



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ *It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness* was the Chinese proverb quoted by today's "Greeter," **Jean Batman**.

## PRESIDER

❖ President **Carl Lippenberger** at the helm, featuring a cool Rotary Zoom background. Your editor still could not hear the opening bell!

## JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** shared a story about a horse that responded to Christian commands—"Praise the Lord" (Giddyup!) and "Amen" (Halt). Kent did not say what beliefs the rider had, but when he realized they were

## 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?

headed to the edge of a cliff, he implored his steed with abundant "Amens," stopping at the very edge, where he sighed with great relief, "Praise the Lord!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ PP **Doug Scherf** announced that he will be leading hikes on

Mount Tam. If you would like to join him, let him know which of the following dates you are available: August 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27 and 28. Doug will select the dates with the most participants and e-mail the information about when and where to meet. Some will meet at **Margareth Tanner's** house at 9:00 and others will join the hikers at the starting point on Mount Tam at 9:30—usually Bootjack, Pantoll, Rock Spring or Mountain Home.

❖ District 5150 Governor **Mary Bates** announced recently that the 2020-21 RI Nominating Committee has nominated to the RI Board of Directors **Jennifer E. Jones** of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada as the President of Rotary International for the year 2022-23. Jennifer has participated

## MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS





**Jennifer E. Jones**

in various activities with our District, including speaking at our Far West President Elects Training Seminar and at virtual club meetings. “We look forward to working with Jennifer during her term,” Mary said.

As reported in the latest issue of *Rotary in Review*, Jennifer’s selection will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization’s 115-year history. She will officially become president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge her.

Jones says she sees Rotary’s Action Plan as a catalyst for increasing Rotary’s impact. “As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have

never envisioned that *our ability to adapt* would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history,” Jones said in her vision statement. “Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today’s reality.”

As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. “I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of 40 — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership,” Jones said. “I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family.”

#### CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays:** **John Poulson** (8/4); **Bob Roberts** (8/13); and **Vince Howes** (8/19). John and his wife took their dogs out to the beach for a “wonderful day outside.” Bob is planning a trip to Carmel where he and Betty will stay in a

super “clean house.” Vince, without consulting **Ulla**, plans to “shelter-in-place.” Our best wishes to each as they celebrate.

#### GOOD TIMES



► **Past President Richard Rider and his wife Jane pose in front of the “No Group Photos” sign at Pebble Beach during a recent golf outing. Richard reports that Jane almost got a hole in one. We’re wondering if they qualify as a group. Seems likely in this age of Covid-19!**

❖ President Elect **Lisán Campbell** enjoyed a “socially distanced” social event right next-door to the Campbell’s home. The neighbors invited them over for dinner (outside) and to see their

#### AUGUST CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**Russell Burbank 8/13/12**  
**Bill Lampl 8/14/14**  
**Kimberly Jessup 8/24/04**  
**Ken Campbell 8/28/18**

#### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**John Poulson 8/4**  
**Bob Roberts 8/13**  
**E. Vincent Howes 8/19**  
**John Christman 8/23**  
**Anthony Trias 8/25**  
**Morgan Pierce 8/29**



newly decorated home. "Quite stunning," Lisán enthused.

❖ PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** celebrated his recent "graduation" from behind the Mill Valley Rotary podium with a jaunt up to the Sierra. He and **Margo** stayed at a friend's house near Alpine.

### BEST BACKGROUND?

❖ Mill Valley Rotarians by now are pretty adept at using Zoom, and the fancy backgrounds are beginning to proliferate. At Tuesday's meeting **President Carl** appeared in front of a spiffy Rotary themed panel. PP **Ed Marshall** appeared looking like he was lounging on a Sausalito hillside deck. And, PP **Kent Campbell** showed up in his usual Star Wars vehicle. Perhaps it soon will be time to create an award for the Best Zoom Background.

### PROGRAM

❖ Speaker **John Freeman** helped mark the centennial of the start of Prohibition in the U.S. with his presentation *How Dry I Ain't: Prohibition – the Ignoble Experiment that Failed*.

The Prohibition movement had its origins in the Northeast and Midwest, with very little



## THANK YOU VIDEOS FROM PERU



► Two videos from our Peruvian Greenhouse Project were broadcast during today's meeting. PP **Bob Roberts** reported that a fourth grant has been approved by Rotary and soon will be activated in the Caminaca region. The folks in the top photo, most wearing Rotary caps, are in that region and are saying, "Thanks Rotary for the support!" In the photo below, a proud Peruvian woman who participated in the previous grant, exhibits some of the produce she can now grow while saying, "Thanks to Kusimayo and Rotary's support, we have these fresh products we ourselves made. Now we can feed ourselves. Thanks..many thanks for supporting us in this work!"



enthusiasm in the West, and particularly in the San Francisco Bay Area. The 13 years of Prohibition have been sensationalized, primarily because of gang violence and dramatic law enforcement methods in big

cities and smaller communities in other regions of the nation. John focused on the less dramatic activities of citizens in our area, who found ways to circumvent the "Law of the Land." Lots of fun stories!

## NEXT MEETING: THE WHITE DEVIL'S DAUGHTERS



♦ August 25: Best-selling author and journalist Julia Flynn Siler will present *The White Devil's Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco's Chinatown*. This is also the title of her book. During the first hundred years of Chinese immigration—from 1848 to 1943—San Francisco was home to a shockingly extensive underground slave trade in Asian women, who were exploited as prostitutes and indentured servants. Julia examines this little-known chapter in our history—and gives us a vivid portrait of the safe house to which enslaved women escaped. Accompanied by historical photos from the book, she'll explore the Marin settings and people in her nonfiction book.

Q: What was the first novel written on a typewriter? Answer: Tom Sawyer.

### 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:  
\$100.00

### ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2020-2021 GOAL:  
\$11,000

TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$

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