



THE MILL WHEEL



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TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ Greeter **Ray Palmarini** offered two Thoughts for Today:

❖ *"I laugh as much as I can and cry when I have to, without apology. I think that's happy."*—

Maya Angelou.

❖ *"Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose."*—**Bill Gates.**

PRESIDER

❖ Past President **Lee Kirkpatrick** came out of retirement today to sub for President **Carl** who had other commitments. The big question we have is why did the sub get better results with the opening bell? It responded to Lee's gavel with a loud and clear clang and did not need a backup from **Phil Richardson**. Ah...the mystery of MV Rotary!

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?

JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Club Jokester PP **Kent Campbell** requested Lee's assistance with a Knock Knock joke:

❖ **Kent:** *Why did the chicken cross the road? Answer: To get to the ugly guy's house.*

❖ **Kent:** *Knock knock.*

❖ **Lee:** *Who's there?*

Kent: *The chicken!*

(Laugh! We did. The MV Rotary Joke Awards Committee ranks this as one of the best of 20-21!)

CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Club Anniversaries:** Celebrants present included past presidents **Richard Rider** and **Dick Spotswood**, both of whom joined the club in the early '90s.

Richard's sponsor was PP **Greg Dyer**, currently believed to be playing golf on Maui. Dick had two sponsors—PP **Doug Scherf** and former City Manager **Doug Dawson**. Thanks, Richard and Dick, for your many years of service to the local and the world community through Rotary.

❖ **Birthdays:** **Steve Miller** (2/7) was looking forward to spending Super Bowl Sunday watching the Chiefs battle the Buccaneers on his buddy's 80-inch TV screen. Almost like being in Tampa!

MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY READERS

BREAKING NEWS... swimming pools to re-open from the 4th July, but due to continued social distancing regulations there will be no water in lanes 1, 3 and 5.....

On average, a Panda feeds for about 12 hours per day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic." —
Margareth Tanner.

**It took
"Click it or Ticket"
to get people to
wear a seatbelt.**

**I wonder if
"Mask it or Casket"
might work?**

Donald Ray Whatley

GOOD TIMES

❖ Most of today's Good Times centered around the San Rafael address 3240 Kerner Blvd. That's where the Marin County Public Health Campus is located and that's where PP **Bruce Wrisley**, **Donna D** and PP **Burnett Tregoning** recently got their first COVID-19 vaccination shots.

ROTARY TABLE CHATS

❖ A reminder that the next series of Rotary Table Chats will take place next Tuesday, February 9, at 12:30 p.m. You will be hearing from your group's moderator who will provide the Zoom link so you can participate. The brainchild of PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**, the chats are designed to replicate the casual, chatty atmosphere we used to have at lunch. Have fun!



PolioPlus Society MV Membership Roster

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

PROGRAM

❖ Speaker **Janis Couvreur** and her family had the adventure of a lifetime and she told us all about it in a program titled *Sail Cowabunga: A Family's 10 Years at Sea*.

From Bordeaux, France to Bodega Bay (they wanted to sail into San Francisco under the GG Bridge but they arrived at 2 a.m. and the fog was super thick), the Franco-American couple and their two young sons crossed the Atlantic Ocean in their 42-ft. sailboat, the *Cowabunga*, 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 chronicled in vivid and lively detail how they fended off a



► The *Cowabunga* at sea.

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.

To get more details of this fantastic journey we suggest you visit Janis's website: www.janiscouvreur.com where you can order a copy of her book. It also available at Book Passage.

ED MARSHALL'S SON PAUL PASSES AT 48

Past President Ed Marshall today shared the sad news of the passing of his younger son, Paul, who succumbed this morning after a long bout with cancer. Paul, shown with his dad in the accompanying photo, was born in Los Angeles in 1972. He moved with his family to Mill Valley in the early 1980s where he attended the Mill Valley Middle School and Tam High. A talented sculptor and painter, Paul was a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute and was employed by an architectural firm in San Francisco's South Park area.

A resident of San Francisco, Paul will be missed not only by his father but by his wife Olivia and their children, Ludyvine (15) and Renzo (12).

Our deepest sympathies to Ed and his family on their tremendous loss.



Paul Christian Marshall
1972-2021

George Hoyle Fellow
Paul Harris Fellow

NEXT: "MAROONED IN PARADISE"

◆ February 16: World traveler Nick Zoa will 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. Although Nick planned to continue to nearby islands on March 9th, all his flight reservations were cancelled when Micronesia declared a Covid-19 travel ban on March 8th.



Nick soon realized that being marooned in Kosrae isn't such a bad thing. The island is a tropical paradise with high mountains, dense jungles, a warm ocean and healthy reefs. With his background in geology, Nick has been in demand by Kosrae's environmental management authority.



The local college offered him a furnished apartment on the beach in exchange for teaching a few classes. Thanks to the travel ban, Kosrae is one of the few places in the world that remains 100% virus-free.

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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