



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ No wonder Past President **Jane Hall** was hesitant to credit the source of her “Thought for the Day”: *Flies spread disease, so please keep yours closed!*

PRESIDER

■ **J. R.**, back from his annual Parisian Holiday, reminded us that some stories are worth the telling, others aren't.

VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* Four young ladies from the newly formed Mill Valley Middle School Interact Club attend this evening's session to tell us what they have planned for upcoming months—**Sophia Harkens**; **Maddie O'Keefe**; and **Isabella and Madeleine Uhlhorn-Thornton**. Also joining us today were **Dr. Jane Hightower (Richard Rider)**; **Dan Murray**; **Howard**

Harker's daughter **Michelle Martinko** from Sterling Heights, MI, about 25 miles North of Detroit, and **Marilyn Tregoning** from Homestead Valley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ The young ladies from the Middle School have big plans for the next few months. See their report under *Interact*.

■ **Donna D** thanked the members who turned out for the first annual holiday serenade on December 20.

MORE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON PICTURES



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Is there a train ride in your future? According to President Elect **Bob Roberts** plans are in the offing to take a trip to the Southland in Past President **Dick Spotswood**'s historical railroad car. Details to come.
- President **J. R.** recognized **Phil Richardson** who has become a member of the Mill Valley Rotary Society by contributing \$500 each to the Rotary Foundation and the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund. Way to go, Phil!

INTERACT

- Interact Clubs at Mill Valley Middle School and Tam High are up and running, reports advisor **Emily Uhlhorn**. The students are engaged and enthusiastic and have already participated in a number of community service endeavors, including a toy drive, a bake sale, and a craft night at Bahia Vista Grade School in San Rafael. The students have a number of other service opportunities coming up, including making valentines for

NO MORE POLIO?

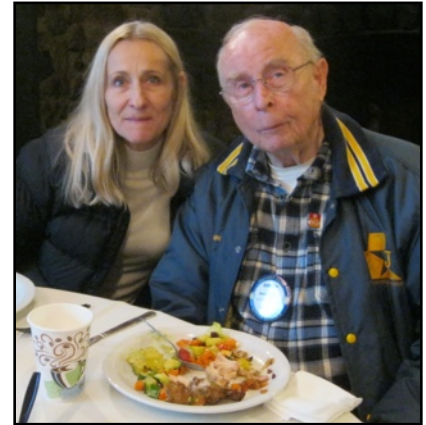
- Could this be the year that Rotary and its partners finally get rid of polio? We all know we're getting close, but some think we are even doing better than that. **Don Herzog** and **Greg Dyer** have been keeping us up to date on the latest news. The link below was sent to us by Don who suggests you click on it to read an article that appeared in a recent edition of Time magazine.

<http://time.com/5068516/is-2018-the-year-for-polios-extinction/>

Seniors through Mill Valley Village, organizing a Clean Up of MVMS and the Marsh on March 3rd, and helping MVMS teachers clean and organize their rooms. Please join the Interact Clubs at the Clean Up on March 3rd—stay tuned for details!

GOOD TIMES

- Still in a holiday mood, President **J. R.** suggested a contest for today's Good Times.
- Past President **Elizabeth Suzuki** kicked off the competition by admitting that she and hubby **Steve** celebrated the entire month of December as a result of Steve's impending retirement on January 1st.
- Past President **Doug Scherf** announced that he has been retired now for 20 years, and he's been celebrating the entire time!
- Immediate Past President **Kent Campbell** thought he had a sure winner—"my mother-in-law went home"—until **J. R.** himself entered the fray with a blow by

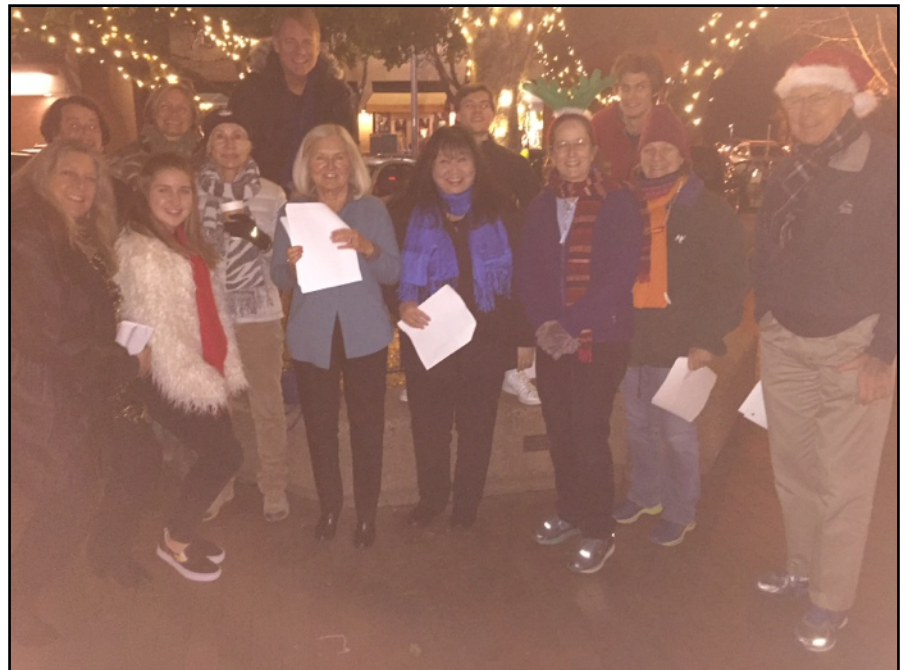


► **Howard's daughter Michelle** came all the way to Mill Valley from Michigan just to have a delicious Rotary dinner with dad.

blow description of his holiday trip to Paris (not Texas!). J. R. wins hands down!

RAFFLE

- **Lisán Campbell** gave it the good old college try, but ended up with a Rotary 4-Way Test coin for her effort.



► **Mill Valley Rotarians**, under the direction of **Donna D**, provided special musical cheer downtown during the holidays. Donna thinks we should make this an annual event.

PROGRAM

Our speaker, **Vicki Trapalis**, an attorney who lives in Mill Valley, has dual American-Greek citizenship and she often returns to Greece to visit relatives. During her most recent journey she decided to check out one of the many refugee camps resulting from all of the turmoil in the Middle East. That experience was the subject of her talk today.

Vicki spent almost a year in Greece helping refugee children, mostly Syrians, on her own dime. She noted that there are 62,000 refugees in Greece. They are living in tents in one of the poorest countries in Europe—"not the best place to be stuck in."

She worked as a teacher of English in a camp run by the military outside Athens, a camp of 3,000 people with only 8 toilets.

She thought that when she returned to the U.S. she would see the despair in the camps reported on TV. When she did not it was shocking to her.

"We are losing a generation of young people," she said.

Vicki has promised to send a list of organizations she feels can help alleviate the situation. She leaves for Greece again for three weeks next Monday. We will pass along any information she sends.

NEXT WEEK

January 16 (12:15): Our speaker will be **Betsy Koefoed**. Her presentation is entitled "*PRLS & More.*" Wow, there are a lot of acronyms in Rotary. Many of us may have heard about PRLS, yet another Rotary acronym. But what does it mean? Okay, even coming to know that it means Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar one might still wonder what that is all about. We will find that out plus some additional communication

► **Small world—speaker Vicki Trapalis attended classes at the university in Greece where Don Bowden once taught.**



and public speaking tips. Betsy will teach us that "It's not what you know that counts – it's what you do with what you know."

CLUB CALENDAR

January 23 (12:15): Bob David will present *Golden Gate Bridge: An Inside View—Art, Architecture & Photography*. Few people have come to know the Golden Gate Bridge, inside and out, as extensively as Bob David. An architect and photographer, he

began his career at the Bridge in 1973. For his first 30 years at the Bridge, he served as Design Director for the agency, which includes the operation of the Bridge itself plus the Golden Gate Transit Bus and Ferry system. He and his design team produced all the public information graphics and display hardware for the transit system and the bridge. continues working in a semi-retired status, focusing on documentary photography of Bridge projects, such as the still ongoing Seismic Retrofit

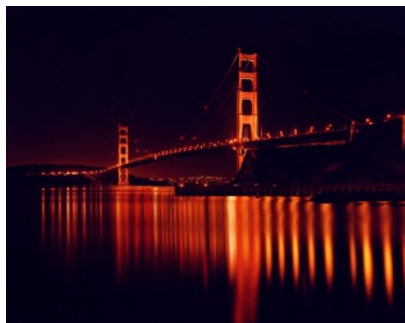
MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERACTERS COME TO DINNER

► **Four energetic young ladies from the Mill Valley Middle School Interact Club attended today's meeting to tell us their plans. Standing from left to right: Sophia Harkins and Madeleine Uhlhorn-Thornton. Sitting from left to right: Maddie O'Keefe and Isabella Uhlhorn-Thornton. See their report on page 2.**



CLUB CALENDAR

Project. A student of history, Bob became a Bridge historian and archivist. He will recount his personal journey uncovering various historical, artistic and architectural anecdotes, some gathered first-hand from its creators.



January 27: Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar (PRLS) at the Bay Model, 2100 Bridgeway,

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?

Sausalito. For details and to register email **Michael Ford**, PRLS Director, michael@tfos.net.

January 30 (12:15): Philip Helmich and Emily Hine, associated with the Shift Network and speakers at the Rotary District 5220 Conference last April, will present *Rotary International: Making Peace a Priority after Polio—Making Communities Safer and More Prosperous*. In

the past several decades, the fields of peace and compassion have grown into sophisticated and practical sciences and arts. In this presentation they will discuss the growing trends of peace and compassion from "inner to international" levels. We will learn about the economic impact of lack of peace and the cost-effectiveness of peace building technologies. We will learn how Rotary International is uniquely positioned to help make global advances in peace and compassion while making communities safer and more prosperous.

HOSPITAL BLOOPERS
Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities

**2017-2018
POLIO PLUS**

**CLUB GOAL
TBA**

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,520.53**

**2017-2018
SERVICE FUND
(GEORGE HOYLE)**

**GOAL
\$10,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$2,894.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

**2017-2018 GOAL:
TBA**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$4,865.00**

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