



THE MILL WHEEL



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TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ Today's greeter **Stephanie Ricardo** offered the following Thought for the Day: *Of all the gifts bestowed by nature on human beings, hearty laughter must be close to the top.*—
Norman Cousins

PRESIDER

❖ President **Carl Lippenberger** apparently has discovered a way to get our bell to respond when it gets whacked by his gavel. The final meeting of 2020 got off to a semi-melodious start as a result. We expect even louder results in 2021.



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?

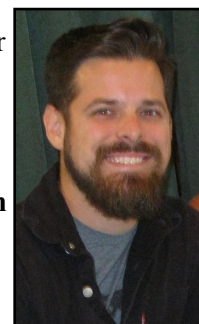
JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Thanks to PP **Kent Campbell**:
A wife calls her husband driving to work and says, "Honey be careful. There's a maniac driving on the wrong side of the road on the highway." He responds, "One

maniac? There are hundreds of them!"

PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT

❖ Nominating Committee Chair PP **Kent Campbell** announced the selection of **Dr. John Christman** to serve as the club's president during the 2022-23 fiscal year. John was elected as our President Elect Elect by a unanimous vote of members present. John joined the Rotary Club of Mill Valley on March 20, 2018 and has served as secretary of the club the past year and a half. John is a chiropractor



MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY READERS

**Good morning inmates!!!
Anyone know how much vodka goes in scrambled eggs??**

Lockdown can only go 4-ways. You'll come out a monk, a hunk, a chunk or a drunk. Choose wisely!

**Struggling to get your wife's attention?
Just sit down and look comfortable.**

practicing at Upper Cervical Chiropractic of Marin, 433 Miller Ave. in Mill Valley.

OUR 4TH GLOBAL GRANT

❖ PP **Bob Roberts** announced that the club's fourth Global Grant for greenhouses in Peru is now in process, with our Rotary colleagues in that country having begun necessary preliminary work. Bob did note that the Rotary Foundation has been tightening up on funding, but he expects that the grant will be processed, helping add 35 families to the greenhouse project.

ROTARY ROUND TABLES

❖ The first round of Mill Valley Rotary "Round Table" Zoom events, held last week, showed promise for the idea conceived by Fellowship Chair PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**. Elizabeth reported that those that were able to get together to chat for a half-hour enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to doing it again.

The monthly Zoom events are designed to replicate the fun we used to have just visiting one another at the clubhouse tables during meetings. The session is expected to last about 45 minutes and members will receive a Zoom

invitation from their facilitator. The next sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, January 12. Questions? Email Elizabeth at esuzuki54@gmail.com.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—**Donna D** (12/19) and President **Carl** (12/20) were the only ones present today. Donna plans an "outdoor lunch/dinner" while Carl "had nothing to report." Many happy returns from your friends at Rotary!

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—**Robin Keller** (12/11/12) and **Lew Katcher** (12/13/16) were on hand to celebrate.

TAM HIGH INTERACT: LOTS OF TOYS—COULD USE MORE GIFT CARDS



► Mill Valley Rotary Interact Club at Tam High was busy this past weekend accepting toys and gift cards for Toys for Tots. Posing during a break in the action at the Tam High drop-off location are (from left) Eloise Weir, Sophia Harkins, Interact Advisor Emily Uhlhorn, Isabella Uhlhorn-Thornton, G. Mormorunni and Avery Emison. Emily reported that about 150 toys were dropped off Friday and Saturday. She noted that they could use more gift cards, so if you want to contribute contact her.

SERVICE FUND

❖ **Lew Katcher**, president of the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund, reminded members that there was still time to take advantage of the year-end matching funds program. Get your check in the mail by December 31st and it will be matched up to \$250 toward a George Hoyle Fellowship.



PolioPlus Society MV Membership Roster

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

GOOD TIMES

❖ Not surprising that two of today's Good Times revolved around who was watching what on TV. President Elect **Lisán Campbell** has been enjoying binge watching "Ted Lasso" on Apple-TV. Ted's the small-time American football coach who goes to London to coach a struggling soccer team. Lots of laughs, reports Lisán.

❖ **Donna D 'Acuti**, in addition to having sold a painting, has discovered the Hallmark Channel where the "perfect love stories are told, and all of the women wear red dresses."

❖ **John Christman** admitted to having a Good Time serving as club secretary. but (watchout!) he's looking forward to passing the job along to another Mill Valley Rotarian.

❖ **Dennis Klein** expressed delight over the presidential election results—"caring is back!"

GUESTS

❖ Two guests of **Bill Lambrecht** joined us to hear today's program —**Diane Barnes**, a retired Radiologist who worked with Bill at Kaiser in Terra Linda, and **Noah Griffin**, president of the Rotary Club of Central Marin.

HO HO HO!
MERRY
CHRISTMAS



&
HAPPY
NEW YEAR

SEE YOU NEXT
YEAR
(JANUARY 5TH)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

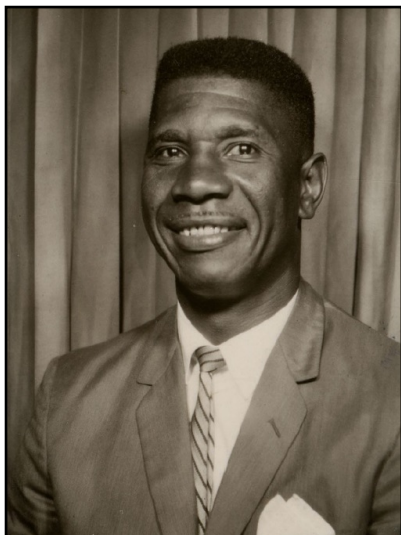
Robert F. Canepa 12/6/83
Robert (Robin) Keller 12/11/12
Lewis Katcher 12/13/16
Charles H. Waldron 12/28/71

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Brooks 12/5
Donna D'Acuti 12/19
Carl Lippenberger 12/20
Roberta C. Keller 12/27
Einar Asbo 12/29
Ken Campbell 12/30

PROGRAM

❖ Another outstanding program served up by the club's Program Committee as we heard historian **Tony Bounds** tell us the story of **Medgar Evers**, civil rights icon of the 1950s and early '60s until his death by assassination in 1963. Part of the "Greatest Generation," social leader Medgar Evers did much to re-craft America's civil rights narrative, becoming a voice in the Mississippi wilderness.

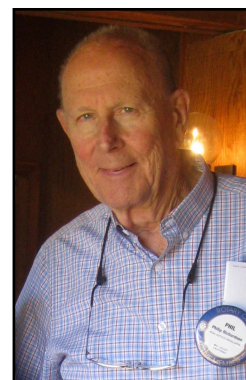


Medgar Wiley Evers
1925 - 1963

PHIL'S MEDIA DAY

Mill Valley Rotarian and real estate developer Phil Richardson had a major media day last Tuesday, December 8, as he discussed the long stalled development of his property located on East Blithedale near the corner of Camino Alto (see sketch below). Mill Valley has just been called out as one of the most segregated cities in the Bay Area, and this and the lack of affordable housing development in Marin County prompted the San Francisco Chronicle and KPIX to contact Phil for comments.

You can read/hear all about it by clicking on the following links—KPIX: <https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/12/08/builder-believes-lack-of-multi-unit-housing-makes-marin-most-racially-segregated-county-in-bay-area/> SF Chronicle: <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Restrictive-zoning-keeps-Marine-the-most-15782840.php>



HAVE YOU TALKED WITH SANTA YET?

► It's not too late to visit SantaClausVirtual.com where you can book a virtual visit with PP Ken Brooks, Mill Valley Rotary's favorite Santa. Santa wishes you and your family a "Happy and Healthy Holiday Season" and in the spirit of giving is offering a 20% discount to fellow Rotarians if they reserve a visit with Virtual Santa. (Code: RotaryMV for discount).

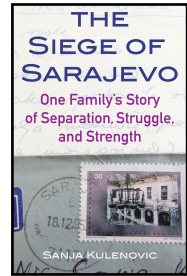
You can gift the visit to your children, family members, or have the jolly old soul visit you in your living room with friends and family there.

NEXT MEETING: "THE SPIRIT OF SARAJEVO"

♦ January 5: Sanja Kulenovic will present *The Spirit of Sarajevo: A Story of Resilience*. For centuries, Sarajevo was known as a peaceful place that valued a variety of religious traditions and ethnic heritages. It was a vibrant capital city that shone on the global stage and even hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics. But the rise of nationalism within former Yugoslavia led to a brutal conflict that threatened to wipe away the city's legacy of openness and tolerance. For nearly four years, Sarajevo was under armed siege--the longest one of any city in the history of modern warfare. When it was finally lifted, Sarajevo was left a broken city marked by crumpled buildings ... the scars of mortar shells ... and shattered families beset by grief.



Yet still, somehow, *the Spirit of Sarajevo* never wavered. This book is a story of life under siege, created from unimaginable misery and degradation. It is a story about resilience and determination, which now, more than 20 years after the siege ended, serves as an example for all of us as we navigate a confused, frightened world of being "under siege" during this pandemic.



PolioPlus Society

2020-2021
GOAL:
\$

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$700.00

POLIO JAR

2020-2021
GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$150.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2020-2021
GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$2,527.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2020-2021
GOAL:
\$7,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$4,240.00

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