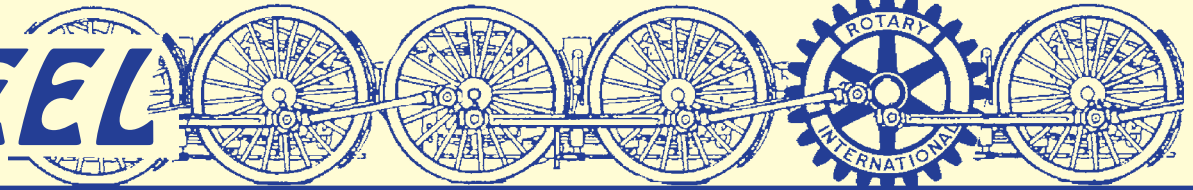


# The BIG WHEEL



Rotary Club of Novato

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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## In the Beginning

**Peter P.** greeted us and distributed RED Raffle tickets. **Chris D.** checked us in and counted the cash. Several members asked about dues invoices – now issued from sonomacountybookkeeping@gmail.com – check your spam/junk folders.

Dee's Catering fed us a delectable variety of main dishes, salads, fresh fruit, desserts and NA libations.

**President Phil** rang the bell and welcomed us to Rotary Club of Novato where it is good to be alive, good to be in Novato and good to be a Rotarian.

Recent transfer in **Al Shirley** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **President Phil** provided the "Dreamers Guidebook" as 'Thoughts for the Day.'

## Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians and guests included: **President Phil's** bride **Laurie**; **President Elect Tom Rickey's** daughter **Grace**; **Roberta Dunham** with **Alan**; **Chris D.** accompanied by his bride **Joni**; **Chris Harrison** with **Larry**; and guest of the Club **John Christman** former President of Mill Valley Rotary and chiropractor on Grant Avenue.

## Announcements

### We made the Paper!

Marin Scope Paper had photo spread of our involvement in July 4 Parade (Books & Art)- Thank you **Penny!**

## Picnic Help

Next Friday at noon is the Family picnic in Miwok Park on Novato Blvd. We have the BBQ area reserved and **John Cutrufelli** will cook.

- Sign up with Marsha Molloy to bring salads, sides and desserts for 10 people.
- Corn-Hole & Bocce sets are requested.
- Bring your spouse, partner and kids all at no charge.



*Craig Anderson describes the Relay for Life, an event to remember our family and friends.*

## Relay for Life

**Craig Anderson** was called upon once again to encourage participation in this year's Relay for Life at Loma Verde School beginning at noon on July 29th culminating the morning of July 30. Donations can be made via check to American Cancer Society delivered to **Craig** or online at Relay for Life Novato and click the DONATE button where credit can be directed to Rotary Club of Novato (RCN). **President Phil** is donating a "half -penny" per step up to 20,000 steps (\$100) during the luminaria walk.

## Scholarships

**President Phil** introduced **Scholarship Committee Chair John Ringgenberg**, and added his thoughts that there are two RCN meetings a year that are most popular and they both have education as their focus. In one, we celebrate and honor teachers from our local schools and this one... honoring impressive students with scholarships for their desire to better themselves and dream big.

**President Phil** explained how passionate RCN is about education. We not only support organizations such as School

Fuel and our own local projects such as Books and Art and Dictionary Distribution, we have partnered with Rotary clubs to create and fund education and scholarship projects around the world.

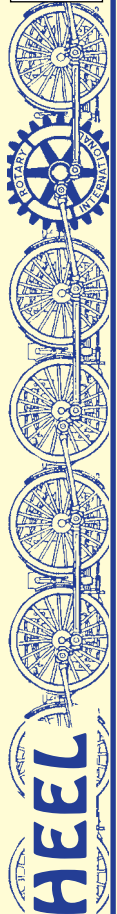
- We fund an after school art and music program in Bogota Colombia,
- We provide scholarships to ten nursing students in Chihuahua Mexico
- Fund Boys Town, a rescue and education program in Davao, Philippines
- Project Amigo, now a successful non-profit corporation, provides scholarships for primary, secondary, and college tuition in Colima Mexico the genesis of which occurred in our Club.

RCN understands that there is no better way to Creating Hope in the world than through education.

**John R.** thanked school counselors **Laura Pretl** (NHS), **Vivian Jensen** (SMHS) and **Krista Peach** (Nova/Marin Oaks) for their support helping the students and committee. Committee members include: **Jim Spilman**, **Burt Hoffmann**, **Sonia Seeman**, **Mike Morrissey**, **Maggie Shao**, **Marty Wickenheiser**, **Gary Bramon**, **Jeff Slavitz** and **Jorg Westerheide**. Special recognition was give to **Steve Delahunty** a 44 year Rotarian and 29 year member of RCN who for 26 years was chair of the Scholarship Committee and will receive a bottle of the best Pinot Noir in the U.S. from VML in Healdsburg.

Scholarships awarded this year total \$72,500 and in the past 10 years nearly \$600,000. Recipients this year include:

- **Dania Calixto** from Marin Oaks receiving the Morrissey Family Scholarship in the amount of xxx and attending Santa Rosa Junior College.




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**"Create Hope in the World"**

### 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?"



**featuring Paul Schwarzbart**

**The Bill and Adele Jonas Center**  
**July 27<sup>th</sup> • 7:00pm to 8:30 PM**

Paul fled to Belgium with his parents when Austria was annexed in 1940. When the Germans reached Brussels, where his family was living, his father was taken. With surreptitious help, he "hid" as a student at a Catholic school in the forest near Luxembourg for over 2 years. After reuniting with his mother, the two eventually came to the United States and settled in Petaluma.

To kick off the festivities, Cantor David Margule will start performing at 7:00 PM. Cantor David Margule's beautiful tenor voice has enhanced and blessed members of Congregation Rodef Sholom since 1991.

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

**Rotary Big Wheel Sponsor**



## Empathy

ESTATE PLANNING

[www.empathyestateplanning.com](http://www.empathyestateplanning.com)

**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

**July 2023**

July 21    Miwok Park Picnic  
July 28    **No Meeting**

**Qigong Practice**

First meeting of every month, **Maggie Shao** will lead a short 20 minute Qigong practice after the regular meeting at the Jonas Center. We had a nice practice on July 7 and invite any members to join in Qigong practice next month. The routine can be viewed on Youtube, click on this link <https://youtu.be/ADVMFVirsjU>

**Do you like to Hike?**  
**Jim Bates** will be leading a hike after the 3rd meeting of the month.

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- **Valentina Cardenas** receiving the \$3,000 Peter Fulchiron Community Scholarship and attending San Diego State.
- **Caleb Chor** from San Marin High School receiving a \$1,000 Rotary Club of Novato scholarship and attending UCLA.
- **Anthony Cruz** from Nova receiving a RCN special award of \$500 to attend College of Marin.
- **Sofia Cruz Barragan** from San Marin receiving the \$4,000 **Russ** and **Kathy Ketron** Scholarship to attend UC Santa Barbara.
- **Kevin Cupa** from Marin Oaks awarded the \$2,000 Morrissey Family Scholarship to attend College of Marin.
- **Ronald DeLeon** receiving a RCN special award.
- **Riley Geraghty** from Novato High School receiving the 4 year \$8,000 total **Bill and Adele Jonas** Rotary Scholarship to attend USC.
- **Ashley Goodsell** from Marin Oaks receiving a \$500 RCN special award.
- **Karma Haroldsen** from San Marin awarded the \$2,000 RCN scholarship to attend SF State.
- **Sophia Kiesling** from Nova receiving a \$500 RCN special award.

- **Lizbeth Mendieta** from Novato High receiving the \$3,000 **Bill and Adele Jonas** Rotary 2 year scholarship.
- **Mahalia Morgan** receiving the 4 year **Kenneth A. Berg** Rotary Scholarship over 4 years to attend Stanford University.
- **Darwin Portillo Umanzor** from Marin Oaks awarded a \$2,000 2 year **Morrissey** Family Scholarship to attend College of Marin.
- **Stephanie Rosales Alvarado** from Marin Oaks receiving \$4,000 over 2 years to attend Santa Rosa JC with the **John Stuber** Memorial Scholarship.
- **Kalyani Ryar** from Novato High attending UC Berkeley with the \$2,000 RCN scholarship.
- **Caroline Schmidt** from San Marin awarded the \$3,000 Peter Fulchiron Community Scholarship to attend Whitman College.
- **Ronin Tanihara** awarded the \$5,000 **Ringgenberg** Rotary Scholarship to attend Cal State San Marcos.
- **Bu Wei He** from Novato High awarded the RCN \$500 scholarship to attend UC Berkeley.
- **Molly Wiens** from Novato High the \$8,000 **Bill and Adele Jonas** Rotary 4 year scholarship to attend UCLA.
- **Grant Wilhelm** from San Marin High the \$2,000 RCN scholarship to attend U Nevada Reno.

• **Iman Yousaf** from San Marin High the \$3,000 **Peter Fulchiron** Community Scholarship to attend Dominican University.  
WOW!

With little time on the clock **President Phil's** 'Gen Z Vocabulary Game Show' began. **Christina's** table knew what G.O.A.T. is and **Jim Spilman** was designated as RCN Greatest of All Time.

**Maggie's** table rightly identified CAP as a lie, but El Presidente had to reveal no CAP as the truth.

And finally **Burt's** table had all the RIZZ (charisma) needed to round out the round.

Finally, **Peter Rubens** from Burlington, IA right on the Mississippi River failed his quiz about that Quad City berg and paid a hundo.

## The End

**Chuck Hildebrand** held the winning red ticket and won the \$25er!



22 Scholar recipients, many already moved to college campus.



*Scholarship recognition representing students from Marin Oaks, San Marin, Novato High and NOVA.*

# Scholarship Recipients



*Riley Geraghty and Anthony Cruz with family and friends.*



*Stephanie Rosales Alvarado with family.*



*Bu Wei He with Sally Mak.*



*Scholarship recipient Kevin Cupa with daughter Delilah and his mother Noemi.*