



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Donna D** had a Thought and a Half to share today: *Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, "Wow! What a ride!"*—**Hunter S. Thompson**

PRESIDER

❖ **President Lee Kirkpatrick** at the controls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Sad news from Honorary Member **Dr. Leon (Lee) Smith**, who has informed us of the passing of his wife **Janice**, 82. Janice died November 3rd after a long illness.

Janice was born in Philadelphia. During her final year of nursing school she met



► Janice and Lee Smith.

Lee, who was completing his medical residency at the same hospital. At the time of her passing the couple had been married 62 years with two children, a daughter Anne and a son Paul, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren with one on the way.

Soon after establishing his medical practice in Mill Valley, pediatrician Lee Smith became an active member of the Rotary Club. He served as club president in 1979-80, and was made an Honorary Member at the time of his retirement.

Janice, he notes, was a strong supporter of Mill Valley Rotary,

and its George Hoyle and Paul Harris Fellowships.

A celebration of Janice's life will be held in the family home on Saturday, November 30, starting at 3 p.m. Email ascabanilla@hotmail.com for location information.

❖ Time to sign up for the **Annual Holiday Luncheon**. Details below.

❖ Community Service Director **Tom McKlveen** pointed out that the *Toys for Tots* box and the *Food Bank* barrel are standing empty in front of the buffet table. He expects it won't take long to fill both of them to the top.



**Santa Says:
"Save the Date!"**



Annual Holiday Luncheon

December 17, 2019 - 12:00 - 1:30

Piazza D'Angelo Ristorante

\$50.00 per person (includes wine)

Please mail your check to:

Roberta Keller

500 Hillside Avenue

Mill Valley, CA 94941

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Sixteen club members turned out for the second Rotary Nite Lite session last Wednesday evening, reported **President Lee** (Photo below). The one hour get-together featured pizza, refreshments and a roundtable discussion of action ideas that could be adopted by the club. Lee

noted that “Fundraising” and “Club Growth” turned out to be the top contenders. He said the meeting was very effective, with good ideas developed, but emphasized that more needs to be done.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversary:* Can anybody tell us (without looking

in the club roster!) how many years Past President **Bruce Wrisley** has been a member? He joined on 11/22/66—that’s 53 years ago! Having been active in club affairs that long, he had a lot to reminisce about, but he concentrated on the story about how he got then Treasurer **George Hoyle** to stop using his envelope as a pseudo worksheet and start budgeting so the board

CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS - NOVEMBER 19, 2019

► Clockwise from top left: President Lee leads the discussion at last Wednesday’s Rotary Nite Lite (Photo by Ken Brooks); Donna D was a two-fisted greeter today, welcoming Einar Asbo and Peter Mason; “Yea!” says Lew Katcher, “I didn’t win the raffle!”; Phil Richardson and Donna D get some spying tips from today’s speaker, Steve Almy.



CELEBRATIONS (Cont'd)

would know how much money they had in the till. Bruce was president of the club in 1983-84. Thanks, Bruce, for your many contributions to our community and the world through those many years in Rotary.

NEW MEMBER

❖ Say hello to our newest member, **John Poulson**, a consultant doing business as Poulson Strategic Consulting. John's application for membership was approved by the club board at its November 4 meeting. PP **Bob Roberts** is his sponsor. John and his wife **Joan** live in Mill Valley, where he has been active in community affairs, including service on the Mill Valley Library Foundation Board as well as serving as Chair of the city's Emergency Preparedness Commission. Welcome aboard, John!

GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Dick Spotswood** reports that Communism doesn't work in

Cuba. He and **Joanne** recently returned from a trip to the Caribbean island, where they must have had some interesting times since the experience rated a bell-ringer.

❖ **Don Herzog** hopped on his bike and pedaled down the Coast

Highway to Cambria. Don's made this trip quite a few times, but he admits the hilly stretches are getting to be more of a challenge every year.

❖ Our high flying Past President **Greg Dyer**, accompanied by wife **Karyne**, just returned from Africa

GO BEARS!



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GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

where they went of safari in Zimbabwe, Botswana and Zambia, and also visited South Africa. (We're running some pictures of their trip on page 5). It must have been very special since the end result was a double bell-ringer—one for the Service Fund and one for The Rotary Foundation. Greg estimates that the High Flying Dyers have made 31 flights this year!

RAFFLE

❖ **Lew Katcher** was smart enough to purchase the winning ticket, but not nimble enough to find the magic marble. He seemed to enjoy receiving his consolation prize, however (see page 2).

PROGRAM

❖ I don't know...today's speaker, **Steve Almy**, looked pretty tough

to us. The former CIA agent talked to us about *Spying: What It Is & What It Isn't*. Describing work done by the Directorate of Operations—the most important part of the CIA—Steve insisted that “real” spies did not make a habit of chasing and/or shooting each other as depicted by Hollywood.

“I’m telling you the truth,” the former CIA Agent said. “Never did the KGB harm a CIA officer and vice versa.”

**FILL THE
BARREL!**

HELP

**FEED THE
HUNGRY!**

Fill the Empty Plates



NO GLASS CONTAINERS, PLEASE!

MOST NEEDED FOODS

Tuna
Peanut Butter

Canned Chili
Canned Beans

Canned Fruit
Substantial Soups

Pastas
Sauces

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

For those of us who have grown up on the Hollywood version, Steve's "Inside the CIA" report was sort of a downer.

However, it is important to work with the facts, and Steve did an admirable job of setting the record straight. Another fun program!

NEXT WEEK

November 26 (12:15): Historian **Eric Torney** will tell us about *Marinship—World's Most Amazing Shipyard*. Marinship was built at the extremely urgent request of the U.S. Maritime Commission to promptly replace ships sunk by German U-Boats and Japanese submarines during the opening phase of our involvement in World War II. As many as 80 ships per month were

being sunk and U.S. shipyard capacity had been decimated by the Depression in the 1930s, so on 2 March 1941 a request was made by the U.S. Maritime Commission for six entirely new shipyards. The request was telegraphed to the W. A. Bechtel Corp. in San Francisco and they immediately responded by proposing a shipyard at Sausalito. Construction began less than four

weeks later on 28 March and the first ship was launched less than six months after starting construction on 26 September.

CLUB CALENDAR

December 3 (12:15): Author **John Geoghegan** will present *The Midget Sub Attack on Pearl Harbor*. Most people think the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor

GREG & KARYNE ON SAFARI

► PP Greg Dyer and wife Karyne have just returned from an African adventure. In the photo at left, Greg enjoys the mists churned up by Victoria Falls. At right he and Karyne get up close to one of Zimbabwe's gentle giants.



CLUB CALENDAR (Cont'd)

relied on airplanes but the Imperial Japanese Navy not only had 11 subs surrounding Oahu but



launched five mini subs to attack battleship row as well. This lavishly illustrated presentation will tell the story of the midget sub attack on Pearl Harbor from the point of view of the Japanese officers who participated.

December 10 (12:15): The Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Orchestra and Bluegrass Band will be performing a *Holiday*

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?

Serenade for us. They will be performing a selection of pieces that highlight the talent and dedication of these students, and they will have us tapping your toes. These are KIDDO! Foundation funded ensembles co-directed by Mill Valley School District music teachers **Phoebe**



Dong and Lori Adessa. We are very pleased to have them back for another performance.

December 17 (12:00 - 1:30): The **Annual Holiday Lunch** at *Piazza d'Angelo* in downtown Mill Valley. Final time to bring donations for the *Food Bank* and *Toys for Tots*.



POLIO PLUS

2019-2020 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL AS OF TODAY:

\$503.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2019-2020 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL AS OF TODAY:

\$3,145.16

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2019-2020 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL AS OF TODAY:

\$4,630.00

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