



THE MILL WHEEL



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TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ **Low Katcher** got us started today with the following Timely Thought: *The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor*—**Vince Lombardi**.

PRESIDER

❖ Have to admit, President **Carl Lippenberger** has got his bell-ringing into top form. Heard it loud and clear today. Better late than never, as the bell-ringers say!

JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ **PP Kent Campbell's** Joke of the Day turned out to be the longest of the year to date:

The madam opened the brothel door to see a rather dignified, well-dressed good

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?

looking man in his late 40s or early 50s.

"May I help you?" she asked.

"I want to see Valerie," the man replied.

"Sir, Valerie is one of our most expensive ladies. Perhaps you would prefer someone else," said the madam.

"No. I must see Valerie," was the man's reply.

Just then, Valerie appeared and announced to the man that she charged \$1,000 a visit.

Without hesitation, the man pulled out ten one-hundred dollar bills, gave them to Valerie, and they went upstairs.

After an hour, the man calmly left.

The next night, the same man appeared again, demanding to see Valerie.

Valerie explained that none had ever come back two nights in a row--too expensive--and there were no discounts. The price was still \$1,000. Again the man pulled out the money, gave it to Valerie and they went upstairs. After an hour, he left.

The following night the man was there again. Everyone was astounded that he had come for the third consecutive night, but he paid Valerie and they went upstairs.

After their session, Valerie questioned the man. "No one has ever been with me three nights in a row. Where are you from?" she asked.

MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY READERS

**Accidentally
rubbed ketchup in
my eyes.....now I
have Heinzsight**

**It's been a bit of a
strange day!
First I found a hat
full of money.
Then I was
chased by an
angry man with a
guitar...**

**Told my wife I wanted
to be cremated. She
made me an
appointment for
Tuesday.**

JOKE OF THE DAY (Cont'd)

The man replied, "South Carolina."

"Really" she said. "I have family in South Carolina."

"I know," the man said.

"Your father died, and I am your sister's attorney. She asked me to give you your \$3,000 inheritance."

The moral of the story is that there are three things in life that are certain:

1. Death

2. Taxes

3. Being screwed by a lawyer.

VIDEO OF THE DAY

❖ Not sure that this will become a regular fixture at MV Rotary, but today's meeting featured a "Guiding Hands" video presented by PP **Lee Kirkpatrick**. The video detailed ways an organization called "Guiding Hands" can keep you safe while you stare into your smart phone, ending up with a bedroom scene in which a fellow is propped up in bed staring at his phone while a "Building Hands" employee is busy "protecting" him on his wife's side of the bed. As PP **Ed Marshall** remarked, "A happy ending!"

GUESTS

❖ A wide variety of guests today, including our speaker's sister **Sarah Lucas** who checked in from Connecticut. Other names we were able to catch included **Kate Johnston, Joyce Feeney, Beth Descala, Bill Thornton, Natalie Besse, Robert McLaughlin, Jason McBride** and **Janis Couvreur**, our speaker last meeting. Bill

INTERACTORS JOIN VALENTINE PROJECT



► Members and volunteers of Mill Valley Village recently discovered handmade valentines in their mailboxes, created by students from all of the elementary schools, the middle school, and Girl Scouts. Even with the challenges added by COVID, reports **Connie Dubin**, Team Leader of Mill Valley Village, the collaboration between the school PTAs, the Mill Valley Rotary and Mill Valley Village continued this year, and young people made 250 valentines so that Mill Valley Village volunteers as well as members would be delighted by the beautifully handcrafted cards.

Connie noted that many Villagers are sending back appreciations for the uplift and kindness conveyed by the students' cards. The Village will pass along these messages to the students, so they too can feel the uplift and kindness in return.

"We are deeply grateful to the many students at each of the schools and the Middle School Community Service Club, and the extraordinary efforts they made during this challenging COVID year, to carry on the Valentines for Villagers tradition for a 4th year," **Connie** continued.

"We owe special thanks once again to Mill Valley Rotarian **Emily Uhlhorn**, a parent and President of the Mill Valley School Board, who spearheaded the effort! This project is one example of an intergenerational collaboration that reaches deeply across our community. Thanks to all!"

GUESTS (Cont'd)

Thornton checked in from Texas where he was admiring the 6-inches of snow outside his window.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—“My, how time has flown!” remarked **Jean Batman** (2/4/14). Her favorite MV Rotary function was the Mt. Play Booth where she could get her three kids involved. PP **Sue Royce** was her sponsor. PP **Doug Scherf** (2/20/90), sponsored by PP **Dale Leuhning**, explained that attending the International Convention in San Antonio, TX, where he had the opportunity to meet Rotarians

from all around the world, was his top Rotary experience.

❖ *Birthdays*—We’re not certain, but we believe **Steve Miller** (2/7) and **Ray Palmarini** (2/7) may have attended the same party. Both watched the Super Bowl.

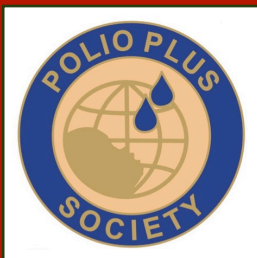
GOOD TIMES

❖ **Dan Hatch** has had all his shots and he and “**Bets**” are set to make the trip to visit friends in Hawaii at the end of the week. **Einar Asbo** reported that he and **Liv** are off quarantine and “it’s party time!”

John Christman announced that he and fiancé **Lisa** have set a date to get married in May and are looking for a special Mill Valley venue that can accommodate a small wedding party. He received one encouraging response, which he is checking out now.

ROTARY TABLE CHATS

❖ This new Mill Valley Rotary meeting feature is starting to take off. At last Tuesday’s Table Chat session, **Phil Richardson**’s group had a “lot of fun” trying to figure out which story applied to which



PolioPlus Society MV Membership Roster

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

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VIRTUAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

March 20, 2021

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM:
Learning and Leadership Sessions

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM:
Assembly Celebration



Keynote Speaker

Ian Riseley

Past Rotary International President

- Strengthen leadership skillsets
- Celebrate our incoming club presidents
- Learn more about different programs of Rotary
- Share new ideas and best practices
- Meet members from other Rotary clubs

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TABLE CHATS (Cont'd)

person. Phil explained that, prior to the Zoom meeting, each participant was asked to provide in writing something about themselves that they believed nobody knew. The list of “clues” was circulated to participants in advance. Turned out that PP **Doug Scherf** was the best detective, winning a bottle of wine in the process. We also heard from **Vince Howes** who also reported a successful experience in his group. Leader PP **Greg Dyer** asked participants to “tell how and why you got here—from birth to Rotary.”

PROGRAM

❖ World traveler **Nick Zoa** joined us via Zoom so he could tell us what it was like being *Marooned in Paradise during the Pandemic*.

Nick landed on Kosrae in Micronesia on March 6th, not knowing that he would be the last tourist to come to this tiny South Pacific island in 2020.

He’s still there, and thanks to Zoom, members of Mill Valley Rotary were treated to a fascinating account of life on an island that remains virus-free, where life is normal.



Kosrae—What a great place to be marooned. A tropical paradise with a warm ocean and healthy reefs, and plenty of delicious locally grown produce. Nick shared these scenes via Zoom.



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jean Batman 2/4/14

Richard Rider 2/8/94

Richard Spotswood 2/9/93

Isaac (Ike) Silberman 2/11/03

Doug Scherf 2/20/90

Elizabeth Suzuki 2/20/96

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Miller 2/7

Ray Palmarini 2/7

Dennis Klein 2/18



NEXT: "CALIFORNIA EMBRACES THE GREAT WHITE FLEET"



◆ March 2: Historian John Freeman will present *California Embraces the Great White Fleet*. He will focus on the lavish welcome the Fleet received in the Bay Area, including how Marin County participated. Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet made a bold display of the United State's new role as an international power 113 years



ago. The fleet left Hampton Roads, Virginia in December 1907 and traveled around South America, and into the Pacific Ocean. In each of the ports it stopped along our coast, the fleet was hosted and toasted with an exuberant show of patriotism and pride, culminating with the fleet entering the Golden Gate on May 6, 1908, where an estimated crowd of a million people thronged to get a look at the 16 battleships.

**PolioPlus
Society**

2020-2021

**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**

2020-2021

**GOAL:
\$7,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$4,390.00**

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