



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Lew Katcher** had the honor today. His Thoughts for the Day included this one by coach **Vince Lombardi**: *The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.* And, this one by an unknown author: *Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice.*

PRESIDER

❖ PP **Kim Jessup** at the helm.

VISITORS

❖ Membership Chair PP **Doug Scherf** introduced two prospects—**Erin Stewart** and **Marilyn**

The Four-Way Test

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Jackson. Keith Papulias introduced a mystery woman.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—**Phil Richardson** celebrated his birthday with his lovely wife in Carmel for three days. They dined at **Clint Eastwood's** restaurant and stayed

in **Doris Day's** Villa. A fourth bell ringer from **Phil** for our meeting. ❖ *Club Anniversaries*—As the only Rotary anniversary person in attendance, PP **Ed Marshall** celebrated his 38th glorious year in Mill Valley Rotary. Ed joined in 1985. His most memorable highlight was being asked to serve as MV Rotary President for a third time, to which PP **Doug Scherf** immediately shouted out: "Maybe you'll get it right this time?"!!!!

GOOD TIMES

❖ Three bell ringers were acknowledged by PP **Greg Dyer** for Polio Plus—**Ed Marshall**, **Annette Venables** and **Greg Dyer** himself.

❖ PP **Lisán Campbell** had a great time watching and obviously



► MV Rotarians enjoying lunch—From left, Lew Katcher, PP Richard Rider, Howard Harker, Peter Mason and Phil Richardson. (Photo by Ed Marshall)

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

enjoying Washington kicking the USC Trojans' butts.

❖ **President Kim** used the Good Time period to share the sad news that our editor's lovely Marilyn had passed away that morning.

(Editor's Note: *Many of you are aware that Marilyn has been suffering from dementia for quite some time. Last week she had to be rushed to the hospital where she stayed for six days before succumbing. The family is busy planning a memorial event for this very special woman.*

LEE SMITH PASSES Part II

❖ **Editor's Note #2:** *In the last issue we had a very brief notice of the passing of Honorary Member **Dr. Leon "Lee" Smith**. Time restraints prohibited a more thorough report. However, Lee's daughter **Anne Smith** has since provided a more thorough report that we will share with you now.*

❖ Retired Mill Valley Pediatrician **Lee Smith**, 95, recently passed away after a fall. His kind and gentle nature, and midwestern values touched all he met. He was the beloved pediatrician to three generations of Marin children.

Lee came from humble beginnings moving with his father in search of construction work in Nebraska, Texas, Oregon, and Idaho. He served in the US



► **PP Lee Kirkpatrick tries not to fall off while "Falling back" the clubhouse clock.**

Army in Korea coding and decoding secret messages. He credited the Army with building his confidence and character, enabling him to succeed in college at the University of Idaho, and medical school at UCSF. He completed his internship and chief residency at UCSF and continued his affiliation with the University as a clinical professor

and devoted alumnus throughout his entire life.

Lee was active in the community, especially the Mill Valley Rotary Club. He enjoyed wood carving and created over 100 beautiful pieces. During his later years Lee enjoyed daily walking, conversations with friends, and learning about history, science, and culture. He was fascinated by the world around him until his last days and spoke with his children daily about the new things he was learning.

The Great Depression left an indelible impression on Lee. He was an only child and separated from his mother at age 4. He carried the burden of feeling abandoned for much of his life only to learn in his 60s that his mother, Jessie, in fact loved him very much although she passed away before they could be reunited. He was delighted to discover that he also had a sister.

Lee was especially devoted to his wife, **Janice**, with whom he traveled the world. He was the father of **Anne** and **Paul**, grandfather of **Cary**, **Chris**, **Sarah**, and **Alex**, and great grandfather of **Ava**, **Alaina**, **Corey**, **Mia**, and **Kaylee**, and his sister **Sheryl**. His parents, **Leon Smith, Sr.**, **Adelina Smith**, and **Jessie Knight** predeceased him.

We'll be having a small Celebration of Life at his home at 3pm on Wednesday, November

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LEE SMITH PASSES (Cont'd)

15. All are welcome. The address is 1 Corte del Coronado in Larkspur.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Two important service projects are on tap this coming weekend:
❖ The Senior Prom at the Redwoods Retirement Center on Friday from 7-9. Community Service Director **Jane Hall** still has openings for schmoozers and dancers. Give her a call if you can help out.

❖ Also on the Mill Valley Rotary radar this weekend is box building at the Marin Food Bank. This volunteer work session takes place Saturday from 8:45-10:45 at the Food Bank facility located at 2550 Kerner Blvd. in San Rafael. Call Jane if you can help.

PROGRAM

❖ A heartfelt thanks to speaker **Francine Falk-Allen** who shared stories of her experiences of life after contracting polio.



► Left: The late Dr. Lee Smith poses with his wife Janice. Right: One of the over 100 whimsical carvings created by Dr. Smith during his retirement years.



► Program Chairman Bob Canepa and President Kim Jessup flank today's speaker, Francine Falk-Allen, who detailed her life experiences while living with the after effects of a bout with polio. (Photo by Ed Marshall)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John Poulson 11/4/19

Bob Roberts 11/6/12

Kenneth Brooks 11/15/11

Ed Marshall 11/19/85

Bruce Wrisley 11/22/66



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Suzuki 11/3

Phil Richardson 11/3

Robin Keller 11/8

Don Bowden 11/15



NEXT MEETING: Meet Your District Governor Laine Hendricks

November 21: District Governor **Laine Hendricks** will visit and be our featured speaker. Laine, a member of the Rotary Club of San Francisco, is Director of Communications for the County of Marin. She is responsible for leading and strengthening internal and external countywide



communications and enhancing public outreach. Her specialty focus is in outreach strategy, crisis communications and digital media.

Laine studied Mass Communication and Journalism at California State University, Fresno. She has more than a decade of experience in public relations, supporting nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations focused on social service, health care, and environmental causes. Most recently, she served for seven years as



Public Relations Director for The Salvation Army, Golden State Division. Laine has lived in the Bay Area since 2009 and is an active member of Rotary International. What spare moments are not devoted to volunteering with Rotary are spent snowboarding, skiing, and sampling the cuisine of the North Bay. In a past life, Laine was a nationally ranked equestrian athlete for Fresno State, earning top-five finishes at both the NCAA and Intercollegiate Horse Show Association championships. This is your chance to meet a special Rotarian. *Bring a friend.*

POLIO JAR 2023-2024

GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
\$177.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2023-2024

GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
\$550.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2023-2024

GOAL:
\$7,000

TOTAL
\$2,730.00

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