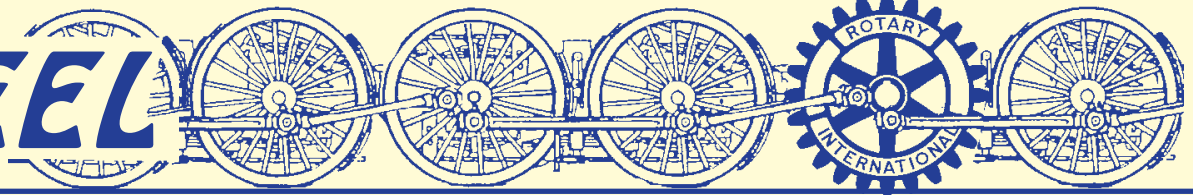


The BIG WHEEL



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...

The Bill and Adele Jonas Center was part of a power outage affecting the Ignacio neighborhood, and driving to Indian Valley, traffic lights were out. Our Club persisted by using a backup generator for the laptop and projector and **Sam** and his crew still able to serve us lunch without electricity. **President Peian Harness** called the meeting to order. **Phil Brown** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jean Brown** shared a story, *“An older gentleman is being prepared for surgery, and insists his son-in-law, a renowned surgeon operate. The older gentleman encouraged his son-in-law not to be nervous and to do his best. His last words to the surgeon before the anesthesia ‘If it doesn’t go well, remember your mother-in-law will move in with you’”*.

Guests and Visitors

Michael Spaulding, President of Ignacio Rotary Club joined us; **Fred Anderson** introduced his wife, **Jan**; **Mike Howard** brought his colleague, **Lt. Chris Jacob**, Management team for Special Services of Novato Police Department; **Marisa Remak** brought two Interactors who are going off to college, her daughter **Ashby**, her last Rotary meeting before she leaves for college in New York, and they brought friend **Jack Manville** who is going to University of Washington; **Larry Harrison** introduced **Rebecca Shapiro Gonzalez** who is planning to join our Novato Rotary Club; **Alan Dunham** said “Everything I am not” my wife **Roberta**. Sometime

during introductions, the power came back on and the lights and air conditioning started, we could proceed with the big screen for the slide show for our presenter.

Sunshine Report

No updates.

Announcements

Rise Against Hunger

Larry Harrison reminded us the Rise Against Hunger volunteer event on Saturday is a go.

Support for Homeless Vets - Save the Date

Larry also asked us to save the date: Friday, December 9, 2022 at his and **Chris’** at home at David Court for Support for Homeless Vets in coordination with Blue Star Moms. Last year’s event raised \$3,500 in Target gift cards for Veterans.

Burgers, Brews & Comedy

Michael Spaulding from the Rotary Club of Ignacio asked to join him for their “Burgers, Brews & Comedy” fundraiser on Saturday, September 24, from 6-9pm at the Jonas Center. Tickets are \$100 and headlining **Gina Stahl-Haven**, a Novato comic who has performed for 15 years and should be lots of fun. Purchase tickets on Rotary Club of Ignacio’s website.

Novato Advance ‘Salute to Rotary’

Marisa Remak, our Public Image Chair, reminded us about our annual Salute to Rotary published in the Novato Advance. You can submit advertisements and pricing will be forthcoming.

Polio Fundraising

Russ Ketron announced that District 5150 has raised a lot of money for Polio. Taking into account \$256,419 at the

District level, combined with \$8,300 from our Club, and matched with DDF and Gates Foundation totals \$800,000 for Polio this past year.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Jim Spilman wanted to thank all those volunteers who came out to install split rail fence, part of Climate Action Team project, at the entrance to Safeway Plaza off Novato Boulevard. Volunteers included **Rob Marshall**, **Peter Pelavin**, **John Cutrufelli**, **Michael Spaulding**, **Marisa** and **Ryan Remak**, **Gloria** and **Don Violin**, **Maggie Shao**, and **Larry Mazzotto**.

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TGIF

AT THE DUNHAM'S

Please join Fellow Rotarians and Guests to end the Summer for Fun, Food and Fellowship

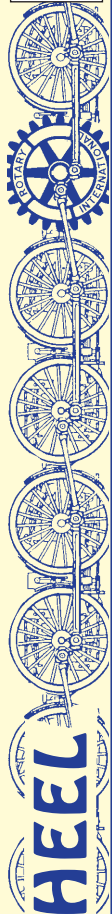
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

from 4:30 until dusk

Alan and Roberta Dunham’s home
36 Plata Court, Novato

**Bring a food item and
a favorite ‘Rotary Moment’ to share.**

RSVP: Alan and Roberta Dunham
415 897 8886 or alnberta@comcast.net



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?"



Upcoming Rotary Club Meetings

Bill & Adele Jonas Center

August 26

Dora Zuñiga, Donar Director from Project Amigo
Project Amigo - Yesterday and Today



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the

Board of Directors and the membership:

Rebekah Shapiro Gonzalez / Insurance

if there are no objections by:

Thursday, September 1

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:

Friday, September 2

Phil Dougherty
Secretary

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/

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Upcoming Programs

August 2022

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

September 2022

Sept. 2 **NO MEETING**

Sept. 9 **Jonas Anniversary** (9/9 TGIF at Dunham's)

Sept. 16 **Jim Wilder: Nicaragua in Crisis**

Sept. 23 **NO MEETING**

Sept. 30 **Mark Chhabria** from Marin County Sustainability Team: Local Resources for Home Energy Efficiency & Electrification

October 2022

Oct. 7 **DG Gary Chow & AG Terri Carillo:**
Be the Change

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Volunteers Needed for Nova-Ro Shade Project

Jim also asked for 4 volunteers for September 10 to install a shade structure at Nova-Ro II on 7th Street.

Upcoming Events

President Peian Harness announced upcoming events:

- August 27 - Save the date for the District 5150 First **Social Mahjong and Game night**, this social is open to all Rotarians and potential Rotarians: it's a great opportunity for fellowship, friendship and to kick back. More details to come. RSVP to **Ron Gin**.
- August 28 from 9am - 2pm. **Rotaplast Fundraising Bocce Ball Tournament**. Cost is \$45 per person. Contact **Peter Lagarias** at (415) 460-0188. This event benefits Rotaplast International's mission of providing reconstructive surgeries for cleft lips/palates for children worldwide. Saving Smiles, Changing Lives
- **TGIF at Alan and Roberta Dunham's** home on September 9, 2022. No meetings on September 2 & 9.
- **Peian** announced Rotary International President Elects: **Gordan McNally** 2023-2023, and **Stephanie Olrchick** 2024-2025.

The Speaker

Maggie Shao introduced our presenter, **Jack Gedney**, co-owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, a birdfeeding and nature shop located at Vintage Oaks Shopping Center. He writes *On the Wing*, the Marin IJ's biweekly column on local birds. **Jack** is the author of a compact field guide to Bay Area trees and his new book, *The Private Lives of Public Birds: Learning to Listen to the Birds Where We Live*.

Jack, showed his great knowledge and expertise throughout his very informative and engaging presentation on 15 local birds, although we are often fascinated by rare birds, he wanted to have us learn some interesting facts about common birds and to better appreciate them. Helping us understand, he categorized the birds into categories. A question to **Jack** was of the birds

he presented on, which bird would he be? The California Towhee, also known as the Brown Chippee, because of the squeaky chip sound or call they make, a dark brown backyard bird in the Sparrow family that is one of the few monogamous birds who pair with mates for life. Another bird was the Anna's hummingbird, with the males brilliant magenta almost metallic throat feathers have long beaks as well as a long tongue to feed on nectar. He recommended to get a wide flat feeder with 4 parts water to 1 part sugar syrup, they also like grape jelly. Scrub jay or Blue Squaker are incredibly intelligent in that they have spatial memory and one bird can store 6,000 acorns and will be able to retrieve 3,000 of those acorns from memory. They help spread oaks to germinate by the acorns left behind. His presentation had great photos of birds and easy ways to identify them, and also shared audio of some bird calls like that of the Mourning Dove. He also shared with us the Northern Mockingbird that spreads its wings during courtship and they are likely the ones you hear 4am in the morning singing. Mockingbirds can mimic up to 300 sounds, an impressive mimic. Lots of questions from the audience after the talk including a comment from **Phil Dougherty** about using fake black dead birds as a deterrent for other birds, and it worked well, and Jack confirmed that at his shop, they have sold over 500 fake dead black birds, a non-toxic and sustainable way of deterring blackbirds/crows. A great presentation and also local resource for anything bird related to go to his shop, Wild Birds Unlimited.



The Winner

This week's raffle winner was **Al Angulo**.

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Come learn Chinese Mahjong & Texas Hold'em

Saturday Aug 27, 4:00pm - ?

Rotary Terrace
310 Miller Ave., South San Francisco

This is the "FIRST Non-Rotary District Rotary Event" ... sort of (thank you DG Gary for the space and support)

Don't play?
Come and enjoy the fellowship and have some food.

COST?
NO ROTARY COST • NO DONATIONS,
NO ROTARY PLEDGING • IT'S FREE!
(Well, unless you want to play for money???)

BYOB and POT LUCK
Bring your card tables, Mahjong tiles,
poker chips and let's shuffle!

OPEN TO ALL ROTARIANS!
(bring a potential member!)

Come and have some fun!

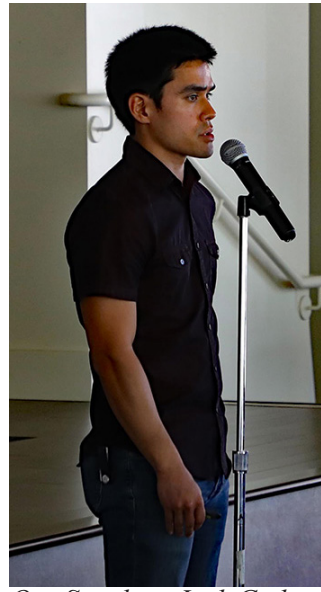
We will observe COVID protocols - please bring a mask, unless eating or making a bet!

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RSVP to Ron Gin: rongin1@gmail.com
Grass Roots Social Team
RI Convention '23 Promotion Team
Zone New Club Development Task Force 2021-2023
District Finance Chair, 2019-2023
Past District Governor, 2017-2018
Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown



President Peian announces upcoming events.



Our Speaker: Jack Gedney from Wild Birds Unlimited.



Novato Rotarians at the Relay for Life fundraising event.



Novato Rotarians volunteering at the RISE volunteer event.