



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Richard Rider:** Our most basic common link is that we all inhabit the planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future, And we are all mortal.—**John F. Kennedy**)

PRESIDER

❖ **President Bob** with the gavel and big smile on his face (see score at the bottom of P. 2).

VISITORS

❖ **Stewart Munson (Bob Roberts)**, on the staff of the Mill Valley Parks and Rec Dept., who came up to do some work on the clubhouse and stayed for lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Jan Pedersen Schiff** announced the upcoming *Singers Marin* Holiday Concert to be held at the Marin Civic Center Veterans Auditorium on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 pm. If you'd like to attend, call the Veterans Auditorium box office at 415-473-6800 to get your tickets.

❖ **Roberta Keller** needs a definite attendance number by our next meeting (12/11) for the Holiday Luncheon on December 18th. Also, please get your check to her ASAP.

❖ President **Bob Roberts** is forming a Mill Valley Fire

Department support committee with the fire chief. He wants to get Rotary involved and appointed Past President **Richard Rider** as the chair of this new committee. The main goals of the new committee include getting people to pay attention to possible evacuation, reaching out to the community and also alerting kids. Five maps are being presented to coordinate efforts.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—Two former presidents of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley were saluted by the membership today: **Bob**

Canepa, who joined on December 6, 1983, and **Susan Royce**, who signed on November 17, 2009. Bob, who served as president in 1991-92, recalled a medical mission to Mexico as a Rotary highlight while Susan noted that her year as president (2013-14) was special one for her.

RAFFLE

❖ **Keith Papulias** established that a clear marble is the new winner! Unfortunately, for him, Keith had to settle for the consolation prize—a bottle of wine—while the real prize keeps getting bigger.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

PIAZZA D'ANGELO
DECEMBER 18, 2018
12 NOON TO 1:30
\$40/PERSON
INCLUDES WINE

Send checks payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley to
Roberta Keller, 500 Hillside Ave.,
Mill Valley, CA 94941

PROGRAM

❖ Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and scholar **Miriam Pawel** talked about the *The Browns of California—A family story of a dynasty that transformed a state and shaped a nation.*

Prussian pioneer **August Shuckman** arrived in Colusa in 1852 and his grea-grandson served as the oldest and longest-tenured governor in the state history of California.

Four generations of a remarkable family played a vital role in shaping California. **Jerry Brown's** father, **Pat Brown**, was also a two-term governor. He was born in 1905 (a year before the San Francisco earthquake) and was one of those kids who, as he said, run for president of every club, even the ones he was not a member of.

He was first elected to office in 1943 as district attorney in San

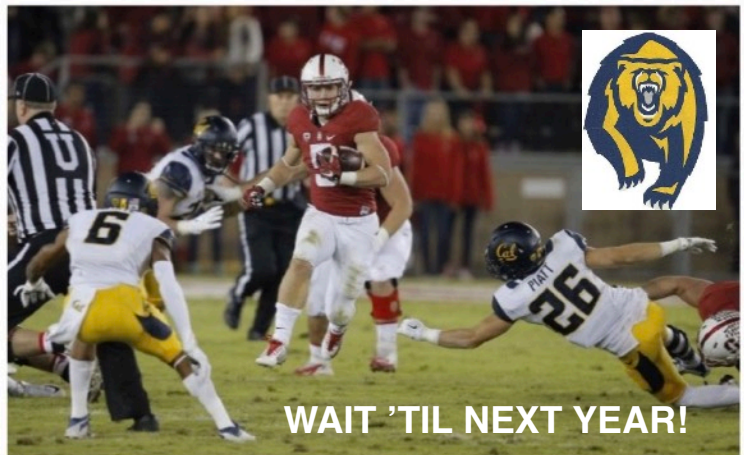
LOOK WHO'S ALREADY IN TOWN



► The word's out...Santa is in town! Shown here posing with two Mill Valley beauties, our favorite local Santa, who shall remain nameless but is a past president of MV Rotary, makes his appearance at the Chamber's *Winterfest* on December 1. Keep an eye out. We bet you'll run into this guy again before the end of 2018. (Photo by Gary Ferber)



OUCH!
STANFORD 23 CAL 13



WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR!

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

Francisco. From there he went to attorney general and became governor in 1958, the first Democrat in more than 20 years.

One of his highest priorities was education and California became the first state to say there should be universal access to higher education for people and it should be free.

The California state and community colleges experienced a tremendous period of growth. Another concern of Governor Brown's was that the majority of the population lived in the south, but all the water was in the north.

So one of his greatest political achievements was to negotiate a master plan for the State Water Project which consisted of various dams and the California State aqueduct. He lost his third run for governor to **Ronald Reagan**.

Pat's son Jerry from early on was interested in religion and ultimately entered a Jesuit seminary. His father, of course, wanted Jerry to follow in his footsteps and eventually he gravitated towards politics.

Jerry, after running for a couple of offices, wound up as governor of California himself. He was the youngest governor in

California history. His legacy will be in the area of climate concern and protection of the environment. His love for nature came from his father who took him on many outdoor and hunting trips.

After 1982, his political career seemed to be finished, but he moved to Oakland and served as a mayor from 2005 until 2010. He now is coming to the end of his second two-term shift, from 2011 to 2018.

During this time he has moved the state forward on mitigating climate change at every chance. Two ambitious projects have not yet been

realized: The Bay Delta Conservation Plan to build tunnels to carry water from the Sacramento river to distribution centers and the high-speed rail project.

He will retire to his great grandfather August's estate in Colusa.

NEXT WEEK

December 11 (12:15): The Mill Valley Middle School Blue Grass Band and the Chamber Orchestra will be performing for us, with the Bluegrass Band presenting

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► **Be generous next week. The plan is to deliver the first batch of toys to Mill Valley firefighters next week.**



END HUNGER IN SAN FRANCISCO AND MARIN PLEASE DONATE

MOST NEEDED FOODS



TUNA, CHICKEN, SALMON
in pop-top cans
or tear-open pouches



LOW-SODIUM SOUPS, CHILI, STEWS

NUT BUTTERS

LOW-SUGAR CEREALS

WHOLE GRAIN PASTA

BROWN RICE



We do NOT accept pet food, glass containers, or opened packages

#FoodForAll #EndHungerTogether



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CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS - 12/4/18



► Clockwise from top left: Bob chalks up 35 years in MV Rotary; Lee makes a Toys for Tots deposit; Sue celebrates her 9th year in Rotary; Keith almost got the red marble, but seems pleased with his consolation prize; Mill Valley Parks & Rec Dept. guest Stewart Munson visits with Howard Harker; and MV Rotary's political pundit Dick Spotswood poses with today's speaker, Miriam Pawel.



Holiday Blue Grass. And you will be tapping your toes. This is a Kiddo! Foundation funded ensemble co-directed by Mill Valley School District music teachers **Lori Adessa** and **Phoebe Dong**. These delightful young musicians will perform favorite Bluegrass tunes as well as some holiday numbers.

CLUB CALENDAR

December 18: (12 Noon – 1:30 p.m. at Piazza D'Angelo):
Holiday Luncheon. Cost is \$40 per person for lunch with wine. Send your check made payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley to **Roberta Keller**, 500 Hillside Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941. Don't forget—this will be the last day for the club collection of food for the **Food Bank** and toys for

Toys for Tots. Receptacles will be available for both.

December 25: No Meeting.
Merry Christmas!

January 1: No Meeting.
Happy New Year!

January 8 (12:15): **Phil Hindenberger's** presentation is entitled *Hue: Then & Now*. The Battle of Hue was one of several NVA surprise attacks on South Vietnamese cities during the TET holiday in January 1968. The month long Battle of Hue was fought between an invading force of 5,000 crack NVA and VC fighters and a small contingent of the Republic of South Vietnam's 1st Division ARVN troops stationed in Hue and three under strength U.S. Marine Corps battalions that came to their assistance. Over the next month,

the communist invaders were gradually driven out of Hue after intense house-to-house fighting resulting in thousands of casualties on both sides of the fighting and civilians caught in the crossfire. The NVA invasion of Hue led to the longest and bloodiest battle of the Vietnam War and politically was the most important to both sides. Ho Chi Minh's hope that the people of Hue would rally to the communist side was forever dashed but the intensity of the fighting caused American public opinion to turn decisively against the war.

SNOOZE ALARMS:

**When you rearrange the letters:
 ALAS! NO MORE Z'S**

POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

**JAR TOTAL
 AS OF TODAY:**

\$458.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

**TOTAL
 AS OF TODAY:**

\$3,550.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

**TOTAL
 AS OF TODAY:**

\$4,725.00

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