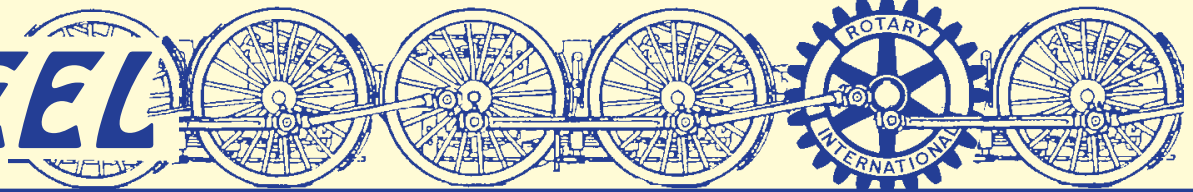


# The BIG WHEEL



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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## NEW MEMBER NOTICE

The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee:

- **Matt Chiang: Hospitality Manager**

If there are no objections by:

**Thursday, August 28**

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

**Friday, August 29**

*Marisa Remak*  
Secretary

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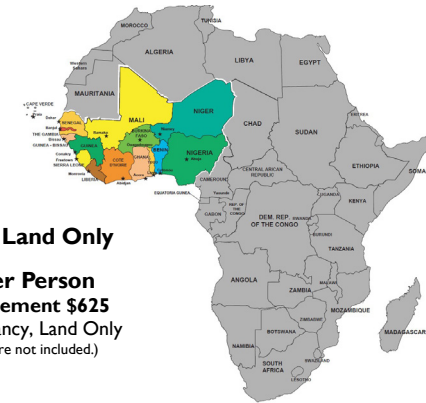


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## The Four-Way Test

"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?"



## Mike Robbins

### Embracing Change: Thriving Through Uncertainty

Thurs., October 23, 2025

7 pm to 8:30 pm

Join Mike Robbins, sought after keynote speaker and bestselling author, for a thoughtful, engaging, and interactive talk on how to navigate change and achieve deeper trust, better collaboration, and greater results.

With decades of experience from pro baseball to Silicon Valley, and an expert in teamwork, leadership, and emotional intelligence, Mike's clients include Google, Microsoft, Genentech, eBay, the NBA, Charles Schwab, Wells Fargo, GAP, and the San Francisco Giants

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## SEPTEMBER

### Special Dates

- |      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 9-1  | Chris & Larry Harrison        |
| 9-1  | Al Shirley                    |
| 9-2  | Karen Palmer                  |
| 9-5  | Raye-Lee Estes                |
| 9-5  | Lucia & Christopher Mychajluk |
| 9-7  | Suzanne & Tom Bales           |
| 9-9  | Kathy & Jim Botko             |
| 9-10 | Delyn & Nick Kies             |
| 9-10 | Camille Marshall              |
| 9-13 | John Reuscher                 |
| 9-16 | Craig McCurdy                 |
| 9-16 | Cindy Milano                  |
| 9-19 | Kathy Botko                   |
| 9-24 | Marcus Combs                  |
| 9-24 | Marilyn & Lowell Smith        |
| 9-25 | Jo & Dean Heffelfinger        |
| 9-26 | Tara & Tommy Lee              |
| 9-28 | Art Crofts                    |

## Upcoming Programs & Events

### August

Aug 29 **5150 DG Visit** - DG Mitone Griffiths & AG Judy Johnson

### September

Sept. 5 **Pickle Ball** - Krishna Raichura  
 Sept. 12 **Miwok Park** - Picnic Meeting  
 Sept. 19 **Intelligent Justice** - Rick Grossman  
 Sept. 26 **TGIF Social** - At Home Care Givers

### October

Oct. 3 **Community Service Report**- Jim & Marcus  
 Oct. 10 **Homeward Bound** - Off-Site Meeting  
 Oct. 17 **World Photography** - Jim Codington  
 Oct. 23 **Novato Speaker Series** - Mike Robbins  
 Oct. 24 **No Meeting**

## ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2025/2026 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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**Peter Oser**  
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**Brad Williams**  
*Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment*

**Tom Rickey**  
*Past President*



## Rotary Photo Album



On Saturday August 23, 2025  
at the Druids Hall in Novato,  
all four Rotary Clubs joined  
forces to package food for the  
Rise Against Hunger Project







## Four Rotary Club TGIF

On Friday August 22nd there was a TGIF at Christina Stroeh's home amphitheater with Shawna McNulty of "Beach Blanket Babylon" performing.

