



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## A TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ Today's *Timely Thought* was presented by **Larry Davis**: *Only in the darkness can you see the stars*—**Martin Luther King**.

## PRESIDER

❖ President **Lee Kirkpatrick** at the helm, PowerPoint at the ready.

## JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** at his best:  
A preacher just finished his sermon for the day and proceeded toward the back of the church for his usual greetings and handshaking as the congregation left the church.

After shaking a few adults' hands he came upon the eleven-year-old son of one of the Deacons of the church.

"Good morning, Jonathan," the preacher said as he reached out to shake Jonathan's hand. As he was doing so he felt something in the palm of Jonathan's hand.

"What's this?" the preacher asked.

"Money," said Jonathan with a big smile on his face. "It's for you."

"I don't want to take your money, Jonathan," the preacher answered.

"I want you to have it," said Jonathan. After a short pause, Jonathan continued, "My daddy says you're the poorest preacher we have ever had and I want to help you."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ President **Lee** reminded the club that starting times change effective with the first meeting in July (the 14th). Zoom opens at 12 noon; meeting starts at 12:30.

❖ The president suggested that now is the time to pass along some of the savings members have garnered the past few months by having their lunches at home. How about donating some of that lunch money (\$10 or more) to help Rotary put the kibosh on polio for good? Money donated up to June 30 will be matched by the Gates Foundation. Go to [endpolio.org/donate](http://endpolio.org/donate).



## MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS



**REMEMBERING GEORGE**

❖ President **Lee** took a few moments to remember “the best giver of all,” the late **George Hoyle** (1910-2004) whose legacy to the club established the Service Fund as we know it today. Local



pharmacist George Hoyle was a beloved fixture at the Rotary Club of Mill Valley from the day he joined in 1958 until his death at the age of 93 in 2004. PP **Ed Marshall** talked about George and his impact on the club. Any time is a good time to become a George Hoyle Fellow. Donate to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund today!

**“HELP NOW” UPDATE**

❖ Speaking of the Service Fund, President **Lee** provided an update of ‘Help Now’ matching contributions. As noted in earlier editions, \$23,000 has been donated to local organizations in need as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. To stimulate increased giving, the Service Fund board agreed to match any additional contributions to the fund by members. We are now up to \$4,200, and with the Fund’s match we’ll have \$8,400 more to help organizations in need. Lee reminded members that there is

still time to donate. You can mail your check to Box 506, Mill Valley 94942 or click on “More Ways to Donate” at [millvalleyrotary.org](http://millvalleyrotary.org).

**CELEBRATIONS**

❖ *Club Anniversaries:* **Bill Lambrecht** (6/20/08) and **Lisán Campbell** (6/30/17) were honored for their service to the club. Bill has served as International Director for many years, while Lisán was recently elect President Elect and will serve as the club’s leader in 2021-22.

❖ *Birthdays:* Celebrating birthdays this month are (or were) **Peter Straube** (6/3); **Peter Mason** (6/7); **Sam Tagaya** (6/13) and **Stephanie Ricardo** (6/25). Stephanie was the only one present today, and apparently it was a little too early to try to sing the MV Rotary version of the Birthday Song via Zoom in her honor. Happy Birthday everybody, belated and otherwise!

**GOOD TIMES**

❖ **President Lee** “kicked off” Good Times by reminiscing about a Good Time that got away—the Mountain Play booth, which is a

**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?**

victim of the times. Here’s hoping we will be able to get back to normal soon, and that the booth will again be one of our favorites next year!

❖ **Jean Batman**’s daughter, **Lauren**, has been admitted into UCLA. Congratulations!

❖ What are Mill Valley Rotarians doing with their extra time? Today we found out that PP **Bob Canepa** recently spent the better part of a week reading (and enjoying!) old letters and cards from his wife-to-be Reggie that he found in a closet stuffed into two Marine Corps fuse canisters. Once a Marine always a Marine!

❖ New member **John Poulson** and his wife marked their 19th wedding anniversary recently by “celebrating together, just the two of us—a really nice day!”

**PROGRAM**

❖ **Bugra Bakan**, a local professional and member of the Turkish American Gezi Platform, did an admirable job filling us in on “Turkey-US Relations in a New Middle East” in the 30 minute time-frame allotted to him. Turkey, a NATO



member and historically a strong Western ally, has recently purchased the Russian missile defense system S-400. This decision and other recent developments have caused many to question the validity and sustainability of this relationship. Bugra detailed the historical background of Turkey’s alliance with the West, its current status and what it portends for US-Turkey relations.

MEET THE SCHOLARS



❖ Meet two of the four young ladies from Marin County who will be receiving scholarships this fall through 10,000 Degrees thanks to you and your donations to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund.

Shown above is **Leilani Harris**, a returning applicant who

is attending the University of Nevada, Reno.

At right is **Ayannah Green**, who has just completed her sophomore year at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Leilani also just completed her sophomore year, majoring in Criminal Justice. She wants to be a lawyer.

She thanked the Rotary Club of Mill Valley: "Thank you for all that you've done to support me... This scholarship means a lot to me because it helps me get through college more comfortably. Thank you again."

Ayannah is majoring in Audio Production and aspires to be a music producer one day. In a "thank you" to MV Rotary, she says: "I cannot thank you enough for supporting me in my journey. I am forever grateful for your generosity and that you believe in me and my dreams."



In our next full edition we hope to bring you photos and brief biographies of the two newest scholarship recipients—**Dayannah Salas** and **Annie Ye**, both of whom are 2020 graduates of Tam High.

This is one of the neat things your Service Fund donations do!

## MILL VALLEY VILLAGE SAYS, "THANK YOU!"

◆ What a wonderful surprise it is to get news of your \$2,000 donation to offset membership dues for Mill Valley Village members in need. Your timing is terrific. The balance from the previous Rotary grant is just enough to cover one more member. With resources strained by everything going on now, there is an uptick in need. This donation will make a difference to many seniors in Mill Valley who will benefit from Village memberships because of Mill Valley Rotary's generosity.

The Mill Valley Village Steering Team is working hard during pandemic "physical distancing" to adapt services, expand personalized attention through calls, cards, critical medical rides, grocery and pharmacy pick-ups and front step drop-offs, deliver programs virtually, and for example try new things like a collaboration with Girl Scouts who wrote and illustrated postcards for all our Village Members. Many Members are spontaneously replying, like voluntary intergenerational pen pals. The Villages are phasing back broader Village services as is prudent and safe for all.

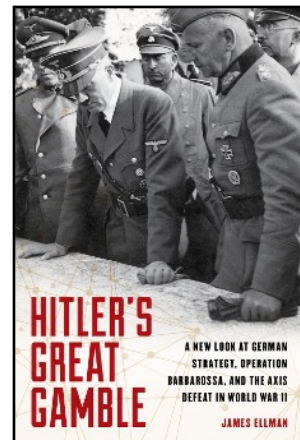
You gave us an added bonus that I want to mention. Having written hundreds of grant proposals and shepherded them through necessary processes during my career, I am keenly aware of the gift of time you gave us by making your grant without the application process, meaning our time could focus on direct benefits to our members, programs, collaborations, communications, etc. You and your fellow Mill Valley Rotary members understand service so deeply, are attuned to the challenges of the present, and we cannot be more appreciative of this grant and how you went about making it.

With our deep appreciation,  
Connie Dubin  
Chair, Mill Valley Village

## JUNE 30: HITLER'S GREAT GAMBLE



◆ James Ellman, author of *Hitler's Great Gamble*, will be our speaker. He is expected to present a surprising explanation for how and why Hitler lost World War II. On June 22, 1941, Hitler invaded the Soviet Union in Operation Barbarossa, one of the turning points of World War II. Within six months, the invasion bogged down on the outskirts of Moscow, and the Eastern Front proved to be the decisive theater in the defeat of the Third Reich. Ever since, most historians have agreed that this was Hitler's gravest mistake. Ellman argues that while Barbarossa was a gamble it was not doomed from the start. History buffs will love this one!



Q: What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common? Answer: All were invented by women. .

### POLIO PLUS

2019-2020 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:

**\$789.05**

### SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2019-2020 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:

★ **\$11,355.00** ★

### ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2019-2020 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:

★ **\$12,780.00** ★

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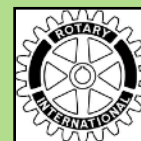
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