



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ Greeter **Margareth Tanner** offered the following Thought for the Day:

*The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity answered:*

*"Man - because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present, the result being that he does not live in the present or the future. He lives as if he is never going to die, and than he dies having never really lived."*

## PRESIDER

❖ The Battle of the Bells—**President Carl's** versus **Phil Richardson's**—turned out to be

## 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?

pretty much a draw. You could hear them both...barely!

## JOKES OF THE DAY

❖ Two for the price of one, presented by PP **Kent Campbell**:

**Lisán**: "You need to do more chores around the house."

**Me**: "Can we change the subject?"

**Lisán**: "OK, more chores around the house need to be done by you."

❖ And, finally, the tour d'force: *I was kidnapped by a gang of mimes. They did unspeakable things to me.*

## GUESTS

❖ *Visiting Rotarians*: PDG **Liah Lambrecht**, Rotary Club of Central Marin.

## CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries*: **Dan Hatch** (1/4/11); **PE Lisán Campbell** (1/7/20); and **President Carl** (1/16/01) were the celebrants today. The Mt. Play booth ranked as one of many of

## MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY READERS



**Ill never forget the look on the cashiers face, when she scanned the packet of bird seed, And I asked her how long does it take for the birds to grow once I plant them.**

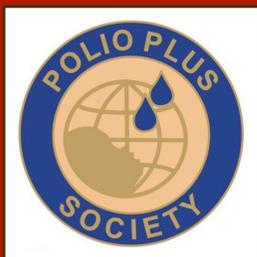
### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Dan's favorite MV Rotary Moments. The Mt. Play was Lisán's favorite as well. Her work in organizing the Mt. Play during the years she was a "Rotary Wife" made it inevitable that she would become a regular member of the club. Her sponsor? Hubby PP **Kent**! President Carl's favorite MV Rotary activity? The Mt. Play!

### GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Richard Rider** is a proud papa. Son Luke got his high performance endorsement so now he can fly airplanes faster and higher (See photo and caption below).

❖ PP **Greg Dyer**, Zooming in from Hawaii, was delighted with



PolioPlus Society  
MV Membership Roster

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

the just completed air flight to the Islands—good spacing between passengers on the airplane, and an easy trip.

❖ **Dan Hatch** and his wife **Bets** are signed up to receive their COVID-19 vaccine shots. Only took an hour and a half wait on the phone. **Phil** and **Barbara Richardson** are scheduled to get theirs next Monday. Dr. **John Christman** made an appointment for his shot in only one and a half minutes! It pays to be a doc!

❖ PP **Bob Roberts** had an International Good Time last Saturday when he and Global Grants Chair **Rita Sedano-Garcia** had an hour long conversation via Zoom with our Peruvian partners in the Greenhouse Project. Bob sees this important project continuing on for some time.

❖ PE **Lisán Campbell** is delighted with her brand new refrigerator. The house is quieter now!

❖ **Steve Miller's** Good Time is parked in front of his house—a brand new Lexus SUV. He says it's a beauty and it nets the club a bell-ringer! Drive safely, Steve.

### ROTARY TABLE CHATS

❖ The third installment is scheduled for February 9. PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** reported that the second session, held last week, attracted increased participation and many positive comments. She asked club members to be on the alert for an email message from their February Chat facilitator. It will include the Zoom link.

### PP RICHARD RIDER'S "GOOD TIME"



► Richard's son Luke got his high performance endorsement for the Cessna 182 on Saturday January 9th. The endorsement is for flying airplanes with more than 200 horsepower. Luke's proud papa reports, "This is where the 'big boys' start flying. This lets him fly higher and faster with more powerful airplanes."

**PROGRAM**

❖ Today’s program was a perfect fit for Zoom as State Park Interpreter **John Claggett** took us inside the U.S. Immigration Station on a virtual tour.

During his presentation, *Angel Island, Guardian of the Western Gate*, John provided a live program featuring one of the historic islands major attractions. The walls of the historic detention barracks are filled with poetry, written and carved by immigrants

expressing their feelings of frustration, anger, and hope.

Historically called the “Guardian of the Western Gate” by immigration staff, the station is second in size only to Ellis Island in New York. The detention facility was built to enforce immigration laws of the era including the Chinese Exclusion Act.

People from over 80 countries, were detained on Angel Island between 1910-1940, the largest groups were immigrants from China, Japan, Russia, and

India. A poem written by a Chinese immigrant appears on the East Wall of Room 105:

*It’s been a long time since I left my home village;*

*Who could know I’d end up imprisoned in a wooden building?*

*I’m heartsick when I see my reflection, my handkerchief is soaked in tears;*

*I ask you, what crime did I commit to deserve this?*



▶ State Park Interpreter John Claggett points to a poem inscribed on one of the center’s walls.



▶ Not much headroom but they worked for the immigrants who came to Angel Island.

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

- Rev. Daniel Hatch 1/4/11
- Lisán Campbell 1/7/20
- Carl Lippenberger 1/16/01
- Yana Kunitzky 1/27/20
- E. Stewart Munson 1/27/20
- Zphyna Caldwell 1/28/19
- Keith Papulias 1/30/01
- Leon Smith 1/30/62
- Melvin Matsumoto 1/31/89
- Emily Uhlhorn 1/31/17

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

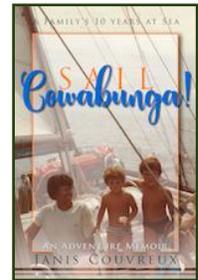
Earl Burgess 1/19



**Rotary Opens Opportunities**

**NEXT: “SAIL COWABUNGA — A FAMILY’S 10 YEARS AT SEA”**

◆ February 2: Author, journalist, adventurer, sailor Janis Couvreur will present *Sail Cowabunga: A Family's 10 Years at Sea*. From Bordeaux, France to San Francisco, her talk follows a Franco-American couple and their two young sons across the Atlantic Ocean and into a 10-year journey at sea. Through their adventures and misadventures, tragedies, and glories across four continents, the Couvreur family rarely had a dull moment living on the water. Janis chronicles in vivid and lively detail how they fended off a midnight intruder, sailed to the microscopic St. Peter and St. Paul rocks on the equator, explored the jungles of French Guiana and Devil’s Island, and sailed through Cuba in the turmoil of the late 80s. Their adventure was not without hardship, however, as Janis recounts battling medical emergencies that required sending her husband across the globe for treatment (twice), leaving her to single handedly orchestrate a Panama Canal passage amid pre-war chaos. While living in the close quarters of their 42-foot sailboat, the *Cowabunga*, the Couvreur family was able to maintain sanity and a normal daily routine of cooking, schooling, and sleeping at sea, knowing all the while that something unexpected might be waiting just around the next peninsula.



**PolioPlus Society**  
 2020–2021  
 GOAL:  
 \$  
 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 GIVING**  
 2020-2021  
 GOAL:  
**\$7,000**  
 TOTAL AS OF TODAY:  
**\$4,390.00**

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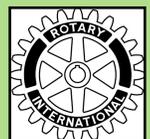
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