



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Ray Palmarini** welcomed members and visitors today. After leading the pledge to the flag, Ray offered two Thoughts for the Day: *You're not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it—Malcolm X;* and, *The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights cannot claim to be defenders of minorities—Ayn Rand.*

PRESIDER

❖ Purveyor of “cool, clear water,” **President Lee** once again auctioned off bottled water left over from this year’s Mt. Play booth. Prices are getting better as the weeks go by, but don’t wait too long if you are serious about getting a case—he may run out of product soon.

VISITORS

❖ *Pages from the Past:* **Donna D** brought a special guest today: former MV Rotarian **Don Nicholls** who now lives in the East Bay and has just recently recovered from a spill with his bike up on Mt. Tam.
❖ *A Look to the Future:* PP **Jane Hall** introduced our newest Rotary Exchange Student—**Juan Mendez**, who has just arrived from Santiago, Chile, and will

soon be attending school at Tam High.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ *Sick Call:* **President Lee** reported that **Bill Lambrecht** has undergone successful heart surgery and is expected home soon. Bill is facing a three month recovery period, so it is likely that we won’t see him at Rotary soon. Another missing member—PP **Bruce Wrisley**—is still on the mend from cancer surgery undergone last April. Lee had cards for us to sign and send to both of these Mill Valley Rotarians, wishing them well and hoping that we will see them at a meeting very soon.

❖ Another AWOL MV Rotarian, long-time member **Heidi Duckor**, has been busy selling her home and readying for a lengthy trip abroad, reported **Donna D’Acuti**.

❖ *Sing Sing, Swing, Swing* is the title of the upcoming Summer Chorus, Joyful Sound Concert being presented by Singers Marin at the Community Congregational Church in Tiburon on Sunday, August 25, at 4:00 p.m. **Jan Pedersen Schiff** noted that a potluck picnic will follow the performance. Tickets are General \$20, Students/Seniors \$15 and Children 10 and under \$10. You can purchase tickets at singersmarin.org or call 415.383-3712.

“Old-Timers” Day at Rotary

► Well, maybe not real “old-timers,” but pretty old old timers PP **Doug Scherf** and visitor **Don Nicholls**, a former member of MV Rotary, renew acquaintances at today’s meeting. Great to see you, Don!



CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays:* Immediate Past President **Bob Roberts** (8/13) hit his birthday right on the nose. He and **Betty** had planned an Alaskan cruise to celebrate, but a darned virus had a different idea. Bob said they'll probably postpone until next spring. Besides, what better way to celebrate your birthday than having **Steve Miller**—the self-proclaimed “worst singer in the club”—lead the singing of the Birthday Song?

GOOD TIMES

❖ Visitor **Don Nicholls:** “I’m here!” Don noted that he has a new helmet as the result of his adventure on Mt. Tam.

RAFFLE

❖ **Steve Miller** again. Right ticket, wrong marble—bottle of wine. And there was \$321 in the pot! Ticket sales should be brisk next week.

PROGRAM

❖ **Morgan Pierce** and **Osamu (Sam) Tagaya** were the headliners in today’s *Member’s Program*.

It is difficult thinking of Morgan as a new member: she has been a regular fixture at the check-in table ever since taking over from **Stephanie Ricardo** as club treasurer in September 2017. However, we did learn some new things about her—she was born in the South Bay area, but has family roots in Marin. Her mother was born in Fairfax where her grandparents owned a home. Her grandfather operated gas stations in the county. Morgan now resides in Greenbrae.

Professionally, Morgan describes herself as a project

manager for individuals, specializing in bookkeeping, estate and trust work, even working with contractors on construction projects. She can read those blueprints!

Sam Tagaya was born in Yokosuka, Japan, the port city near Tokyo. A U.S. permanent resident since 1979, he has made many major moves during his lifetime—to Canada at age 7

(where he learned to speak English); back to Japan; then to New York City where he attended and graduated from High School and attended college. He works as a financial advisor for a firm based in San Mateo and lives with his wife Edna here in Mill Valley.

Sam was a member of the Rotary Club of San Mateo before “transferring” to MV Rotary.

NEXT WEEK

August 20 (12:15): Dennis McNally, the official biographer and long time publicist of the Grateful Dead, will speak about *The Grateful Dead in Marin*. He also wrote a book about the group: *A Long Strange Trip: The Inside Story of the Grateful Dead*. A remarkable fact is that the Grateful Dead may be more popular now than in 1995, when their founding guitarist **Jerry**

Garcia died. Actually, almost everything about the Grateful Dead was remarkable. At the same time that they were psychedelic pioneers exploring the cosmic edges of sonic possibility, they were cowboys riding horses around **Mickey Hart's** ranch in Novato. They spent the bulk of their careers in Marin, and this talk will explore some of the places where they lived, worked, and played, from Stinson Beach to the San Rafael Canal District—and beyond.

CLUB CALENDAR

August 27 (12:15): Hildebrando Bustamante, Past District Governor (PDG) of Rotary District 4455 in Perú, and **Joaquin de la Piedra**, founder and president of Kusimayo, our partners in the Greenhouse Project, will be here to tell us about *Our Projects in Perú*. Immediate Past President **Bob Roberts** will be leading the discussion.

CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS - AUGUST 13, 2019



► Clockwise starting at right: today's Member's Program featured Osamu (Sam) Tagaya and Morgan Pierce; Greeter Ray Palmarini gets a kick out of the conversation between our newest Rotary Exchange student Juan Mendez and

Immediate Past President Bob Roberts—all in Spanish; the "long and short of it"—PP Jane stands on her chair to gain a height advantage over Juan, her newest Rotary Exchange student; Lew Katcher (standing) visits with members of the setup crew, Sergeants at Arms Howard Harker and Peter Straube.



CLUB CALENDAR

September 3 (12:15):

Drawdown: Marin is a bold, community-driven campaign to do our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate change impacts. The County, with the support and input from the entire community, will work to eliminate fossil fuel use and “drawdown” carbon emissions by designing and implementing solutions in six Focus Areas.

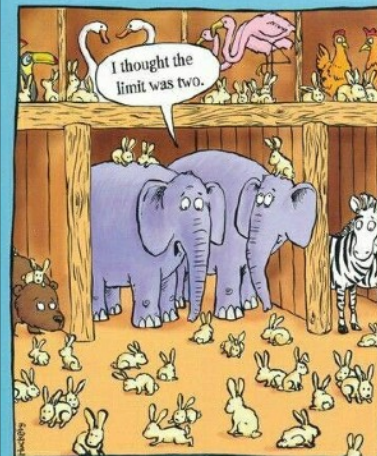
September 10 (12:15): Mayor **Jim Wickham** and City Manager **Jim McCann** will provide the annual report *Mill Valley: State of the City*. Hear the latest news and updates on City initiatives and programs, and meet Mill Valley’s new Chief of Police,

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
2. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
3. Is it the **TRUTH**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Alan Piombo. The Mayor and City Manager will cover topics of interest to you, including public safety, traffic, land use, development and infrastructure improvements. After a brief overview, they will have time for Q & A.

HOLY MOLY CARTOONS



DAY 39 ON THE ARK.

POLIO PLUS

2019/2020 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL AS OF TODAY:

\$134.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2019-2020 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL AS OF TODAY:

\$100.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2019-2020 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL AS OF TODAY:

\$100.00

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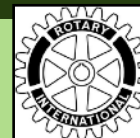
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