



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ **Tony Trias** presented today's Timely Thought: *Help one person at a time, and always start with the the person nearest you—*  
**Mother Teresa**

## PRESIDER

❖ President **Carl Lippenberger** at the bell—still no sound that we could hear!

## JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Courtesy of PP **Kent Campbell**: A doctor and a lawyer are talking at a party. Their conversation is constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice.

## 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?

After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asks the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you're out of the office?"

"I give it to them," replies the lawyer, "and then I send them a bill." The doctor is shocked, but agrees to give it a try.

The next day, still feeling slightly guilty, the doctor prepares the bills. When he goes to place them in his mailbox, he finds a bill from the lawyer.

## GUESTS

❖ The new face on the Zoom meeting board was that of Dr. **Earl Burgess**, a semi-retired psychiatrist living in Mill Valley. Earl looks to be our newest member after he completes a total of three visits to club meetings. His sponsor is PP **Doug Scherf**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Some members were asking about dues notices, asking when they were coming out. They were instructed to check their emails received on August 3. You should find it there.

## MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS



❖ President Elect **Lisán**

**Campbell** reported that the annual membership roster update, accompanied by the 2020-2021 District 5150 pin, is being delivered to members by her and her assistant, **Kent**. Lisán explained that the handsome pin, reflecting this year's theme "Chosen Family," features a tree with three trunks representing the counties covered and 45 branches, signifying the 45 clubs that make up the district.



**GOOD TIMES**

❖ **PP Kent** apparently is having a lot of fun delivering his quota of rosters and pins. He still has a few to deliver, so be on the alert!

❖ **PE Lisán** recently enjoyed a socially distant visit by friends for a paella/sangria event.

❖ **PP Doug Scherf** is enjoying is weekly socially-distant Saturday morning sessions of his coffee group. Also, family gathered at his home recently for an early birthday celebration.

**SERVICE FUND REPORT**

❖ Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund President **Lew Katcher** made his annual report, beginning

**MV ROTARY RECEIVES THANKS FOR SUPPORT**



► Rotary Club of Mill Valley recently received two moving thank you notes from persons affected by its giving. The young man at left is a resident of Pignon, Haiti, and benefitted from the recent \$1,000 "Help Now" grant made from the Service Fund reserves. And, if you click on the link below you will enjoy a YouTube thank you made by the staff of The Redwoods Retirement Center, which the club has been supporting financially for years.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tk6Ycfu5Wis&feature=youtu.be>

with a brief history of the role of the late **George Hoyle** in the establishment of the fund. Some highlights of his report:

- ◆ Over \$1 million in the endowment fund managed by Marin Community Foundation provides approximately \$48,000 annually for club service projects.
- ◆ Last year grants went to Semper Fi Fund; Mill Valley Fire Safety program; 10,000 Degrees; Marin Villages; The Redwoods Retirement Center; Big Brothers Big Sisters; KIDDO!; Tam High

Foundation; among others, including a big batch of Covid grants made locally from reserve funds and new "Help Now" donations by members.

- ◆ In addition to Lew, the Service Fund board of directors consists of **PP Kent Campbell, Sam Tagaya, Roberta Keller, Stephanie Ricardo, Ray Palmarini, PP Jane Hall, Morgan Pierce, PP Lee Kirkpatrick** and current Club President **Carl Lippenberger**.

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**Morgan J. Pierce 9/12/17**  
**Sharon Segal 9/12/00**  
**Barbara Hofling 9/14/10**  
**Roberta Keller 9/14/10**  
**Dennis Klein 9/17/96**  
**Peter Mason 9/21/10**  
**Steven J. Miller 9/27/91**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Bob Canepa 9/2**  
**Emily Uhlhorn 9/11**  
**Lew Katcher 9/17**  
**Doug Scherf 9/18**  
**Peter O'Keefe 9/22**  
**Russell Burbank 9/26**  
**Barbara Hofling 9/26**



### SERVICE FUND (Cont'd)

◆ Service Fund goals for 2020-21 include 100% member participation (last year was 56%). Lew urged club members to “give what you can—every donation will be much appreciated!” Overall goal for this year: \$10,000.

◆ The big news is the matching program for donations the rest of the year. Lew noted that the Service Fund will match any donation up to \$250 from now until the end of the year. This will enable many more members and/or their family members to become George Hoyle Fellows in 2020. All it takes is a total of \$1,000.

◆ The Service Fund president also reminded club members that they can gift appreciated stock to the fund. Also, as of January 2021 donors who are over 70-1/2 will be able to rollover up to \$100,000 in IRA funds to charity and not pay taxes.

◆ Finally, the Service Fund prexy reminded members that they can become fund benefactors by placing codicils in their will designating the Service Fund. If you'd like to do this, Club President **Carl Lippenberger** has offered his services gratis to assist you in this effort.

◆ In response to Lew's presentation, PP **Greg Dyer** (\$250) and PE **Lisán Campbell** (\$100) committed verbally to get this year's Fall drive started.

### POLIO JAR

❖ Whatever happened to the Polio Jar? was the question asked by PP **Burnett Tregoning**, who proposed that we arrange for “virtual” donations. He is in the process of determining how this will work, and hopes to have information on how you can help fill the “jar” soon..

### PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to **Annette Venables** of Mill Valley who joined us on Zoom to tell about her organization *Tribe Rising India* and the exciting work it is doing in India. Check out their website: [TribeRisingIndia.org](http://TribeRisingIndia.org).

## WATCHING MILL VALLEY ROTARY'S WORK GROW



► One of the joys of serving your community via Rotary is seeing your handiwork grow and flourish over time. PP Ed Marshall reminisced about the planting of redwoods on Reed Creek near Miller Ave. three years ago (scene at left). At bottom right, that's what they look like today. And that pretty yellow flower at left is a Delta Sunflower blooming now at Rotary Corner.



## NEXT MEETING: "EXPLORING WHITENESS"



◆ September 22: Civil Rights Advocate Debbie Tozier will present *Exploring Whiteness*. She will discuss what it means to have a white racial identity. What are our implicit biases and how do we learn to recognize them in our daily interactions? Why is it so hard for white people to talk about racism? How do we have these conversations and still center black, indigenous and people of color in the movement for racial justice?

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

### POLIO PLUS

2020-2021 GOAL:  
\$1,000

JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$

### SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2020-2021 GOAL:  
\$10,000

TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$200.00

### ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2020-2021 GOAL:  
\$11,000

TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$100.00

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