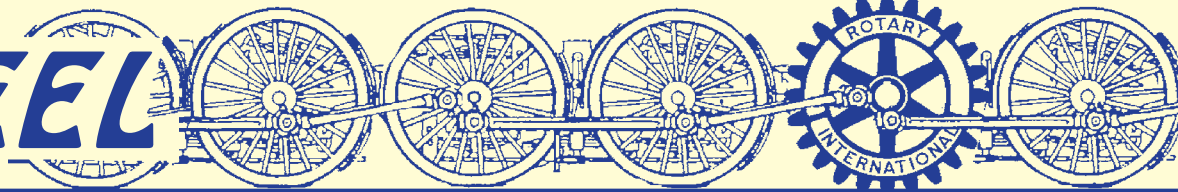


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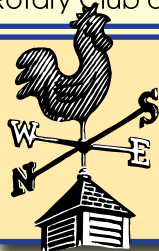


Rotary Club of Novato

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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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## In the Beginning

**President Peian Harness** rang the bell and called the meeting to order. **Peian** also led us in the Pledge and then had a couple 'Thoughts for the day': "*The purpose of a good education is to show you that there are three sides to a two-sided story*" - **Stanley Fish**, and "*The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people that are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it*" - **Albert Einstein**.

## Guests and Visitors

**Chris DeGabriele** introduced prospective member **Rebecca Shapiro Gonzalez**. **Jorg Puhr-Westerheide** brought his wife **Linda**. **Brad Williams** introduced his wife **Kathie**, and a clean and showered **Gary Bramon** introduced his wife, **Toni**.

## Sunshine Report

**Marty Wickenheiser** called in on **Jay Wayne**. His days have been busy with doctors' appointments and follow-ups, but he plans on being at our next meeting.

## Announcements

### Food Pantry Program

**Marty Wickenheiser** updated us on the Food Pantry Program for Sausalito homeless encampment that closed. Based on a settlement agreement, that food pantry now moves to Nova-Ro III.

### Parking Permits

**Sonia Seeman** informed us that the parking lot permits are not yet enforced and she is working with College of Marin to have our Rotary members cars exempt.

### Nova-Ro II Sunshade Project

**Jim Spilman** asked for volunteers for the September 10 installation of sunshades at Nova-Ro II and he was able to round up a full crew.

### Return your Badges

**Fred Anderson** asked us to return name badges at end of the meeting at the badge boxes located near the exit doors. He also mentioned that members can take some brochures about the Jonas Center and Rotary to help inform potential members/colleagues.

### District 5150 International Workshop

**Ron Harness** reminded us about the District 5150 International Workshop both in-person in South San Francisco and on Zoom, about how to fund international programs.

### TGIF

**Alan Dunham** asked up to RSVP for the TGIF he and **Roberta** are hosting on September 9.

### Volunteers Needed for Clean-up Event

**Peian Harness** announced an upcoming event on September 17 from 9am to noon. **Sylvia Chang Barry** is organizing a clean-up of Scottsdale Pond, Novato and Warner Creek area for all Marin County Rotary clubs.

### Rotary Foundation Video

**Jorg Puhr-Westerheide** shared a video of the Rotary Foundation and the \$440 million raised for 2000 Global Grants that have funded wonderful projects. He will be sending out letters with your individual Paul Harris level, and your donation to the Rotary Foundation which will also get your entry (# of tickets based on donation) to the October 19 Annual Raffle with \$8000 worth of prizes.

### Rotarian News

We also got some updates of some of our members. On July 1, **Peter Oser** acquired a family owned insurance agency based in Fairfield. **Peter** also announced that his son **Rob**, a former Rotaract president of his Club at the University of Washington, got married on July 23rd.

**Mike Morrissey** explained his absence from our meetings these last couple of months because of his world travels including sailing out of Bora Bora around French Polynesia (arranged prior to COVID lockdown in 2020 and his paid sailing reservation would expire if not used by end of July). He was back home for only a few days to repack for a family trip with kids and grandkids to Copenhagen, then Hamburg for the world's largest Miniatur Wunderland model train museum, and he survived driving around Italy with wife **Jacqueline**.

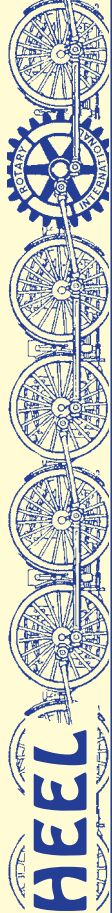
**Phil Dougherty** just returned from Hawaii visiting his eldest daughter, **Shayla**, a Special Education teacher living in Hawaii, who recently got engaged here at Stinson Beach.

### August Birthdays

We watched a celebration video of August Rotarian Birthdays: **Tommy Lee**, **Lowell Smith**, **George Estes**, **Peter Rubens**, **Nohemi Beissmann-Mason**, **Bev Pool**, **Chuck Hildebrand**, **Larry Harrison**, and **Peian Harness**.

## The Speaker

**Holly Axtell** introduced today's speaker, **Dora Zuniga**, Donor Guidance Director of Project Amigo. **Dora's** background has always included working with youth, including Big Brother Big Sister chapter CEO in Madison, WI, Director of Leadership Giving at United Way, and now Director of Project Amigo. **Dora** as been an active Rotarian since 1994 in Tampa Florida. Project Amigo's roots started at our own Novato Rotary Club in 1996. Project Amigo's



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"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?"

# September

## SPECIAL DATES

- 9-1 Chris & Larry Harrison
- 9-2 Karen Palmer
- 9-5 Lucia & Christopher Mychajluk
- 9-5 Raye-Lee Estes
- 9-7 Anthony & Rafelina Maglio
- 9-7 Suzanne & Tom Bales
- 9-9 Kathy & Jim Botko
- 9-10 Camille Marshall
- 9-13 John Reuscher
- 9-16 Cindy Milano
- 9-16 Craig McCurdy
- 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

### 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/)

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## Upcoming Programs

### September 2022

- Sept. 2 **NO MEETING**
- Sept. 9 **NO MEETING** (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
- Oct. 14 **NO MEETING**
- Oct. 21 **Senator Mike McGuire:** General Presentation
- Oct. 28 **Lynn Dawson:** TBD

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

#### OFFICERS

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

**Christina Stroeh**  
*Past President*

mission is helping children in Colima, Mexico reach their full potential by helping them pursue their education. Since the founding by **Ted Rose**, who got lost looking for a volcano and ended up on the wrong bus in Colima. It was there that he discovered a need, kids not in school and how to support and help kids get an education. Some of the highlights of success stories of Project Amigo include 900 kids that have graduated high school, and 110 that have graduated from University. Not only do the kids sponsored benefit, but they help bring up the family's situation by getting good employment and helping their siblings continue their education. A personal example is **Keith** and **Holly Axtell** who sponsored **Sadie** through her schooling. **Sadie** has now graduated and is a psychologist working for Project Amigo. To sponsor the education of a child, it costs \$600 a year for middle and high school, \$4000 a year for university. Another way to help and support is to attend a Sercie Week in Colima. There are several scheduled in 2022 and 2023, Sunday through Sunday weeks including Cooking, Literacy, English Tutoring. A question was asked about safety for travel, and **Dora** assured us of safety and comfort for those coming down for Service Weeks. For more information, don't hesitate to contact **Dora E. Zuniga**, email [dora@projectamigo.org](mailto:dora@projectamigo.org), phone: (608) 345-6769.

### The Winner

This week's raffle winner was **Diana Tomasini**.

### Reminder

Before closing the meeting, **President Peian** reminded us there will be no meetings the first two Fridays in September (September 2 - Labor Day weekend and September 9).

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT & CIRCULATION**, (required by 39, U.S.C. 3685). 1. THE BIG WHEEL. 2: 417-510. 3: Aug. 30, 2022. 4: 3 Times Per Month. 5: 36. 6: \$50.00. 7: 1419 Grant Ave., Novato, CA 94945, Bill Vespa, 415-897-0454. 8: P.O. Box 657, Novato, CA 94948-0657. 9: Zenith Instant Printing, c/o Bill Vespa, 1419 Grant Ave., Novato, CA 94945, Same, Same. 10: Rotary Club of Novato, P.O. Box 657, Novato, CA 94948-0657. 11: None. 12: No changes. 13: THE BIG WHEEL. 14: Aug. 26, 2022. 15a: 78, 80. 15b1: 4, 4. 15b2: 60, 62. 15b3: 0, 0. 15b4: 0, 0. 15c: 64, 66. 15d1: 4, 4. 15d2: 10, 10. 15d3: 0, 0. 15d4: 0, 0. 15e: 14, 14. 15f: 78, 80. 15g: 0, 0. 15h: 78, 80. 15i: 82%, 83%. 16a: 92, 92. 16b: 156, 158. 16c: 170, 172. 16d: 92%, 92%. 17: Aug. 26, 2022. 18: Signature, Bill Vespa, publisher, Aug. 30, 2022.



**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](mailto:alnberta@comcast.net)



### 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



## A District 5150 Community Service Event

### All Rotary Clubs are Invited to Participate in California Coastal Clean Up Day

9a.m. - 12 noon, Saturday, September 17

Remove Trash and Plastic Pollution at Beaches and Waterways!  
In September 2020, 10,000+ volunteers participated in 3,000 cleanups across California, gathering close to 70,000 pounds of trash from neighborhoods, local parks, creeks, and other natural spaces. We Can Help!

#### Marin:

- Novato - Scottsdale Pond/Novato Creek/Warner Creek
- San Rafael - Pickleweed Park, Mahon Creek
- West Marin

#### San Francisco:

- Love Our City - Neighborhood Public Works Beautification

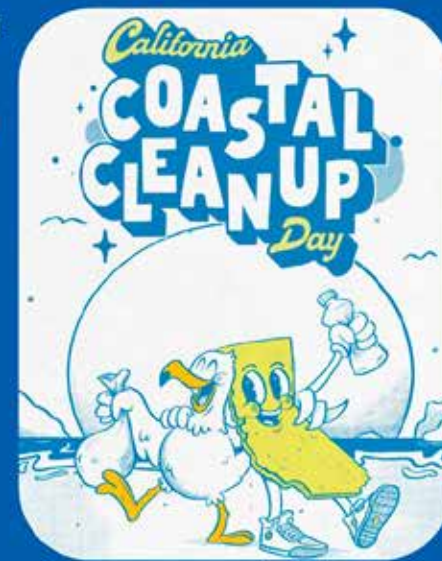
#### San Mateo:

- Half Moon Bay

Please join forces with Rotary clubs, Rotaracts, Interacts, other volunteer and community organizations.

For Additional Clean Up Sites and Registration:  
Marin: <https://tinyurl.com/MarinCoastalCleanUp>  
San Mateo and San Francisco: [CoastalCleanUp.org](https://www.CoastalCleanUp.org)

Questions or More Information, Contact:  
Sylvia Barry at [sylvia@sylviaBarryRE.com](mailto:sylvia@sylviaBarryRE.com)



Novato Rotarians: Contact Gloria Dunn-Violin at [gloriaviolin@yahoo.com](mailto:gloriaviolin@yahoo.com) to sign up.



President Peian reminds us of only 2 September Rotary meetings in September (September 16 and 30).



Mike Morrissey tells us of his trip to the Hamburg Train Station and beyond.



Speaker Dora Zuniga tells us how supporting Project Amigo changes lives.



Peian Harness in Colima, Mexico.



Photos from the Rotaplast Bocce Ball Tournament.

Top: Ron and Peian Harness, and Gloria and Don Violin.

Bottom: Alan Dunham, Vicki McDill, Jim Botko, and Arlene Henry.



Holly Axtell, International Chairwoman, introduced speaker Dora Zuniga.



Project Amigo veterans Keith and Holly Axtell supported their student through high school, pregnancy, and college.