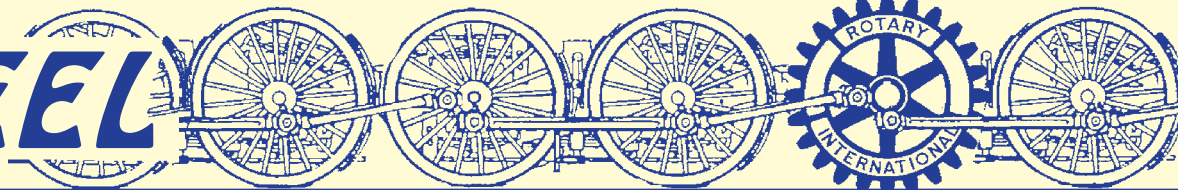


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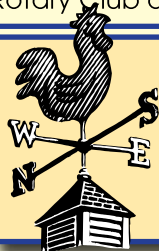


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

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**, in his "classy" hand me down outfit from **Past President Phil**, rang the bell and welcomed us to Rotary Club of Novato.

**Jim Bates** first led us in the Pledge of Allegiance then shared his thought to "Never Give Up!" reflecting on the perseverance of Olympic athletes and WSJ reporter **Evan Gerskovich** and others in the Russian prisoner swap.

## Visitors & Guests

**Michael Spaulding** from Ignacio was the lone visiting Rotarian.

**Lynn Dawson's** guest was **Chris Siefkas**; and **Jim Spilman** brought **Marlene Christie** and wife **Diane**.

## Birthday / Anniversary Table

The Birthday/Anniversary Table was SRO with **Nohemi Beissman-Mason**, **George Estes**, **Jim White**, **Chuck Hildebrand**, **Patty Dougherty**, **Peian Harness**, **Phil Dougherty** (Anniversary) and **Jeff Slavitz** (Anniversary) in attendance.

## Community Care

**Reggie Winner** reported that **Moses Jacob** had a total knee replacement last Monday and **Peter Pelavin** had back surgery yesterday. Cards are welcomed.

## Announcements

- Last call for RCN T-shirts, see **Peian Harness**.
- **President Tom** gave us the list of upcoming Club activities:
- PRLS Master Class on August 17 at the Bay Model in Sausalito
- 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 – need about 15 RCN members to participate.
- **Jim Spilman** thanked **Larry Mazzotta**, **Mike Morrissey** and **Marty Wickenheiser** for working on the Reservoir Hill signage replacement project, which included repair of storm water catch basin covers.
- **Michael Spaulding** pitched the Ignacio Rotary Burgers, Brews and Comedy fundraiser upcoming on September 21 at the Jonas Center. Information and tickets can be found at [ignacirotary.org](http://ignacirotary.org).
- **Lynn Dawson** reported that she received a \$1,000 contribution to Novato Rotary Endowment serendipitously via her son from the **Catherine** and **Nicola Sebastiani** donor advised fund.

## Marty's Moments

Today's Marty's Moment video interview was with **Phil** and **Jean Brown**. 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's Dat Rotarian

**President Tom** followed up on the new game – Who's Dat Rotarian?

The 3-amigo's called upon last week paid up with **Jim White**, and **Robert Marshall** sharing jokes and **Chuck Hildebrand** making an additional contribution to Novato Rotary Endowment for his upcoming milestone birthday.

## The Middle

**President Tom** shared a RI Convention Singapore photo slide show then challenged the tables in Rotary Trivia with the winners (**Axtell** table) awarded a yet to be determined prize.

Founder of Rotary? – **Paul Harris**

Where was the first Club? – **Chicago**

What year was Rotary formed? – **1905**

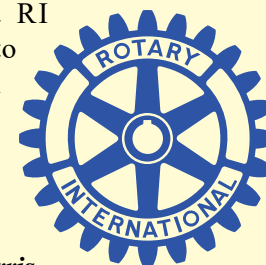
When was the motto 'Service above Self' adopted? – **1911**

What were the next two Clubs formed? – **San Francisco and Oakland**

How long did the initial principle objectives last? – **2 years**

What was the 3rd principle objective? – **perform civic service**

Who introduced the 4 Way Test? – **Herbert Taylor**



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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. 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**  
Oct. 18 **Meeting TBA**  
Oct. 25 **No Meeting**

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How much were the initial annual dues? – **\$0.00**

Where is the furthest point from Chicago a Rotary Banner has been displayed? – **the moon**

**President Tom** continued the program by reviewing the annual calendar which can be viewed on the website [novatorotary.org](http://novatorotary.org).

## The End

**Jeff Slavitz** held the winning red ticket and won the \$25er!



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## Rotarian's at Work

Today, club volunteers returned to Reservoir Hill. Last week, while replacing the interpretive signs along the trail to the summit Jim Spilman noticed the wooden covers over the culvert were missing or damaged. Jim fabricated new covers that Marty, Mike & Jim replaced today.







President Tom is wearing the inherited suite gift from Past President Phil.



Marty's Moment with video by Mike Morrissey with Rotary Club of Novato Rotarians Phil and Jean Brown making history.



President Top shared his travel to the Rotary International Convention in Singapore.



The SF flight to Singapore is 8,434 miles for 17 hours and 35 minutes.



The Celebration Table.



Jim Bates gives the "Thought for the Day."



President Tom said almost 14,000 Rotarians attended the Singapore International Convention.