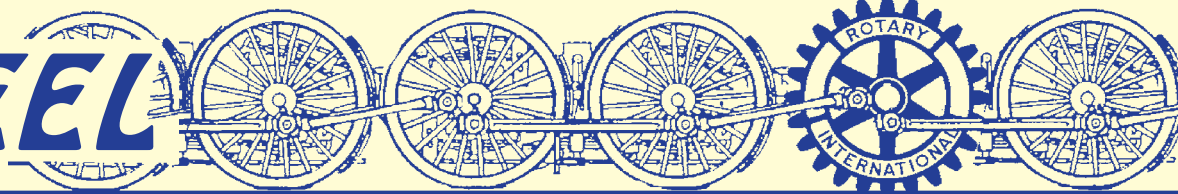


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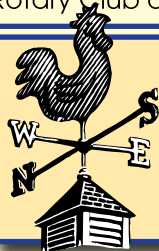


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## Call to Order

12:15 **Pres Phil** made the Bell Ding and welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Novato “Where it is great to be alive, great to be in Novato and great to be a Rotarian”.

The Pledge was led by **Al Angulo**, and the “Thought For the Day” was given by **Debbie Brusatori**: “To achieve success, stop asking for permission.” (Yea tell that to your kids ;-))

## Visitors & Guests

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Guests of Rotarians: **Penny Hansen** introduced our speaker **Teresa Saltzman**; **Marisa Remak** brought her daughter **Sadie**; **Alan Dunham** was with his “First Wife” **Roberta**; and **Russ Ketron** was accompanied by his wife **Kathy**.

## Community Care

**Reggie Winner** and **Marty Wickenheiser** shared the report.

**Jim Bates** is negative...with COVID that is, decided not to come today.

**Phil Brown** is doing better and made a ZOOM appearance with wife **Jean**.

**Jay Wayne** is back in the hospital. Get well wishes and cards are OK.

There was also a correction to one of last week’s announcements. It was **Linda Scott** recovering from surgery, not **Gail** as erroneously reported.

## Announcements

### Walk-a-Bout

On the third week of the month (but not today), **Jim Bates** leads a walking group “The Walk-a-Bouts.” Feel free to meet outside the front doors.

### The SASys

The NEW, “Service Above Self” awards are similar to the Rotarian of the Month. **Pres. Phil** will be asking our Team Leads to share who they think is deserving of a SASy. Maybe team leads will receive a SASy Award, as well.

### Dine Around Town - Maui Relief Fund

**Marty Wickenheiser** announced that **Pres. Phil** is arranging a “Dine Around Town”. Monies raised to be donated to Maui Relief Fund.

### Relay for Life

**Craig Anderson** announced that our Club is nearing \$6K in donations to Relay for Life. Thank you to all that have supported the event.

### Rise Against Hunger & ShelterBox

**Larry Harrison** reported that the Rise Against Hunger packaging project commitments are full. The Project will have been completed by the time you read this.

Also, ShelterBox has lots going on, thanks to everyone who has helped to support. Shelter Boxes are not a good fit for Maui so \$50K is being donated to Maui relief.

### Speaker Series

**Jim Spilman** made an announcement for the Aug. 24th Novato Speakers Series with music by Grammy Award winner **Tony Lindsay** of Santana fame.

### World Community Service

**Holly Axtell**, the Team Leader of our World Community Service, shared some exciting ways you can participate in Rotary around the world...and includes some incentives.

## Rotary Club Flags

**Pres. Phil** explained why Club Flags from around the world were displayed on tables at the back of the room. Club Flag exchanges were a Rotary tradition, when there was an attendance requirement. Members would visit Rotary clubs during personal travels throughout the US and world and have a ceremonial exchange of flags where they visited. Many remember this! We still have our own Club Rotary Flags. Grab one if you are planning to travel and visit other Rotary Clubs, which serves a number of purposes:

- To connect with Rotarians around the world,
- Build friendships with like-minded people, promote peace and build understanding.
- A great way to see what other clubs are doing; learn and see their projects they are passionate about. Visiting other clubs often builds partnerships. This is how international projects can get started.
- Our own projects started with strong ties with other Rotarians and clubs in other countries and personal interactions.
  - Think of Copper Canyon project, and the Majalca Club
  - Philippines and the Davao Rotary Club
  - The Rotary Club of Bogota

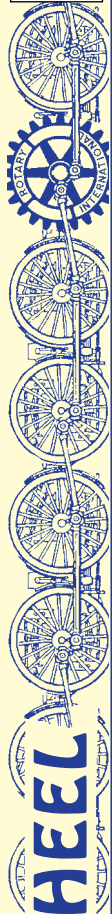
## Maui Disaster Relief

**Pres. Phil** distributed flyers (with a QR code) on the tables to donate to the Rotary District 5000 Foundation that goes directly to Maui disaster relief. **Pres. Phil** also wanted spotlight another cool Rotary program that **Russ Ketron** had shared with him. **Russ** gave to Maui Relief through a DAF (Donor Advised Fund). **Russ** stood up and described the benefits of using a DAF to donate to the Maui Relief Fund or other qualified Non-Profits.

## Mystery Rotarian Special doings

Using revealed achievements from our member’s

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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 Tony Lindsay

The Bill and Adele Jonas Center  
August 24 • 7 pm to 8:30 pm

After 25 years as the lead vocalist for Santana, Tony Lindsay has garnered 11 Grammy awards, traveled on several world tours and recorded on seven CDs: Milagro (1992), Supernatural (1999), Shaman (2002), Ceremony (2003) and Food for Thought (2004), Ultimate Santana (2007) and Multi-Dimensional Warrior (2008). Music Review by Brodrick Hampton:

Anyone who knows music knows Santana, and if that's a given, then so is famed vocalist Tony Lindsay: a singer whose voice helped power the group to 11 Grammys and worldwide acclaim. Since launching his own solo career, Lindsay has continued to earn accolades: his last album, Something Beautiful, has taken the music-streaming world by storm, earning him four top-ten songs on the Internet Broadcasters' Alliance's Indie Soul Chart.

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

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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

### August 2023

Aug. 25 **Presidents Reception - OFF-SITE MEETING** at President Phil's home

### September 2023

Sept. 1 **Eric Lucan:** An update from the Supervisor  
 Sept. 8 **OFF-SITE MEETING:** TBA  
 Sept. 15 **Gia Biaggi:** The Magnolia Project  
 Sept. 22 **Michael Dybeck:** Talk about the Girl and Boy Scouts - **OFF-SITE MEETING** at Christina Stroeh's Home)

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*Past President*

“Discover Forms”, **Pres. Phil** read a clue to the audience. Using the “Hot and Cold” method, **Reggie** was led by **Phil’s** assistant, **Roy Pfeifer**. This eventually led **Reggie** to discover **Bill Vespa**. **Bill** told his story of sailing from the mainland to Hawaii in a 36’ sailboat with his father. Memories included the phosphorescence of the water and vastness of the stars everywhere night sky.

### Hawaiian Themed Reception

Next Friday there is no regular meeting but **Laurie** and **Pres. Phil** are hosting a TGIF at their home located at 5 Christopher Ct. Come in an Aloha Shirt or Mumu. Starts at 4:30 pm. They will have appetizers, Mai Tais and music. This is another great event to bring prospective members to. Less intimidating than a meeting perhaps. Some Pupus will be provided but please bring a light appetizer such as deviled eggs, fruit salad, veggie trays. Contact **Suzanne Bales** with any questions about that and you’ll receive more information. There will be valet parking for those who don’t wish to walk up a small knoll. There are no steps into the yard.

### The Program

**Gary Bramon** introduced speaker **Teresa Saltzman, M.A.**, a California archaeologist and retired director of the Museum of the American Indian in Novato. **Teresa’s** topic is Coast Miwok Indians and trade.

We were treated to a history of the indigenous Miwok and their lives in and around Novato from archaeological findings, to surviving the Spanish Mission Era and the American march westward. Miwoks lived in villages of 100-150 folks. The indigenous tribes of California met at an area north of what is now Petaluma and traded in acorns, fish, works of art using beads, obsidian as projectile points, etc. The Coast Miwoks built boats and “kotcha” huts using tule reeds. **Teresa** also related the current exhibit on Coast Miwok trade routes at the Petaluma Historical Library and Museum. Thank you **Teresa** for an excellent presentation.

### Reminders

Next Thursday is the Novato Speaker Series with **Tony Lindsay**. Next week Friday late afternoon is a reception at the **Dougherty’s**.

Those participating in Rise Against Hunger, meet at Druid’s Hall at 7:45 tomorrow am. Doughnuts, coffee and juice will be provided.

### Da Big Winning Raffle Ticket

**John Ringgenberg**, who also won the back table pot won raffle.



*Larry Harrison, District Director of ShelterBox USA asking for donations to be made directly to Rotary Hawaii District 5000.*



*Past District Governor Holly Axtell introduces a Rotary global project inviting the curious.*



*Bill Vespa took a 36 foot sailboat trip with his father before high school graduations from San Francisco to Maui Lahaina Harbor in 1977.*

## September

### SPECIAL DATES

- 9-1 Chris & Larry Harrison
- 9-1 Allen Shirley
- 9-2 Karen Palmer
- 9-5 Raye-Lee Estes
- 9-5 Lucia & Christopher Mychajluk
- 9-7 Suzanne & Tom Bales
- 9-7 Anthony & Rafelina Maglio
- 9-9 Kathy & Jim Botko
- 9-10 Camille Marshall
- 9-13 John Reuscher
- 9-16 Craig McCurdy
- 9-16 Cindy Milano
- 9-19 Kathy Botko
- 9-20 Craig Anderson
- 9-24 Marilyn & Lowell Smith
- 9-25 Jo & Dean Heffelfinger
- 9-26 Tara & Tommy Lee
- 9-28 Art Crofts

## Rise Against Hunger

Three Novato Rotary Clubs worked together to make 10,000 meals!



*Miwok items for trade:  
Obsidian, tule and Roosevelt  
clam shell for making beads.*

*Teresa Saltzman,  
archaeologist and retired  
Director of the Museum  
of the American Indian in  
Novato, speaking on the  
trading networks of Coast  
Miwok Tribes.*



*8 tables of travel  
flags collected by our  
members over the past  
55 years.*