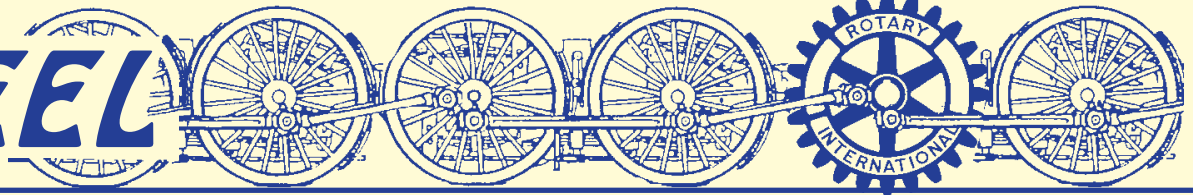


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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TCIF Social

Our host for this Friday afternoon/evening was **Peter Rubens'** office, At Home Caregivers. His office is located across the street from Dr. Insomniacs, and **Peter** mentioned if you are ever grabbing a coffee or muffin, stop by his office and say hello. Weather was pleasant, as the social took place on the nice large patio outside of the office's conference room. Thanks to **Mark Bosch** of the social committee for bringing the drinks and coolers. **President Lynn** asked **Peter** to give a brief introduction. For a couple of decades **Peter** described his work as "catering and in service to egomaniacal wine producers helping them with their business plans/marketing" and the turning point for him to leave this career behind was the 9/11 tragedy. **Peter** decided he felt there was a better way to serve than working with wine producers and made a huge pivot to senior at home caregiving. He mentioned his first client, from whom he learned so much (she apparently was quite demanding - and Marin General should be grateful to **Peter** for accepting her to his caregiving service). He added that what he appreciates about Rotary is this central idea of service above self that resonates strongly with him.

Nice to see several newer members and prospective new members come to the social as well as some spouses. Thanks to everyone for bringing yummy appetizers and delectable desserts.

Peter Rubens' At Home Care Givers - TCIF Social



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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?"

Annual Non Spaghetti Feed



Friday, October 24th, 6:00 PM
at The McDills'
18 San Luis Court, Novato

Vicki and Bill McDill will be opening their home for the Annual Non Spaghetti Feed. Everyone should bring a finger-food to serve 4-6 people and their good humor, so we can enjoy the fellowship and celebrate Spring. Spouses and significant others are encouraged to come and join in the fun.

Hosted by Bill & Vicki McDill

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

Tickets: Adults \$30 • Students \$15
www.novatospeakerseries.com



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Upcoming Programs & Events

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	Non-Spaghetti Feed- at the McDill's Home
Oct. 31	No Meeting

November

Nov. 7	Guide Dogs for the Blind -
Nov. 14	TBD
Nov. 21	Club Social
Nov. 28	No Meeting

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Youth Leadership Novato



We had our first Youth Leadership Novato session September 24th! It was held at City Hall, and County Supervisor, Eric Lucan, and Mayor Tim O'Connor presented to this inaugural Youth Leadership Novato Class which is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Novato, the Rotary Club of Ignacio and Rotary Club of Novato Sunrise!

NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

- **Laura Joss: Project Specialist**
- **Evan Blacksea: Social Media - Digital Editing**
- **Marie Rios: Event Strategist, Producer & Speaker**
- **Mary Jane Waxler: Retired**
- **Hannah Simon: Marketing Executive**

If there are no objections by:

Thursday, October 2

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

Friday, October 3

Marisa Remak
Secretary



PEACE BUILDING THROUGH ROTARY

Promoting peace is one of Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus. This interactive workshop will introduce you to the concepts of positive peace and how you can utilize the many resources available to create environments where peace can be built in your communities. You will learn about:

- The difference between positive peace and negative peace
- The 8-Pillars of Positive Peace and how to apply them to your club projects
- The Rotary Positive Peace Academy and how you can become a Peacebuilder for your club
- Networking with other Rotarians who have a passion for peace

WHO CAN ATTEND: Anyone who is interested in learning practical skills to promote peace in their communities.

WHEN: Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 8:30am to 12noon
(Continental breakfast served)

WHERE: Rotary Terrace Community Room, 312 Miller Avenue, South San Francisco
Metered parking (\$1.50/hour) is available across the street in the multi-level parking lot. Parking is also available two blocks away, north or west, and is meter-free.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE: Register on the www.rotary5150.org website or click on this link: <https://rotary5150.org/event/peacebuilding-through-rotary>

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Bahia Clean-Up
9-27-25

