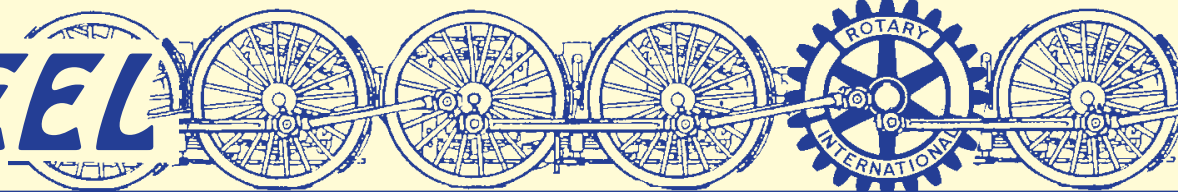


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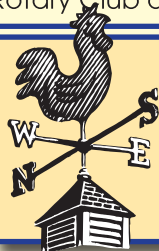


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The Golden Nugget of the North Bay

In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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The Way it Was

Did you stay up to see the eclipse last night?

In the Beginning

President Tom Rickey opened the Meeting at the Jonas Center on the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus at 12:15.

Pledge of Allegiance

Nohemi Beissmann-Mason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Thought for the Day

Nohemi also provided as follows: "Our success or failures will not depend upon the Machinery of Rotary or its physical growth, but upon the extent to which Rotary's idealism or objectives are translated into positive, business, community and international life. We shall be known by our works". by **Almon E. Roth**, Rotary International President 1930-1931, from Rotarian Magazine, 1930

Visiting Rotarians

There were no Visiting Rotarians this week listed.

Guests of Rotarians

Guests included - **Roberta Dunham** with **Alan**, Grandsons **Cyrus** and **Rumi Winner** with **Reggie Winner**, and **Beth Rowett**, **Andy Czajkowski** and **Shelayna Lew** with **Lynn Dawson**.

Recognitions

Birthdays

President Tom recognize the following members for their upcoming March Birthdays: **Brad Williams**, **Robert Marshall**, **Jim Spilman** and **Joy Fillman**, (Joy also is celebrating her cancer remission).

Rotary Anniversaries

President Tom recognized the following Rotary Anniversaries: **Marsha Malloy** 25 years and **Patty Dougherty** 1 year.

Anniversaries

President Tom recognized **Ben** and **Frances Borok** via zoom for their 71 year anniversary.

Announcements

Sunshine Report

Moses Jacob is mending, **Donna Falzon** is in the Hospital and **Tommie Lee** is recovering.

Novato Speaker Series

The upcoming event is on April 24 at 7pm at the Jonas Center. The Speaker is **Eric Schmitt**, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist with the New York Times. He has changed his topic to "A NEW WORLD ORDER UNDER DONALD TRUMP".

District Assembly

President Tom encouraged all members to attend the District Assembly Saturday, March 22 from 7:30-2:00 at Redwood High School in Larkspur. Sign up on the District 5150 web site. Our Club pays our registration. Note that after the meeting and breakout sessions there is a delicious BBQ prepared by the Rotary Club of Foster City. **President Elect Lynn Dawson** will be recognized. Let us all be there

to welcome **Lynn** and show her our support and cheer her on to another Fabulous Novato Rotary Year. Bring whistles and noise makers. Contact **Rob Marshall** or **Eliza Roesler** if you would like to car pool.

Planting

Gloria Dunn Violin has Saturday March 15 from 8:00-12:00 for Hole Preparation and Flower Planting at Reichert and Grant. This is a project of the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Food Distribution

Save Saturday, April 15 for food distribution at the North Marin Community Services. More to come.

Diaper Drop Off

Sasha D'Amico invited members to provide baby diapers (not senior diapers) at the Novato Police Facility on Saturday, March 22 from 9:00-12:00. North Marin Community Services will distribute to families as needed.

Bingo

Tiff Fischer announced a bingo game sponsored by VFW Auxiliary at 6:30 on March 18 at Trek Winery.

Car Wash Fundraiser

John Cutrufelli passed around a sign-up sheet for the Sunday, April 27 Car Wash.

Food Provider

Our food provider asked for comments. I heard; recent improvements, need for salt and pepper on buffet tables and avoid clearing during program.

PETS (President Elect Training Seminar)

President Elect Lynn Dawson reported on her experiences at the recent PETS which included 500

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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?"

Eric Schmitt

A New World Order Under Donald Trump

The Bill and Adele Jonas Center
Thurs., April 24, 2025 • 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Eric Schmitt is a senior correspondent for The New York Times who covers national security issues. He is co-author of "Counterstrike: The Untold Story of America's Secret Campaign Against Al Qaeda." For more than three decades, he has covered military and national security affairs for The Times, and has made two dozen reporting trips to West Africa, Pakistan, Iraq & Afghanistan. He has a bachelor's degree from Williams College and attended Harvard University's Executive Program on National and International Security. He earned a Knight Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University.

Mr. Schmitt has shared four Pulitzer Prizes. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Reared in the San Francisco Bay area, Mr. Schmitt now lives with his family in Fairfax, Va.

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



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May 15-18, 2025

District Conference 2025




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Upcoming Programs & Events

March

- Mar. 21 **TGIF** - Trek Winery
- Mar. 28 **Colonel Kearny**: On Ukraine

April

- April 4 **John Dean**: Managing Risk - Ask Rotary
- April 9 **Board Meeting at Jonas Center**
- April 11 **Lauren Vuong**: Viet Nam to US
- April 18 **No Meeting**
- April 24 **Novato Speaker's Series**: Eric Schmitt - A New World Order Under Donald Trump
- April 25 **No Meeting**

May

- May 2 **Meeting (Cinco de Mayo)**
- May 9 **Meeting or Social Event TBD**
- May 14 **Board Meeting at Jonas Center**
- May 16 **No Meeting - District Conference**
- May 23 **Meeting**

ROTARY CLUB OF NOVATO 2024/2025 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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- Lynn Dawson**
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- Sonia Seeman**
Jonas Center Liaison
- Dean Heffelfinger**
President, Nova-Ro Corp.
- Peter Oser**
Chair, Novato Rotary Endowment
- Phil Dougherty**
Past President

attendees from several districts. **Jeff Slavitz** gave a presentation on Shelter Boxes.

Test

President Tom had several interesting questions regarding St. Patrick's Day. It was first celebrated with a feast in 1631.

Program

President Tom introduced **Lilja Merrill**, founder of Ladies Shred/Together We Shred which is an advocate for skateboarding in Marin. Her organization uses skateboarding activities to provide social and other opportunities for girls and women all ages mainly from under served communities. She is looking for funding and is in the process of filing for nonprofit status.

The Winners

Winner this week was **Roberta Dunham**. She also won on a recent Super Bowl quarter score

Next Week's Program

Next week, Friday March 21 in lieu of a regular meeting we will have a TGIF from 5:00-7:00 at Trek Winery. Club provide appetizers. A No-host bar will be available. A BIG THANK You to **Suzanne Bales** for organizing all our TGIFs.

NEW MEMBER NOTICE

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

- **Beth Rowett: Hospital Executive, Retired**
- **Ingrid Martinez: Gift and Gallery Owner**

if there are no objections by:

Thursday, March 27

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

Friday, March 28

Peian Harness
Secretary

SUPPORT NOVATO TEACHERS



Pre-Paid Donation
\$10 per Ticket
Good for
Drive-Thru Express Wash
\$12 Value

Annual CAR WASH

Sunday, April 27th

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NOVATO CAR WASH
(across from Marin Community Clinic
and Marin County Ford)
6981 Redwood Blvd.

All Proceeds
Support Novato Teachers



MAGIC ALL AROUND

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA



Register today at
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TGIF

Friday March 21st • 5:00 - 7:00 pm



Trek Winery
1026 Machin Ave., Novato

*You buy a drink and
Rotary will provide some appetizers*



Please RSVP to
Suzanne Bales
suzanne@dimensionsintravel.com



You are Invited to Join Us for a Day of:

- Rotary Learning & Leadership Development
- Professional Development Sessions
- Local & International Project Fair

Why Attend?

- **Understand Rotary:** Learn who we are and what we do
- **Support Your Club:** Explore ways to contribute meaningfully
- **Develop Leadership Skills:** Enhance your personal and professional growth
- **Serve Your Community:** Gain actionable insights to make an impact

* **Kenote Speaker: Jean Irwin-Hatfield ***

Who Should Attend?

This event is perfect for:

- Club Board Members
- Committee Chairs & Members
- New and Prospective Members
- Long-time Members ready to re-engage

Saturday, March 22nd
7:00am - 2:00pm
Redwood High School
Larkspur, CA



Register: Rotary5150.org/event/rotary-district-5150-district-assembly-and-project-fair-2025-1/



Cavalla Chiropractic



Past President Reggie Winner's two grandsons, Rumi age 4 and Cyrus age 6.



Speaker Lilja Merrill founder of Ladies Shred Skate, Surf and Art Camps to build girls confidence.



Lynn Dawson graduates PET President-Elect Training; Past President Ron will be an Assistant District Governor.



President in Green, Tom's St Patrick Day's trivia table quiz.



President-Elect Lynn is ready to go.



Beautification Project
Reichert and Grant, Downtown Novato

About 34 people worked on Saturday to continue the Downtown Novato beautification project on the four corners of Reichert and Grant Avenues. Twenty-four Rotarians; 3 to 4 VFW members; two Tree Team members, and four plus City workers were involved (some left before the group photo). We got two corners completed and have two more to work on.

