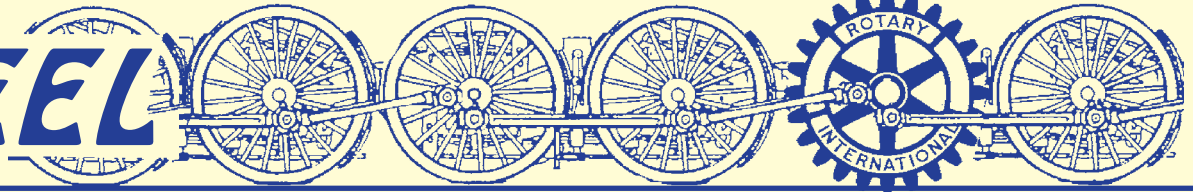


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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In the Beginning

Al Shirley and **Peian Harness** greeted us and distributed RED Raffle tickets.

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

President Tom Rickey rang the bell and welcomed us to the Rotary Club of Novato.

Don Violin mixed it up and first shared his thoughts on Service then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sasha D'Amico brought our speaker and guest, **Novato Chief of Police Jim Naugle**; **Gloria Dunn-Violin** was joined by her daughter **Gabrielle Knox**; **Lynn Dawson's** guest was **Kathleen Gallivan**;

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*Support the most interesting
Rotary Club ever!*

*Help share the meeting with family,
friends and members unable to attend.*

Tiffany Fischer brought the youngest guest today, intern **Santiago Hitchcock**; and **Elisa Roesler** brought the whole clan – mom and dad, **Debra** and **Steve**, plus **Uncle Scott**.

Announcements

Last Call for Rotary Club of Novato T-Shirts!

Last call for Rotary Club of Novato T-shirts. See **Peian Harness** if interested.

President Tom gave us the list of upcoming Club activities:

- RYLA beginning on July 29 – RCN has sponsored 5 attendees.
- Interact Club kickoff on August 24 – see **Elisa Roesler**.
- RCN Picnic at Miwok Park on August 30th – see **John Cutrufelli**.
- Rise Against Hunger food packing party on September 14. About 15 RCN members are needed to participate.
- **Craig Anderson** thanked RCN participants in this year's Relay for Life at Olive School on July 20 & 21. About \$6,000 was raised by RCN for the American Cancer Society.
- **Jim Spilman** asked for volunteers this afternoon for a City Hall Brick Laying Party.
- **Peter Pelavin** reflected that **Elisa Roesler** filled in for **Jim Spilman** at the recent Community Service meeting and no one could tell the difference (**Peter** may need his eyes checked).

Marty's Moments

President Tom is resurrecting **Marty's Moments** video interviews of RCN members and the Club was treated

to the 2016 interview with **Rich Nave**. The video's are very informative, entertaining and well done by **Marty Wickenheiser** and **Mike Morrissey**. Give them a look at: <https://www.novatorotary.org/Page/marty-s-moment>.

Who'z Dat Rotarian?

President Tom introduced a new game – Who'z Dat Rotarian?

RCN members are called upon, given a clue and asked to identify a member. Success results in a yet to be determined reward, while failure results in a personal donation of the members choosing to Novato Rotary Endowment. **Jim White**, **Chuck Hildebrand** and **Robert Marshall** all made a contribution. So Who'z Dat Rotarian that raced motorcycles at Laguna Seca, worked in the Nuclear Energy field and has the same birthday year right side up as upside down? None other than **Roy Pfeifer!**

The Speaker

Sasha D'Amico introduced **Novato Chief of Police Jim Naugle** who started his law enforcement career 26 years ago in Novato and spent the past 22 years in the Sonoma County Sheriff's department, rising through the ranks to 2nd in command as Undersheriff. **Jim** first shared the NPD recruitment video then shared personal scoop that he was born and raised in Petaluma; his parents were from Novato being neighbors on Wilson Avenue, so he's spent a lot of time here growing up; and that he and his wife have 4 boys ages 16 to 25 which is very busy and expensive.

Jim returned to NPD in the fall of 2023 and is very personable and easy to talk with. His goal is for

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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?"



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Upcoming Programs & Events

August

- Aug. 2 **President Tom Rickey:**
Novato Rotary Yearly Outlook
- Aug. 9 **Rotary DG Steve Wright**
- Aug. 16 **Jay Alexander:** Magic Show
- Aug. 23 **John Eldridge:** President COM
- Aug. 30 **No Meeting**

September

- Sept. 6 **Andy Pansini:** Fathers of Invention - A Marin Story of Innovation
- Sept. 13 **Jeff Saperstein and Dick Spotswood:** Israel
- Sept. 20 **Social Event TBA**
- Sept. 27 **Julie Cohne:** Sustaining Arts - Rain Forest

October

- Oct. 4 **Meeting TBA**
- Oct. 11 **No Meeting**

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NPD to get to know the residents better, focusing on relationships and community policing. **Sasha** is heading up the community engagement side of NPD. **Jim** is a huge advocate for the school resource program wherein funding is the biggest challenge. Novato is typically a very safe community with domestic violence and DUI the most frequent crimes NPD deals with. Everyone is urged to keep their vehicles and residences locked and secured to deter crimes of opportunity. **Jim** expects to add a second canine with handler to the department soon and let us know that there will be promotional opportunities in the department with upcoming retirements. Novato is a good place for a law enforcement career, yet Officer retention is a challenge and salary is a factor. Currently there are no openings at NPD on paper, but 8 to 9 staff are not deployable as training for recent recruits takes 9 months to 1 year.

The End

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



The Tree Team and Rotary Club of Novato are honored for their joint tree planting project at this weeks City Council meeting. Gloria Dunn-Violin, who organized the project, representing RCN at the presentation.

Tree Planting Project team recognized for their work by the Novato City Council



The Novato City Council with Jeanne MacLeamy announcing the Tree Team joined by the Mayor and City Council.



Pictured with the Novato Proud sign are front row Don Violin, Melanie Fraley, Elayne Miller, Timothy Heartquist, Rick Hanley, Jeanne MacLeamy, Gloria Dunn-Violin, Patrick MacLeamy, Alan Dunham. Second row Larry Paulger and Ron Crow.



Newly minted President Tom Rickey shows photo of his father as Washington DC Police Chief.



Novato Police Captain Sasha D'Amico introduces Chief Jim Naugle.



Chief Naugle describes difficulty of hiring and keeping officers, pointing to his video to encourage applicants.



John Ringgenberg calls on Scholarship Team for post assessment meeting.



Roy Pfeifer was the mystery motorcycle racer and handled nuclear explosives in the Who's Dat Rotarian game.



Mike Morrissey and Marty Wickenheiser revive Marty's Moments in memory of Rich Nave.



Jim Spilman trims a brick to fit in the Novato City Hall Plaza, part of a continuous Rotary Community Service Project.

With many supportive Rotary hands my family brick placement gave me a moment.