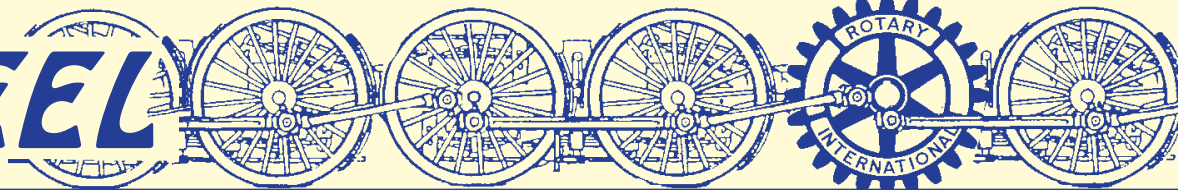


# The BIG WHEEL

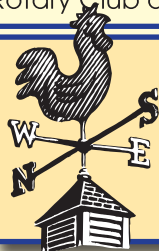


Rotary Club of Novato

Chartered April 26, 1954

The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



**July 29, 2022**  
**Vol. 74, No. 4**  
**Editor:**  
**Maggie Shao**

**Editor's Note: Due to supply chain issues, The Big Wheel will be printed on ivory paper until yellow is available.**

## In the Beginning...

**Don Violin** led us in the Pledge and then the 'Thought for the Day' - a quote from **Hedy Lamarr**. "*People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway. Do Good. People will accuse you of selfish alternative motives. Do good anyway. The biggest people with the biggest idea can be shut down by the smallest people with the smallest minds. Think big anyway. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. Give the world the best you have and you'll be kicked into the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway. And if I may add to that: Life can be very hard. Live anyway.*"

## Guests and Visitors

**Larry Levy** from Ignacio Rotary Club was present and admired the Jonas Center - his first time in our beautiful building. **Jim Spilman**, with deep devotion, introduced the love of his life, **Diane**.

## Sunshine Report

**Jay Wayne** was released from hospital and back at home, attending the Endowment meeting via Zoom on Thursday, July 28. **Dean Heffelfinger** is resting at home positive for COVID. Send both **Jay** and **Dean** healing wishes and thoughts.

**Jim Spilman** attended today's meeting sporting a

beard, and that is because he cannot shave or provoke or irritate his face or skin because he is recovering from Shingles. **Jim** spent five days in the hospital fighting an infection that coincided with Shingles. He was feeling better, on the road of recovery. **Jim** was touched by all the well wishes and emails, and he especially wanted to thank **Gary** and **Toni Bramon** for driving him to hospital on July 4th.

## Announcements

### Relay for Life

**Craig Anderson** invited all members to join him at Hamilton School, 5530 Nave Drive, for the Relay for Life American Cancer Society Fundraiser on August 6-7.

Walk laps in honor of loved ones who have had cancer, there will be Silent Auction, Entertainment, Games and Prizes. **Larry Levy** from Ignacio Rotary shared his surviving Melanoma and asked anyone touched by cancer to raise their hands, and nearly everyone in the audience raised their hands. Come out to Relay for Life. Checks can be made to: American Cancer Society



### Rise for Hunger

**Larry Harrison** announced there are three more volunteer spots available for August 20 Rise for Hunger Meal Packing where for a few hours on Saturday morning we will package 10,000 meals at Druids Hall.

### Community Service Project behind Safeway

**Jim Spilman** updated the project originally scheduled for July 9 has been postponed to another date in August.

## Multi-District Polio Event

**Russ Ketron** announced to save the date for at Rotary Multi District Fundraiser at Mare Island in Vallejo on October 23, 2022.

## Calling all Red Badgers...

**Fred Anderson** asked Red Badgers to help with meeting setup, especially for our August 5 meeting as he will not be here.

## Orchid Society Summer Sale

**Fred** also announced San Francisco's Orchid Society Summer Sale Event, July 30-31 at the SF County Fair Bldg.

## Upcoming Events

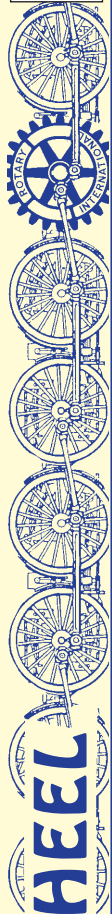
**Peian** announced with a slide of upcoming events calendar highlighting:

- \* August 4, 10am - Youth Committee meeting led by **Lynn Dawson**, please contact **Lynn** if interested.
- \* August 6, 12:15pm - Visit RYLA - BBQ lunch in Scotts Valley, contact and RSVP to kvbaltasar@gmail.com.
- \* August 28, 9am - 2pm. Rotaplast Fundraising Bocce Ball Tournament. \$45 and contact **Peter Lagarias** (415) 460-0188.

## Presenter - Club Assembly

Today's agenda was to help members understand the workings of the Clubs finances, committees, and goals. **Peian Harness** started by with a brief introduction

*Continued on page 3*



P.O. Box 657  
Novato, CA 94948

“Imagine Rotary”

### 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?”

**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/)

**The Big Wheel** (USPS 417-510), Published three times a month, for The Rotary Club of Novato, by Zenith Instant Printing, Inc., 1419 Grant Ave., Novato, CA 94945. Subscription price \$50.00 per year. Periodical postage paid at Novato, CA 94947. **POSTMASTER:** Please send address changes to The Rotary Club of Novato, P.O. Box 657, Novato, CA 94948-0657



**Upcoming  
 Rotary Club Meetings  
 Bill & Adele Jonas Center**

**August 5**  
**Youth Exploring Nature -  
 Hands-on Insect Discovery Lab**  
 with Norm Gershenz, Director of  
 SaveNature.org

**Bring your kids, grandkids,  
 and curious guests!**

## Upcoming Programs

### 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
- Aug. 26 **Dora Zuñiga** - Donor Director from Project Amigo: Project Amigo Yesterday and Today

**ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO**  
 2022/2023 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

**Peian Harness**  
*President*

**Phil Dougherty**  
*Vice President*

**Tom Rickey**  
**Phil Dougherty**  
*Co-Secretaries*

**Reggie Winner**  
*Treasurer*

**Jennifer E. Jones**  
*R.I. President*

**Gary Chow**  
*District Governor*

**Terri Carrillo**  
*Assistant District Governor*

#### DIRECTORS

**Fred Anderson**  
*Club Administration*

**Marisa Remak**  
*Public Image*

**Jim Spilman**  
*Community Service*

**Gloria Dunn-Violin**  
*Environmental Sustainability (NR-CAT)*

**Holly Axtell**  
*International Service*

**Jorg Puhr-Westerheide**  
*The Rotary Foundation (TRF)*

**Lynn Dawson**  
*Youth Service*

**Chris DeGabriele/Larry Harrison**  
*Membership*

**Sonia Seeman/Christina Stroeh**  
*Jonas Center Liasons*

**Dean Heffelfinger**  
*President, Nova-Ro Corp.*

**Rob Haff**  
*Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment*

**Christina Stroeh**  
*Past President*

of herself, she is 52 years old (rumor is she has the record as the youngest president of Novato Rotary Club), born in Taiwan and her parents were doctor and nurse, and she is the youngest girl, with two older brothers. She has 40 cousins, half live in China, and the other half in Taiwan. **Peian** has a Masters in Engineering and worked in Electrical Engineering. Immigrating to the US in 2002, she and husband **Ron** have their own business importing finely engineered parts manufactured in Taiwan. **Peian's** favorite food is any type of Asian cuisine. **Peian** described financial issues below.

Donations to Rotary - 3 ways you can give money:

- *Rotary Club of Novato (501 C(4)) for club functions*
- *Novato Rotary Endowment Fund (501 C(3)) providing Local and International services*
- *Rotary International Foundation (501 C(3)) used for District & Global Grants, End Polio*

**Peian** then gave a breakdown how Club dues are administered in descending order of use.

- 1) *Meetings: lunch, speaker gifts, tech support.*
- 2) *Rotary International & District Dues*
- 3) *Club Administration: postage, printing, debunking.*
- 4) *Committees: equipment, promotions, social events, training.*
- 5) *President Elect: Far West three day training, Rotary International Convention*
- 6) *District Events: District Assembly, PRLS*

**Peian** then presented a slide with calendar of highlights taking place at the Jonas Center for this coming year:

- October 9, 2022 - District Governor **Gary Chow** will present at our meeting
- November, 19, 2022 - District 5150 Foundation Event

and two offsite events:

- April 27, 2023 - District Conference in Monterey
- May 27, 2023 - the International Rotary Conference in Melbourne, Australia

**Reggie Winner**, our Club Treasurer reminded us to pay our dues. If you have any questions about dues don't hesitate to ask her, she can help you.

**Fred Anderson**, Club Administration described the setup needs for meetings and again requested help by coming at 11:15am to help with setting up for the meetings and staying a few minutes after to break down.

**Chris DeGabriele**, co-chair with **Larry Harrison** of the Membership Committee spoke on the duties of the committee They inform potential members of expectations, dues, mentoring and sponsoring of new members. Currently 94 RCN members and goal is to invite/enroll 10 new members and encouraged all members to be involved. One way is to invite potential members (2 lunches will be paid for by Club for prospective members). Another goal is to retain our current members as well.

**Peian** spoke for **Bill Vespa** asking for volunteers to write for the Big Wheel Bulletin. **Marisa Remak** is chair of the Public Image, was not at the meeting, however, she helps present a positive image out to our community.

## The End...

With extra time, we heard from **Jorg Westerheide** on his recent vacation to Maui. Because the apartment they stayed in Maui, had few windows, it forced **Jorg** to spend time outside in a tropical paradise including swimming in the ocean with turtles and observing octopi-declaring you don't just eat them, they are interesting to watch and see them interact with other sea life.

Caught up with **Chris DeGabriele**, missing from our meetings because he spent two weeks in Michigan both at Lake Michigan and Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula. One of the highlights was attending his 50th High School Reunion and about 45 of his classmates were there. Another great moment was jumping off the Black Rocks, near Picnic Rocks in the UP, holding the current record of

the oldest member of his family to jump off this steep cliffside into 41° F cold water,

Birthday video of July Birthdays were shown and this week's raffle winner was **Roy Pfeiffer**.

Many thanks to those who behind the scenes helped put on last month's meetings. Thanks to **Renee Prado** for setting up, monitoring and breaking down the tech equipment that enabled those members at home join via Zoom. Thanks to **Sam**, who catered our Thanksgiving in July Turkey with fixings lunch.

## Bring your Kids, Grandkids and Curious Guests

Come to our RCN meeting on August 5, 2022 featuring **Norm Gershenz**, Director of Savenature.org. Presenting Youth Exploring Nature by real life encounters with amazing arthropods, bring your curious guests (kids & grandkids) to engage with nature.



## Big Wheel Editors NEEDED

Contact Bill Vespa

Support the most interesting  
Rotary Club ever!

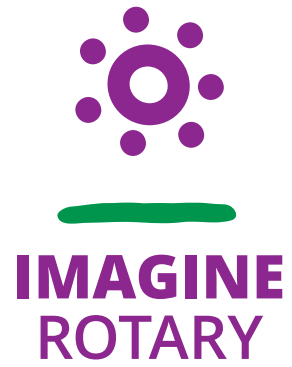
Help share the meeting with family,  
friends and members unable to attend.



Treasurer Reggie Winner will divvy your dues payments to meet your comfort level.



Club Administrator Fred Anderson calling in all Red Badge newbies for set up and take down of meetings.



Sonia Seeman and son Christopher from North Canton, Ohio.



A thank you to these active members plus Rene and Penny.



Birthday members.