



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Ken Campbell** welcomed members and their guests to the first meeting of 2019 with the following Thought for the Day: *Be happy when you're living...for you're a long time dead*—Old Scottish Quote. Editor's Note: “Dead” is pronounced “Deed.”

PRESIDER

❖ **President Bob Roberts** back at the helm and ready to go full steam ahead in the final stretches of this Rotary year. His magical electronic PowerPoint agenda was a little less magical this time, with a mystery photo replacing Greeter Ken's. Who was that guy?

VISITORS

❖ *Visiting Rotarians:* **Sandra and Arthur Blumer**, from Hartford, CT, both Rotarians but with different clubs, joined us for lunch today. The Blumers were visiting family in Mill Valley over the holidays.

❖ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Zphyna Caldwell**, guest of **Bob Roberts**, made her third visit. Time for that membership application to be completed and submitted.

❖ **Howard Harker** introduced **Stewart Munson** who works for the City of Mill Valley's Parks & Recreation Dept. Stewart will be a regular fixture at our meetings in the future as he assists the

setup crew with all of the additional equipment needed to support our recently upgraded audio visual system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Roberta Keller** noted that last month's Holiday Luncheon broke all attendance records, and that she is already making plans for this year's event. One problem: Piazza D'Angelo has informed her that a price increase is in the works. She asked for a show of hands by those willing to pay an extra \$10 (total \$50 per person) to hold the party at the same venue. As far as we could tell, the vote was unanimous: our 2019 Holiday Luncheon will be held at Piazza D'Angelo on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Mark that date on your calendar today. The

club owes Roberta a big “thank you” for organizing this very special event.

❖ **President Bob** reported that he recently had a cup of coffee with former Mill Valley Rotarian **Allely Albert** who is attending school at Queen's College in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Allely, home in Mill Valley on holiday break, informed Bob that she has graduated with a Master's Degree in Conflict Resolution (with distinction, no less!) and has been granted a fellowship to continue toward a PhD. Bob has shared more information, including pictures, which we will feature in next week's edition.

❖ Bob also announced that it will be “*Movie Night at Mill Valley Rotary*” Saturday, January 26. You'll find all of the details on page 3.

NOW, THAT'S A REALLY COOL TREE ORNAMENT

► Remember those cute little hand-made llama keychains President Bob handed out a few months ago? This one ended up on Kent & Lisán's Christmas tree. A neat reminder of Rotary's work in Peru.



❖ It will be called the “Firewise” Committee from now on, and if you’d like to help create a role for the club in helping the community to be prepared for wildfire, contact committee chair PP **Richard Rider**.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays:* **Roberta Keller** (12/27); **Ken Campbell** (12/30); **Robin Keller** (11/8?). Robin’s celebration was an obvious “catch up”—he was either in Carmel with Cathy or building a shed in his backyard in November. It was so long ago that he couldn’t quite recall! At any rate, this stellar group talked **President Bob** into

leading the singing of the Birthday Song. Was that **Jan Pedersen Schiff** of *Singers Marin* covering her ears with her hands?

❖ *Club Anniversary:* **Robin Keller** (12/11/12). His favorite Mill Valley Rotary moment—working in the Mt. Play booth was pretty high up on the list, but he guessed that “right now,” enjoying the fellowship at today’s meeting, was tops.

GOOD TIMES

❖ **PE Lee Kirkpatrick** spent some quality time in the snow capped Sierra until, that is, he tried to ski. Apparently, that was “down time.” At any rate, Lee

said he had a wonderful experience in California’s winter wonderland.

❖ We were not sure that **Steve Miller** was describing a “Good Time” when he told us of his role as a caregiver to wife **Judith** who is recovering from some serious injuries. He did note that they had spent some fun time in Puerto Vallarta and that, at least, qualified for a bell-ringer to the Service Fund. Get well soon, Judith!

DG JAYNE LOOKS AHEAD

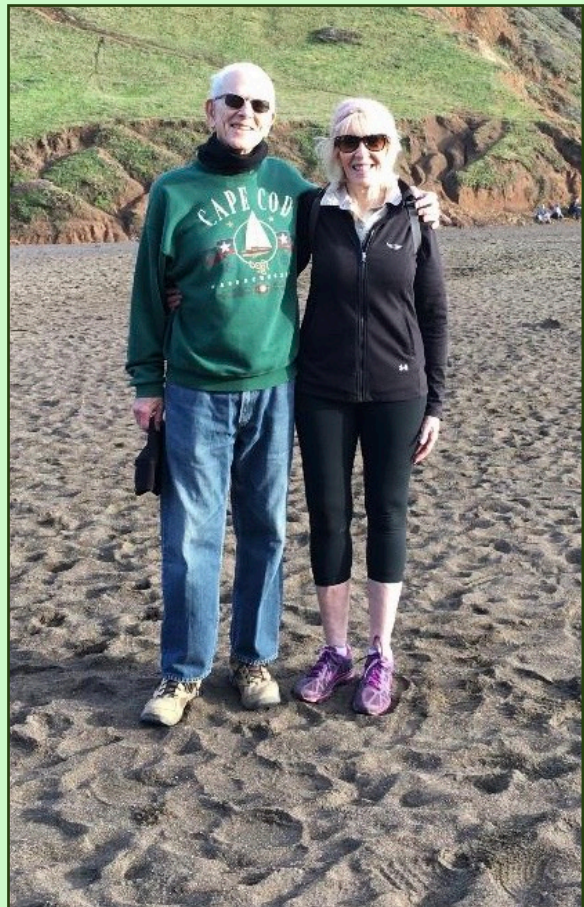
❖ Did you know that January is Rotary’s Vocational Service Month? That’s the word from

WHAT WERE YOU DOING OVER THE HOLIDAYS?



► Above: PP Greg Dyer made two new friends will visiting in Vietnam. Right: Stephanie Ricardo was out hiking in Marin when she bumped into this fellow from Cape Cod. Hey! He looks familiar to us. That may be...it must be...PP Doug Scherf!

There’s still time for you to share a photo taken during your Holiday Adventure. Email it to casparkid@aol.com today!



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District Governor **Jayne Hulbert**, who noted in her most recent email message to the troops that “Vocational Service calls on us to empower others by using our unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others discover new professional opportunities and interests.” Jayne added that “This is a great time to leverage vocational service in your club projects and activities.”

The District Governor also reported that the 2017-2018 Rotary International Annual Report is now available. You can access this multimedia report at rotary.org/annualreport.

Jayne asked District 5150 Rotarians to visit the District Events Calendar to register for the following learning opportunities:

January 12—**Introductory “Basic” PRLS** (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar)

January 20—Volunteers for Adventures – Rotary and Peace Corps

February 2—International Service: Learning & Leadership Development ([register by January 29](#))

February 23—Membership – Priority One Plus: Learning & Leadership Development – February 23 ([register by February 20](#)).

February 23—Master PRLS 1 - Extemporaneous Public Speaking.

Go to the District website—www.rotary5150.org—for more details and to register to attend any of the above.

PROGRAM

❖ That Militant Centrist and former mayor of Mill Valley, our own PP **Dick Spotswood**, took us on a quick tour of what may be

shaping up as a fascinating 2020 presidential election. At least, he said, there are a plethora of possible candidates on the Democratic side.

Quoting from a report appearing in the *Washington Post*, Dick presented the names of 27 possible candidates, many of the names—other than **Joe Biden**, **Elizabeth Warren** and **Mike Bloomberg**—unfamiliar to those outside of their home states. Californians in the mix include Senator **Kamala Harris** and East Bay Congressman **Eric Swalwell**.

On the Republican side, Dick noted, if **President Trump** does not run, look for **John Kasich**, **Carly Fiorina**, **Bob Corker**, **Susan Martinez**, **Ted Cruz** or **Mitt Romney** to take up the banner.

Dick noted that the Iowa Caucus is scheduled for February 3, 2020, followed by New Hampshire on February 11. That’s not that far off, so prepare for some serious campaigning.



► The Rotary Club of Mill Valley delivered 145 pounds of food to the Food Bank in San Rafael following the Holiday Luncheon last month. Many thanks to all of our members for your generosity.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



“Argo,” a 2012 Oscar winner based on the life-or-death covert operation to rescue six Americans during the Iran hostage crisis, will be the feature at the upcoming *Rotary Night at the Movies*, Saturday, January 26. Movie Night, also featuring fresh popcorn, beer and wine, will be held at the Mill Valley Golf Course Clubhouse. Doors open at 6, movie starts at 7. Cost for all this? Only \$10 per person. Pay at the door.

NEXT WEEK

January 15 (12:15): Gil Sanborn will address Russian Information Warfare. Today, actors such as Russia are using information tools in an attempt to undermine the legitimacy of democracies. Adversaries target media, political processes, financial networks, and personal data. Gil Sanborn, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for California, will discuss Russian perspective toward, and strategy and tactics against, the West and border nations and the use of "Information Warfare" as part of a strategy of "Hybrid Warfare."



CLUB CALENDAR

January 22 (12:15): Mill Valley Rotarian **Sue Royce** will speak on *Pioneers of Flight – The First Powder Puff Derby in 1929*. An accomplished aviatrix herself, Sue will discuss the history of women in air racing. She will begin with the 20 women who defied convention by taking to the skies



► A big box full of new toys and games was delivered to the Mill Valley Fire Department immediately after last month's Holiday Luncheon. Thank you, Mill Valley Rotary for your generous support of this kid friendly program.

CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS

► Right: Greeter Ken Campbell welcomes Vince Howes. Below left: Our speaker, Dick Spotswood, poses with visiting Rotarian Arthur Blumer. Below right: Jane and Bill smile for the camera. Bottom: Einar and Robin take a break during lunch.



CLUB CALENDAR

and racing across the country in 1929 for the 1st Women's National Air Derby. Sue will share her experience flying with her mother, **Beth Fuhrman**, in the last Powder Puff Derby and also the Angel Derby in 1978. She will finish up her presentation with the Air Race Classic (formerly the Powder Puff Derby) which she competed in last year in memory of her mother who passed away one month before the race.

January 29 (12:15): Member's Program where two of our members will share their life stories with us.

February 5 (12:15): Author and Burning Man Treasurer **Jennifer Raiser** will present *Burning Man Art: Movement or Moment?* She

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
2. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
3. Is it the **TRUTH**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

will discuss her book, *Burning Man: Art on Fire*, which showcases the stunning works of art unique to the desert gathering of Burning Man. She asserts that Burning Man art is actually a modern movement, similar to Impressionism or Cubism, with its own manifesto and attributes. Come learn about the creative

impulse that imagines the largest temporary art gallery in the world and then makes it disappear one week later.

February 12 (12:15): Get ready for our famous annual Valentine's Day program—*The Mating Game*. For those of you who are new to the club, this special program is similar in format to the *Newlywed Game* and *Dating Game*. Four celebrity Mill Valley Rotary couples will be on the stage answering challenging questions. Our very own world renowned **Dick Spotswood** will be emceeing this event. Don't miss it!

**No matter how much
you push the envelope,
it'll still be stationary.**

POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$532.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$4,300.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$5,325.00

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