



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Jean Batman** gave us two good reasons to vote: **1) To honor Founding Father Benjamin Franklin's challenge to us all.** Following the close of the Constitutional Convention, he was asked, “*What have we got, republic or a monarchy?*” He answered, “*A republic, if you can keep it!*” **2) So you can complain with integrity.** “*Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the people and burn their behinds, then they will have to sit on their blisters.*”—**Abraham Lincoln.**

PRESIDER

❖ **President Bob Roberts** gently tapped the bell to bring the crowd to order without a single bruised eardrum.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays**—Past President **Elizabeth Suzuki** (11/3) and **Barbara Hofling** (9/26) were in the BD spotlight today, both recipients of **Donna D's** famous (infamous?) snappy birthday ditty.

❖ **Club Anniversary**—**Barbara** scored a “twofer” by also celebrating her eighth anniversary as a member of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley. She joined on September 14, 2010 and has been a super active member ever since.

Thanks, Barbara, for your outstanding service to the community and the world through Rotary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Service Fund**—**Lew Katcher**, president of the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund, brought us up to date on our foundation's activities, which include matching funds of up to \$250 for those making contributions by the end of 2018. Lew noted that the 2018-19 goal for the fund is \$10,000. Serving on the Service Fund board this year, in addition

to Lew, are Club President **Bob Roberts**, Club Treasurer **Morgan Pierce**, Past Presidents **Jane Hall**, **Elizabeth Suzuki** and **Richard Rider**, and **Carl Lippenberger**. Time to get those checkbooks out and take advantage of the matching funds.

❖ **Holiday Wreaths**—Immediate Past President **Kent Campbell** reported that the scouts of Troop 1 are taking orders for Holiday Wreaths. *They need our orders and payment by this coming weekend, so check out the wreaths available and the ordering details on page 3.*

❖ Rotary Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen** had a “good news-bad



► **Speaker Gordon Wiltsie** autographs a copy of his book, “**To the Ends of the Earth**,” for PP **Richard Rider**. (Photo by **Kent Campbell**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

news” report: The “good” news is that the District 5150 Rotary Foundation Drive/Raffle was a big success, netting over \$200,000 for the foundation. The “bad” news is, you guessed it, no raffle winners from Mill Valley Rotary. Oh well, we’ll get ‘em next year!

❖ **Pete O’Keefe** invited interested club members to attend a retirement seminar next week, November 13 from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m., at Mill Valley’s Scout Hall. Check with Pete —415/393-6127 or pokeefe@nyl.com—for details or to sign up to attend.

❖ **Holiday Luncheon—Roberta Keller** has announced via email that this annual fun event is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18. It will again be held at Piazza d’Angelo in downtown Mill Valley, starting at 12 Noon and



► **International chow today—MV Rotarian helps himself to Spanakopita Triangles, a Greek specialty.**

ending at 2:30. Cost is \$40/person and includes lunch and wine. Roberta requests that checks,

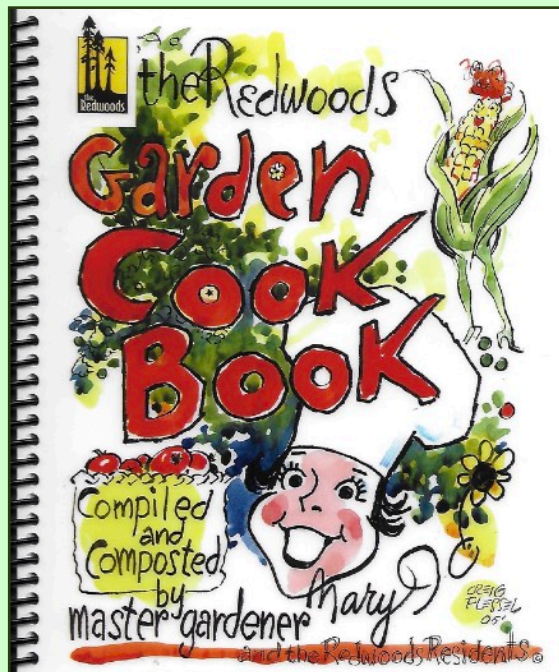
payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley, be mailed to her at 500 Hillside Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

GOOD TIMES

❖ **Donna D** had a “Good Time” helping a “little ol’ lady out of a ditch” on her way to today’s meeting. Actually, it sounded as if she had some help from a “handsome stranger” who came by and volunteered to assist. At any rate, everything worked out okay even though we are not sure if the lady in question was in the ditch by herself, or if her car was in the ditch with her. Perhaps we’ll find out next week!

❖ If a Rotarian comes to lunch wearing blue jeans and a gold polo shirt, what does that signify to you? To this reporter, the first thing that came to mind was that **Lee Kirkpatrick** must be a

PAGES FROM THE PAST Some of us remember, back in 2003, building new raised garden beds down at The Redwoods. Marilyn was perusing her Redwoods cookbook the other day and found this poem written in 2005 by resident Len Prossor. Makes one proud to be a Rotarian.



*“When aches and pains attack our legs
And kneeling down’s a regal pain
We stand against those great raised beds
And giggle, laugh, and smile again.*

*Our plants all flourish
They’re easy to nourish
And we’ll never, ever complain
For the waist-high planters
Have given us the answers
To arthritic pains and bends.*

*Thanks to the Friends
And the Rotary men
We’ll never hurt again!”*

Len Prossor

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

Golden Bear Backer! Wrong! He lucked out and has a friend who took him to a recent Golden State Warrior basketball game. Great seats, great pyrotechnics, great fun!

❖ **Dennis Klein** has recently returned from Ottawa, Canada, where he visited his son and granddaughter. Dennis noted that things are much more relaxed on

the immigration front in our neighbor to the north than they are here in the U.S. "Canadians made me feel like we used to be," Dennis said.

RAFFLE

❖ Semi big day for **Barbara Hofling**, what with all of the celebrations, who also had today's winning ticket. Her

search for the red marble did not pan out, however, and she ended up with a bottle of wine rather than the \$180 jackpot.

PROGRAM

❖ National Geographic photographer **Gordon Wiltsie** shared photographic highlights from his long career documenting the landscapes and peoples he has encountered during a career that



► Above is the selection of Holiday Wreaths available through Tristan Brousseau, Life Scout with Mill Valley BSA Troop 1. Here's how you can get yours: Make your choice and send your order along with your street address by email to Tristan at sajb109@gmail.com. Tristan plans to deliver the wreaths during the first weekend in December. Payment can be made by personal check made payable to BSA Troop 1, or through PayPal to Sheila Johnson-Brousseau, Committee Chair, at <https://paypal.me/Troop12018WreathSale>. Please note your order on the check or the PayPal note section. Important—The deadline for receipt of orders and payment is this coming Sunday, November 11. If you can get your order in before then, it will be much appreciated. *Happy Holidays!*

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

took him to some of the wildest and remotest places on earth, including many of the world's highest mountain ranges and both geographic Poles.

A fascinating "journey" for the members of Mill Valley Rotary!

NEXT WEEK

November 13 (12:15): **Cyrus Farivar's** presentation is entitled *Habeas Data: Privacy vs. The Rise of Surveillance Tech*. Cyrus is an award-winning Senior Tech Policy Reporter at Ars Technica, author and radio producer. He will discuss his latest book *Habeas Data* which shows how the explosive growth of surveillance technology has outpaced our understanding of the ethics, mores, and laws of privacy. He makes the case by taking 10 historic court decisions that defined our privacy rights and matching them against the capabilities of modern technology—an approach that combines the charge of a legal



► Just two of the many slides speaker Gordon Wiltsie showed us today—climbing cliffs in Antarctica and a happy gent in Nepal.



thriller with the shock of the daily headlines.

CLUB CALENDAR

November 20 (12:15): Travel journalists **Kimberley Lovato** and **Jill Robinson** will tell us about *100 Things to Do in San Francisco Before You Die*—also

They also tell you where to shop for tie-dye, browse for local art, listen to live music, and follow in the footsteps of the Beat Generation.

Special: *Kim and Jill will raffle a \$25 gift certificate to the Cheese School of San Francisco (at Ghirardelli Square). Must be present to win!*



CLUB HOUSE CANDIDS

► Left: Greeter **Jean Batman** welcomes **Ken Campbell** to today's meeting. Right: Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen** makes sure the Polio Jar gets his contribution.



CLUB CALENDAR

November 27: Raquel Rose, Mill Valley School District Interim Superintendent, will discuss information related to the new strategic plan, innovative projects and important updates related to the school district in her presentation, *State of the Mill Valley School District*.

December 4 (12:15): Journalist and scholar **Miriam Powell** will talk about the *Golden Dynasty: The Browns of California*. Miriam will share with us the story of a family dynasty that transformed a state and shaped a nation. From the Prussian pioneer who arrived in Colusa in 1852 through his great grandson, the oldest and

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?

longest-tenured governor in state history, a look at how four generations of a remarkable family came to play such a vital role in shaping California.

December 11 (12:15): The Mill Valley Middle School Bluegrass Band will present *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**. The delightful group will perform favorite Bluegrass tunes as well as some holiday numbers. We are very pleased to have them back for another performance.

PRESBYTERIAN
When you rearrange
the letters:
BEST IN PRAYER

POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$338.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$2,000.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$3,975.00

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