner Memorial Bench

On Saturday June 20, 2026 our Community Service project at O'Hare Park was to repair the footrest for the Tom Winner Memorial Bench. Marty Wickenheiser, John Simmons (Marty's friend), Charlie Strickfaden, Jim Spilman, and Randy Baker were on hand.



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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?"

# Rotary



Club of Novato

**YES, BIG WHEEL EDITORS  
ARE STILL**

## NEEDED

*Support the most interesting  
Rotary Club ever!*

*Help share our meetings  
with family, friends  
and members unable to attend.*

*All you need to do is supply typed  
notes of the meeting. NO Formatting!*

Contact Bill Vespa at  
zip@sonic.net

## 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**  
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## Upcoming Programs & Events

### June

- June 26 **Meeting at Jonas** - Farewell to 2025-26 & Induction 2026-27
- June 27 **Debunking**

### July

- July 3 **No Meeting** - July 4th Holiday
- July 10 **Meeting at Jonas**
- July 17 **Scholarships**
- July 23 **Novato Speaker Series** - Tony Lindsay
- July 31 **Meeting at Jonas**

## ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2025/2026 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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# July

## Special Dates

- |      |   |
|------|---|
| 7-9  | Jacqueline Janssen                      |
| 7-11 | T.J. Neff                               |
| 7-12 | Burt Hoffmann                           |
| 7-14 | Christine Magtibay                      |
| 7-15 | Jeff Slavitz                            |
| 7-18 | Ashley & Randy Baker                    |
| 7-19 | Jacqueline Janssen & Mike Morrissey     |
| 7-25 | Karen & Bruce Palmer                    |
| 7-25 | Peter Pelavin                           |
| 7-27 | Christina Stroeh & Brody Stewart-Stroeh |
| 7-29 | Marsha Molloy                           |
| 7-29 | Charlie Strickfaden                     |
| 7-31 | Sara Gabriel                            |



## The Rotary Club of Novato's Monthly Board and Committee Meetings

### Membership

First Tuesday of the Month at 5:00 p.m.  
Contact Patty Dougherty at [pattydou97@gmail.com](mailto:pattydou97@gmail.com) for meeting location.

### World Community Service

First Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.  
Contact chair Holly Axtell [axtell@aol.com](mailto:axtell@aol.com) for meeting location.

### Youth Service

First Thursday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.  
Contact chair Ross Millerick at [ross.millerick@gmail.com](mailto:ross.millerick@gmail.com) for meeting location.

### Vocational Service

First Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.  
Contact chair David Gabriel at [dhgabriel@gmail.com](mailto:dhgabriel@gmail.com) for meeting location.

### Environmental Sustainability

Second Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.  
Contact chair Randy Baker at [gloriaviolin@yahoo.com](mailto:gloriaviolin@yahoo.com) for meeting location.

### RCN Board

Third Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.  
Contact President Lynn Dawson at [lynnldawson@comcast.net](mailto:lynnldawson@comcast.net) for meeting location.

### Community Service

Third Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.  
Contact chair Jim Spilman at [james\\_v\\_spilman@msn.com](mailto:james_v_spilman@msn.com) for meeting location.

### Nova-Ro Board

Third Thursday of the Month at 8:30 a.m.  
Contact chair Peter Oser at [peteroser205@gmail.com](mailto:peteroser205@gmail.com) for meeting location.

### PR/Communications Committee

Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 5:00 p.m.  
Contact chair Joy Filman at [joyphd@gmail.com](mailto:joyphd@gmail.com) for meeting location.

### Novato Rotary Endowment

Quarterly (Jul., Oct., Jan. Apr.) on the Fourth Thursday of the Month at 8:30 a.m.  
Contact chair Brad Williams at [acur8cpa@icloud.com](mailto:acur8cpa@icloud.com) for meeting location.

# Rotary International Convention, Taipei

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