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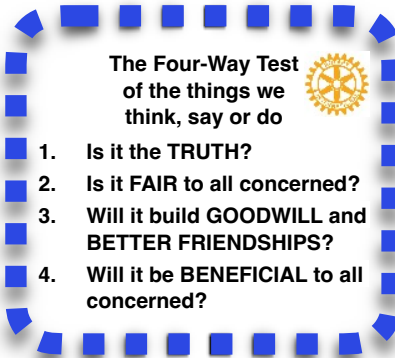


GREETER

❖ PP Carl Lippenberger started things off today by offering the following two Thoughts for the Day: (1) *If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.—Albert Einstein;* and (2) *Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.—Sir Winston Churchill.*

PRESIDER

❖ President John Christman at the helm, wishing everyone a Happy National Hot Buttered Rum Day! Also, since the focus



of today's program was on the City of Mill Valley, President John had us try to sing the world famous "Mill Valley Song."

GUESTS

❖ Quite a few today. Introduced to the crowd were former MV Rotarian Kathleen Delehanty; Linda Scherf; MV City Senior

Management Analyst Linn Walsh; City Council candidate Caroline Joachim, and Betty Roberts.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—Saluted today were Dr. Earl Burgess (1/19) and John Carmichael (1/28). Earl plans a quiet day at home while John is looking forward to "hitting the town" after being joined by a friend from Cleveland.

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—Earl also completes his first year as a MV Rotarian this month. We salute him! See page 4 for others celebrating anniversaries this month.



► **Fearsome foursomes:** At left, today's program speakers Vice Mayor Urban Carmel, left, and City Manager Todd Cusimano pose with City Senior Management Analyst Linn Walsh, and Caroline Joachim, City Council candidate. At right, four Mill Valley Rotarians smile big for our photographer—from left, PP Ken Brooks, Ray Palmarini, Phil Richardson and Earl Burgess. (Photos by PP Ed Marshall)

SPECIAL REPORT

MV ROTARIAN RITA SEDANO-GARCIA VISITS PERU GREENHOUSES

❖ Early last November Mill Valley Rotarian **Rita Sedano-Garcia** visited the greenhouses in the communities of Pichacani and Jupari in Nicasio province of Lampa, in Puno-Peru. She was accompanied on her visit to the greenhouses by our partners in the project—**Antonio** from the Rotary Club La Molina in Lima and **Joaquin de la Piedra** of Kusimayo.

“It was a unique and overwhelming experience to see first-hand the accomplishments of the Greenhouse Project and its tremendous positive effect in these communities,” Rita reports.

“The locals were so appreciative and were excited to show us their accomplishments with their greenhouses and how the project has improved their family health (nutrition) and financial options,” she noted.

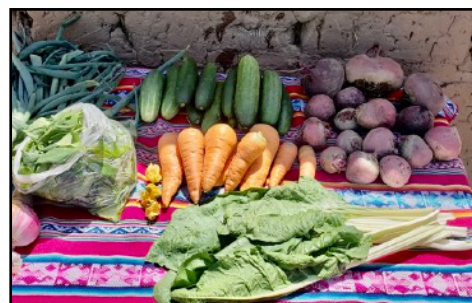
According to Rita, “The Greenhouse Project is not only a family affair, but a community affair as well. They help each other when needed. The little faces are so happy to enjoy golden berries as a snack when they are producing. Women are also learning new ways of cooking with the excess products in order to preserve them (cakes, jellies). Local farmers are used to exchange harvest. This is called “Trueque” and it has been practiced since the Inca’s time.”

While there, Rita participated in a ceremony to present certificates to the 32 families that



► Rita, accompanied by her escorts, inspects Project’s results.

just finished a new greenhouse. The ceremony included the planting of seedlings. She also participated in a welcoming celebration organized by the locals. Families from three communities got together to present a carnival welcome including dances, music and food.



WHERE THE PROJECT STANDS TODAY

❖ Where does the Peru Greenhouse Project stand today? **PP Bob Roberts** provided a progress report at today’s meeting.

He noted that the political situation in Peru is chaotic. There has been rioting throughout the Andes for the past month. “Basically, our greenhouse families that are up and functioning will be doing well,” Bob reports. “Demand for their surpluses should be strong. Those who are still in the construction mode will be challenged by road blockages, curfew and supply challenges. Our partner **Joaquin** is confident that momentum will be restored in a month or so.”

So far, Bob reported, 147 greenhouses have been built after having received five global grants from the Rotary Foundation totaling \$392,823, half of which comes from the DDF (Designated District Funds) provided by local clubs who are participating in the project. A sixth grant has been applied for and with its completion, Bob expects to be over the first goal of 200 families with greenhouses.

RAFFLE

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** had the winning ticket but could not find the white marble so had to settle for a consolation prize. The pot continues to grow!

GEORGE HOYLE FELLOW

❖ Our newest George Hoyle Fellow was honored today in a brief ceremony conducted by President **John. Linda Scherf**, wife of long-time member and Past President **Doug Scherf**, received her certificate and the accolades of the club members attending. See the photo on the next page.

GOOD TIMES

❖ **Steve Miller** and his wife **Judith** recently returned home from a “wonderful” three-week trip to India. Steve also described it as an “exciting and crazy” experience, and it turned out to be a bell-ringer.

❖ PP **Bob Canepa’s** Good Time was based on the fact that January is National Mentoring Month coupled with the attendance today of PP **Bob Roberts** who is known for his mentoring of young students through 10,000 Degrees. Bob C. met and got to know a young fellow while dining at Il Davide in San Rafael. **Alfredo**, from Mexico, was working as a busboy and attending classes at the College of Marin. Bob C. was impressed with his “can do” attitude and determination to improve his life, and contacted Bob R. to see if he would be willing to talk to him and give him information about 10,000 Degrees. We’ll let Bob C. tell the story from here:

“Bob far exceeded my wildest hopes by meeting with him

almost weekly where they got together for coffee and Alfredo had the opportunity to improve his English. Bob is also in the process of hooking Alfredo up with 10,000 Degrees.”

“Bob is one of our unsung heroes and deserves lots of kudos and praise for this commitment to help Alfredo!”

EREY CHALLENGE

❖ Club members will recall that they recently received a letter from Foundation Chair **Phil**

Richardson in which he urged that each and every one of us consider contributing to this year’s *Every Rotarian Every Year* drive.

Now, thanks to PP **Greg Dyer**, we have an extra incentive to do so. At today’s meeting, Greg announced that he would contribute an additional \$1,000 if those members who have not yet contributed would do so by the end of this Rotary year—June 30. Make your check payable to The Rotary Foundation and either give it or mail it to Phil. Let’s make the

Spring for Rotary!

A Benefit for
The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund



Fabulous Brunch
Exciting Live and Silent Auctions

Saturday, March 18, 2023

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$100 Advocate

\$250 Champion - Early Reception Entry

Marin Art and Garden Center

Livermore Pavilion

30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross, CA 94957

Register Here

<http://bit.ly/3WcyZK0>



EREY CHALLENGE (Cont'd)

Rotary Club of Mill Valley a 100% supporter of the Foundation. We believe the minimum contribution is \$25, but check with Phil if you have questions.

MEET STEVE BAJOR

❖ Our newest member, **Steven A. Bajor**, was introduced by President **John**. A native of Mill Valley and until recently the Executive Director of the annual Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival for many years,



Steve Bajor

Steve is CEO and President of Team Pro Event, Inc. based in Mill Valley. He received a Milley Award for his "contribution to the creative life of Mill Valley" As founder of Team Pro Event, he has founded and/or produced over a thousand diverse local, regional and national events.

Steve has expressed interest in getting involved with the club

in local community projects, youth programs and Service to Seniors.

Welcome aboard, Steve!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ President **John** called our attention to Saturday's Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar (PRLS). This District 5150 program offers practical training in a myriad of circumstances that can benefit you on both a personal and professional level. If you can't make this one, plan to hop

aboard the next one. Information and sign up on the District website.

❖ MLK Day 2023 Phoenix Lake Wildfire Prevention Event is schedule for this coming Saturday, January 21st.

❖ The club has scheduled a volunteer day at the SF-Marin Food Bank. The date is March 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the San Rafael facility. A signup sheet was circulated at today's meeting. Look for it.

❖ Don't forget Rotary Night Out at The Junction restaurant at Tam



► The newest George Hoyle Fellow is Linda Scherf shown here, accompanied by husband Doug, receiving her certificate from President John. (Photo by Ed Marshall)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel Hatch 1/4/11
Lisán Campbell 1/7/20
Carl Lippenberger 1/16/01
Earl Burgess 1/20/21
Leon Smith 1/30/62
Keith Papulias 1/30/01
Melvin Matsumoto 1/31/89
Emily Uhlhorn 1/31/17

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Earl Burgess 1/19
John Carmichael 1/28



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

Junction on the last Tuesday of the month. That will be January 31st, starting at 5:30.

❖ And, last but not least, PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** asked members to save very important date: the *Annual Installation Dinner* is scheduled for June 27, 2023. Location to be determined.

PROGRAM

❖ Things are looking good for Mill Valley, "our home town." That was the report today by Vice Mayor **Urban Carmel** and City Manager **Todd Cusimano** who presented the Annual State of the City Report.

The City Duo pointed out that Mill Valley, with the lowest tax rate in Marin County, faces no major problems. The East Blithedale rehabilitation project is now open to through traffic,

though still bumpy, and is estimated to wrap up in May. It will be followed by a Downtown Project that is expected to start next month. A community meeting regarding this project is

scheduled for Thursday, January 26 from 4-5 p.m. at City Hall.

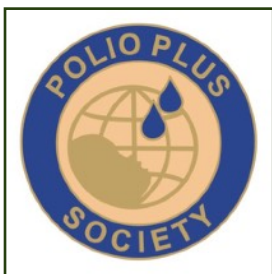
Our thanks to the Vice Mayor and the City Manager for providing this important annual and much appreciated update.

Talk About a Special Birthday!

► Think the Program Chairman was making it all up when he reported during our last meeting that "an exotic dancer" helped him celebrate his birthday during a club meeting. Well, here's the proof...an old photo Bob has been hanging on to since the event occurred in September 2004 during the reign of PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**, who arranged the special treat.



Editor's Note: This is our first foray into the world of cheesecake. Hope it isn't the last!



**2022-2023
PolioPlus Society
MV Membership Roster**

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

2022-2023 TRF HONOR ROLL

◆ Foundation Chair **Phil Richardson** salutes the following members who have donated during the 2022-2023 EREY Rotary Foundation Drive. Wouldn't you like to join them?

**BOB CANEPA
JOHN CARMICHAEL
JOHN CHRISTMAN
LARRY DAVIS
GREG DYER
JANE HALL
HOWARD HARKER
DON HERZOG
VINCE HOWES
KIM JESSUP
ROBERTA KELLER
LEE KIRKPATRICK
BILL LAMBRECHT
BILL LAMPL**

**CARL LIPPENBERGER
PETER MASON
TOM MCKLVEEN
STEVE MILLER
RAY PALMARINI
STEPHANIE RICARDO
PHIL RICHARDSON
BOB ROBERTS
DOUG SCHERF
LEE SMITH
DICK SPOTSWOOD
ELIZABETH SUZUKI
BURNETT TREGONING
ANNETTE VENABLES**



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NEXT MEETING: *Please, We Would Rather Do It Ourselves*



February 7: Felecia Gaston will present *Please, We Would Rather Do It Ourselves*. She will discuss the historical perspective of Marin City Blacks facing housing, social & income inequity, outside influences and challenges, while maintaining community resilience. Felecia is the Executive Director of Performing Stars & Founder of the Marin City Historical & Preservation Society.

★ **SAVE THE DATE: Annual Mill Valley Rotary Installation Dinner: June 27, 2023** ★

POLIO JAR

2022-2023

GOAL:

\$1,000

TOTAL

\$463.00

SERVICE FUND

(GEO. HOYLE)

2022-2023

GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL

\$2,127.50

ROTARY FOUNDATION

2022-2023

GOAL:

\$7,000

TOTAL

\$4,400.00

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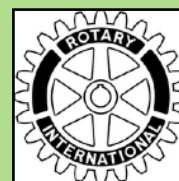
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