The Mill Wheel

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GREETER

✣ **Dennis Klein** wore the Greeter badge today, offering the following two Thoughts for the Day: *Reason is, and ought to be, the slave of the passions [feelings]*—**David Hume,** and *Wilderness revelations are not signs from heaven. You're already there. Signs are everywhere, yet to be seen*—**Dennis Klein.**

PRESIDER

✣ President **Kim Jessup** at the helm.

VISITORS

✣ PR Chair **Dick Spotswood** introduced two young ladies from *Mill Valley Living* magazine: **Tami Larsen**, Founder and CEO, and **Stephanie Swartz**, staff photographer. Could it be that a picture of those attending today's meeting might be featured in an upcoming issue? Stephanie snapped a few of the group prior to adjournment. Stay tuned!
✣ Also visiting today was **Anne Sands** from the Rotary Club of West Marin. Formerly our Assistant District Governor, Anne now serves as District 5150 Annual Fund Coordinator, and was on hand to celebrate the club's 100 percent giving during last year's EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) program.

The Four-Way Test

- **Is it the TRUTH?**
- **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

CELEBRATIONS

✣ *Birthdays*—**John Carmichael** (1/28) is planning a trip to Colorado for a snow-covered celebration. We'll look forward to hearing all about it when he returns. Watch out for the avalanches, John!

GOOD TIMES

✣ President Elect **Ed Marshall** spent two weeks in Tahiti, skin diving, dodging thunderstorms and speaking French—all important skills when he takes the helm on July 1st.
✣ **Tom McKlveen** and his family honored the memory of his late wife **Nancy** with a reception Sunday at the Marin Art & Garden Center followed by a bell-ringer to the Rotary Foundation.
✣ PP **John Christman,** who has been unable to get to many meetings recently, thanked the club for its gift celebrating the

▶ Anne Sands, District 5150 Annual Fund Coordinator, presents 2022-23 EREY banners to former Foundation Chair Phil Richardson and 2022-23 President John Christman. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

arrival of his and **Lisa**'s first child, **Julian**, who arrived in this world on November 17. Congratulations, Julian, Lisa and John!

✣ PP **Lisán Campbell** reported that she is one week into a new semester and already is one week behind in her studies. Knowing Lisán, that's difficult to believe.

✣ PP **Richard Rider** noted that son **Kirk** is showing his stuff at UC Law School with a recent ranking of 22 out of 360 students currently attending. Way to go, Kirk!

EVERY ROTARIAN COUNTS

✣ We did it last year. Can we do it again this year? That is the question raised by District 5150 Annual Fund Coordinator **Anne Sands** when she presented banners to PP **John Christman** and former Foundation Chair **Phil Richardson** today honoring the club's 100 percent participation in the 2022-23 EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) competition.

Club Foundation Chair PP **Greg Dyer** reports that half of our members have contributed to The Rotary Foundation since the start of the Rotary year on July 1. He urges the other half to

▶ Top: Dennis welcomes Lisán, Anne Sands and Jim Iavarone. Middle: A happy group featuring, from left, PP Ed Marshall, Phil Richardson, PP Doug Scherf, Robin Keller and Roberta Keller (no relation!). Below: PP Dick Spotswood with guest Tami Larsen and President Kim. (Photos by Tom)

EREY (Cont'd)

contribute at least $25 in the next 30 days.

You can give cash or a check made out to "The Rotary Foundation" to the club treasurer at a meeting. You can send a check made out to "The Rotary Foundation" to the Club's P.O. Box 506 or to Greg Dyer, or you can go online to Rotary.org and click on the donate button and give directly to the Foundation. If you go online, be sure and check the box for our club - club number 393. Of course, the Foundation Chair noted, we would like more than $25, but if that's all that's in your budget, President **Kim**'s goal is to have every Club member contribute at least $25. Please support her.

▶ **President Kim poses with today's speaker, Phil Gioia. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)**

▶ **Where's the Foundation Chair? you ask. When winter took over in Mill Valley, Greg and Karyne Dyer headed south to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands. That's Greg at left offshore the island of Isabela. At right, which one is the giant tortoise? Sorry, Karyne, couldn't resist. The shot with the mystery tortoise was taken at the Giant Tortoise Sanctuary on Santa Cruz Island.**

PROGRAM

✣ **Phil Gioia**, talking about his book *Danger Close!,* presented an interesting first-person account of a young man's coming of age as an Infantry officer, leading American soldiers in action in two of America's elite fighting units in the Vietnam War.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Hatch 1/4/11

Lisán Campbell 1/7/20

Carl Lippenberger 1/16/01

Earl Burgess 1/20/21

Keith Papulias 1/30/01

Steven Bajor 1/31/23

Mel Matsumoto 1/31/89

Emily Uhlhorn 1/31/17

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Earl Burgess 1/19

John Carmichael 1/28

Kathleen Delehanty 1/30

NEXT MEETING: *Have You Seen Me?—Shirley Hasley*

February 6: Mill Valley's first Black teacher will present*: Have You Seen Me? - Shirley Hasley.* **Shirley Hasley** (nee Andrews) has devoted her life to educating our children. On a sponsored trip across the Golden Gate she was hired as Mill Valley's first Black teacher. The decision was met with trepidation by some parents and others. On threat of violence, Shirley was forced to seek housing outside the city limits. In her first year as a teacher, the 22-year-old young woman was assigned to travel with students being bused from Mill Valley to Marin City. It was desegregation in 1965. Was Shirley a natural fit? Hardly. Her presence was resented by many in Marin City. She was called an "Uncle Tom" and she needed police protection. Challenged in Mill Valley, resented in Marin City, Shirley wasn't accepted until she was "discovered" by an advertising executive. Crossing Blithedale Avenue after school, a polaroid photo mailed to New York, a national ad campaign for Coca-Cola — suddenly every parent wanted their child to be in her classroom. Second born of 13 children. Class president of an all-white high school. Presented as a San Francisco debutante by **Willie Brown**. Photographed by **Richard Avedon** for Coca-Cola. Esteemed educator. Co-founder of the Andrews Family Scholarship Foundation…. *"Have you seen me?"* **BRING A FRIEND!**

POLIO JAR 2023–2024

GOAL: $1,000

TOTAL $279.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2023-2024

GOAL: $10,000

TOTAL $4,150.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2023-2024

GOAL: $7,000

TOTAL $5,180.00

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