



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Tom McKlveen** offered the following Thought for the Day: *I am grateful for what I am and what I have. My Thanksgiving is perpetual.*—**Henry David Thoreau.**

PRESIDER

❖ Dr. **John Christman** at the controls. Today's sing-along was devoted to "The Joker" by the Steve Miller Band. Weird.

VISITORS

❖ **Steve Bajor** of Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival production fame was introduced by PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**. Steve has indicated a real desire to join up.



CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—PP **Bob Roberts** (11/6/12) marked his 10th anniversary as a member of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley. Bob has spearheaded many of our most important international projects over the years. He also had a "helluva good time being your president" in 2018-19. Many thanks, Bob, for that

experience, and for the great work you have done overseas.

GOOD TIMES

❖ Two Rotary Good Times reported today: 1) PP **Kent** and PP **Lisán Campbell** were guests last Sunday at Troop 1's annual Turkey Cookout at Camp Tamarancho near Fairfax. Mill Valley Rotary is the troop's chartering organization and they represented the club at the event. Kent noted that the scouts start cooking at 8 a.m. and everything, including pies, is made at the campsite. Yummy. too! (See pictures on P. 5).

❖ Rotary Good Time #2 was presented by none other than **President John** who apparently scored a lot of points with the



► Lots of smiles at today's meeting: From left. PP Lisán Campbell poses with guest (and soon to be new member?) Steve Bajor; Dennis Klein wins the raffle and half of a pumpkin pie; Steve Miller heads home with a free sample from today's speaker; speaker Andy Berman receives thank you gift from President John Christman. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

ladies at The Redwoods Senior Prom.

❖ **Lew Katcher** reported that the company he founded has been acquired by someone in the midwest. Finally retired, Lew?

❖ PP **Kim Jessup** recently had a "Good Time" lunch with **Vince** and **Ulla Howes**. Kim also paid tribute to her Aunt **Mary** who recently passed away. Kim donated a bell-ringer in the memory of "an amazing person."

SCOUTS' XMAS WREATHS

❖ Ordered your Christmas wreath yet? As noted in the last issue of the *Mill Wheel*, if you are planning to buy a wreath for the upcoming holiday season, Troop 1 Scout **Jenna Spector** hopes you'll purchase it from Troop 1. "These sales truly help us a lot," Jenna said, "and are a large part of what keeps our troop strong and active."

To assist Troop 1 in their sales we have included their 2022 sales ad in this issue. Contact Jenna by email @jennaspector8@gmail.com or by phone at 415-730-0749 if you are interested in purchasing any of the Troop 1 wreaths.

All wreaths ordered will be delivered directly to your house or business during the first week of December.

Jenna reports that the Scouts are planning to set up a sales booth in front of the Mill Valley Market and perhaps at other venues in the town after Thanksgiving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ PP **Bob Roberts** reminded members that this coming Saturday presents an opportunity



► Is it legal for our president to have this much fun at The Redwoods Senior Prom? John snaps a "Good Time" selfie.

Troop 1, Mill Valley - 2022

Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

16" Noble Fir Wreath – \$30

24" Noble Fir Wreath – \$40

Pair of 12" x 26" Door Charms – \$35

48" Mantlepice – \$45

25 Foot Cedar Garland – \$50

Thank You for supporting Scouting!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

for local Rotarians to be brought up-to-date on the use District Designated Funds (DDF) by clubs located in District 5150. The Rotary Foundation Club DDF Service Projects Showcase is being held at the Jonas Community Center on the Indian Valley Campus of the College of Marin. Check the District website for details.

RAFFLE

❖ **Dennis Klein** had the winning ticket but could not grab the correct marble, so ended up with half a pumpkin pie as a prize.

HOLIDAY LUNCH

❖ Will he or won't he show up at the Rotary Club of Mill Valley Holiday Luncheon? Best way to find out if that "Jolly Old Elf" pays us a visit is for you to sign



**25th Annual
Performing Stars Toy
Drive**

Bring new, unwrapped toys to
the Rotary holiday luncheon or
drop at Mill Valley elementary
schools by December 16th.

Toys will be distributed to low-income Southern Marin
children and financial donations will be used to
purchase gift card for teens

In Partnership

PERFORMING STARS
Thriving Kids, Parents and Communities™

Logos for: MILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SOUTHERN MARIN FIRE, Sausalito Marin City School District, and a Rotary International logo.

For more information, email the coordinator

Have questions? Contact emilyuhlhorn@gmail.com

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John Poulson 11/4/19
Bob Roberts 11/6/12
Ken Brooks 11/15/11
Ed Marshall 11/19/85
Bruce Wrisley 11/22/66

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Phil Richardson 11/3
Elizabeth Suzuki 11/3
Robin Keller 11/8



HOLIDAY LUNCH (Cont'd)

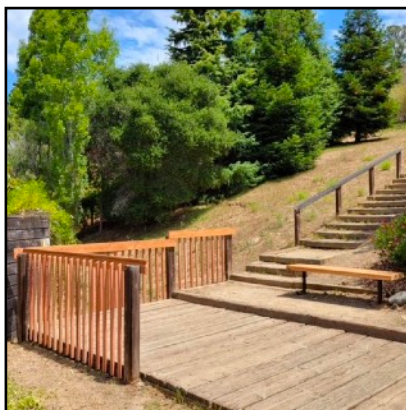
up today and attend the big event of the year. Respond to the Evite today, bring a guest and enjoy a special time at MV Rotary. And don't forget to bring donations for The Food Bank, Toys for the



Kids (see ad on previous page), and coats for the needy (see ad at right). Collection bins will be available for all three types of donations.

► Will he or won't he? Find out at the Club Luncheon, Dec.6.

POTPOURRI



► Mill Valley Boy Scout Colin Gray recently completed this Eagle Scout badge project on Path 323 on Enchanted Knolls. MV Rotary provided funds for the project.

PROGRAM

❖ Former Mill Valley Mayor Andy Berman took us on a



Richardson Bay Girl Scouts

Who needs a coat?



1 IN 6 CHILDREN

1 in 6 children in America is living in poverty. Poverty in children increased from 14.4 in 2019 to 16.1% in 2020. (7)

The National Center for Homeless Education reports that 1.5 million students enrolled in public school districts experienced homelessness during the course of the 2016-2017 school year. (9)



7.3 MILLION FAMILIES

7.3 million families are living in poverty. For poor families and individuals, the winter months are more expensive and a present a bigger strain on their budget. (5) Poverty for families increased by more than 4% because of the pandemic. (8) Families living in poverty are at greater risk of becoming homeless. (9)



1.5 MILLION VETERANS

1.5 million Veterans are living in poverty. The poverty rate of veterans is nearing 7% and growing each year. (6) Additionally, Veterans are often faced with many obstacles when they return to civilian life that put them at risk for homelessness including difficulties finding affordable housing and earning a livable income. (9)



25 MILLION SENIORS

25 million seniors are living in poverty. Many seniors do not have enough income and money saved to pay for a safe and stable place to live and other necessities such as food, utilities, and medication. (5)



PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 326,000 people were experiencing homelessness in the U.S. on a single night in 2021. However, the numbers of people experiencing homelessness are most likely much higher than reported. (9)

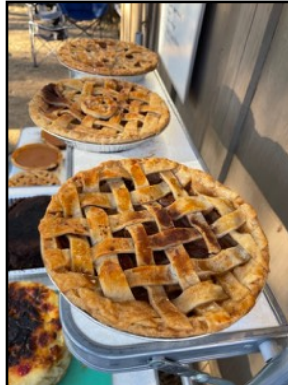
PROGRAM (Cont'd)

whirlwind tour of World of Cannabis in his presentation, *Prohibition 2.0: Cannabis Reform in America*.

Andy explained that cannabis, long considered a dangerous drug, is quickly becoming part of mainstream culture, with a majority of Americans now supporting legalization and over 73% of the US population living in states with legal access to cannabis too.

Cannabis is also a big business, projected to be a \$50 billion dollar industry over the next few years. Berman covered the plant's early roots into prohibition, to today's new product formats that are helping medical patients treat qualifying conditions.

ROTARIANS ATTEND SCOUTS' TURKEY COOKOUT



► As the chartering organization, Mill Valley Rotary receives an invitation to attend Mill Valley Troop 1's annual Turkey Cookout at Camp Tamarancho. Kent and Lisan were there Sunday where they had a very good time. (Photos by PP Kent Campbell)



**2021-2022
PolioPlus Society
MV Membership Roster**

Lisán Campbell
Greg Dyer
Phil Richardson
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Burnett Tregoning

2022-2023 TRF HONOR ROLL

◆ Foundation Chair Phil Richardson salutes the following members who are the first to donate during the current 2022-2023 EREY Rotary Foundation Drive. Won't you join them? As you can see, we have plenty of space in which to add your name!

BOB CANEPA
JOHN CARMICHAEL
JOHN CHRISTMAN
LARRY DAVIS
GREG DYER
JANE HALL
DON HERZOG
VINCE HOWES
KIM JESSUP
ROBERTA KELLER
BILL LAMBRECHT
BILL LAMPL
CARL LIPPENBERGER
PETER MASON
TOM MCKLVEEN
STEVE MILLER

STEPHANIE RICARDO
PHIL RICHARDSON
BOB ROBERTS
DOUG SCHERF
LEE SMITH
DICK SPOTSWOOD
ELIZABETH SUZUKI
BURNETT TREGONING



Rotary



NEXT MEETING: *Middle School Orchestra Performs*

December 6: The Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Orchestra conducted by Orchestra Director **Steve Gardner** will be performing for us at our Holiday Luncheon. They are an award-winning string ensemble who plays a diverse repertoire of pieces. The students are mostly home-grown talent, coming up through our amazing 4th through 8th grade program, which is funded by KIDDO! They are thankful for every chance to perform in our community.



**POLIO JAR
2022-2023
GOAL:
\$1,000**

TOTAL

\$296.00

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2022-2023
GOAL:
\$10,000**

TOTAL

\$100.00

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2022-2023
GOAL:
\$7,000**

TOTAL

\$3,850.00

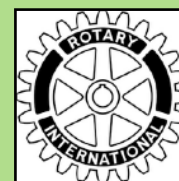
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