



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## A TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ Thanks to the miracle of the Internet and Zoom, virtual club meeting Number Four featured a *Timely Thought* from **Margareth Tanner** who was nowhere to be seen during its presentation. According to **President Lee**, Margareth was undergoing a root canal at the time her message, written in German, was presented to us by PowerPoint:

Koennen wir 2020 abstellen und wieder neu anstellen? Diese Version hat einen Virus!  
Translated: *Can we uninstall 2020 and install it again? This version has a virus!*

## VISITORS

❖ None today.

## PRESIDER

❖ President **Lee Kirkpatrick**, after changing his shirt, grabbed his PowerPoint gavel, struck his PP bell, and called the meeting calling the meeting to order at close to 1 p.m.

## JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Thanks to Past President **Kent Campbell**, the club's joker in residence, the following story captivated the Zoom audience:  
*A private school was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the*

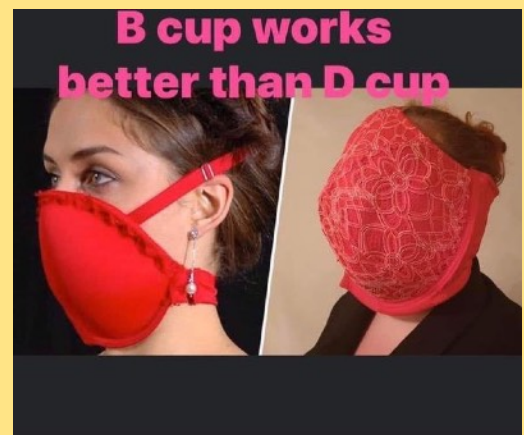
*mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them, and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done.*

*She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.*

*He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.*

## SOME COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

**Raise your hand if you've been drunk the entire month of April.** 🙋 🙋 @RyanRuebl



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Give Past President **Dick Spotswood** or President **Lee** a call if you'd like to join them in picking up litter at a location near the high school. Here's your chance to get outside and do some physical work on behalf of our neighbors.
- ❖ Speaking of the outdoors, we have been contacted by **Jill Young**, the Major Domo who supervises work at Terwilliger Marsh. *Rotary Corner* is open for business starting this week. Call **Burnett** if you'd like to spend a couple hours on your knees in the dirt. We'll be social distancing.
- ❖ **President Lee** reminded Mill Valley Rotarians that, starting in July, our Zoom sessions will begin at 12:00 noon with the speaker scheduled to start at 12:30.
- ❖ **President Lee** also passed along a warning picked up from social media: If you can, it may be best to stay off of Highway 101 this afternoon and evening in the area south of Tiburon/Blithedale over crossing due to an expected blocking of the road by protesters.

### BOARD MEETING UPDATE

- ❖ The Board of Directors, at its most recent meeting, worked on the budget for the upcoming 20-21 Rotary year. **President Lee** noted that the projected loss for this fiscal year is about \$3,000 or less. Next year the plan is to break even, even with a cloudy crystal ball making it difficult to foresee a Mountain Play and the resumption of regular luncheon meetings. Lee asked for any "safe in-person" ideas.

The board also made two regular grants: \$2,000 to Marin Villages and \$10,000 to 10,000

Degrees. The latter grant will provide scholarships to four students. President Lee noted that these grants are possible because of your giving to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund (George Hoyle) over the years.

- ❖ **President Lee** reported that the District Awards Regatta (District Governor **Sue Rokaw** is an avid sailor) is scheduled for Saturday, June 13. This will be an on-line event and you must register to attend. Use the link below.

### GOOD TIMES

- ❖ Birthdays were in the spotlight. Only one was celebrated by a Rotarian—PP **Greg Dyer** who spent over an hour in conversation with each of his two grown children on his birthday, May 29. **Lisán Campbell** reported celebrating her 22 year old son **Liam**'s birthday by welcoming him to his special day with a cake when he awakened in the morning. PP **Doug Scherf**

Rotary District 5150

# AWARDS Regatta

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ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

An Online Event / June 13, 2020 / 10am-11:30am

► Go to the District website ([www.rotary5150.org](http://www.rotary5150.org)) to register your attendance at this special event.

helped a 55 year old son, who is a “connoisseur of fine liquors,” celebrate his birthday. Got the impression that 18 year-old Scotch Whiskey played a key role in the celebration!

### SERVICE FUND SUPPORT

❖ The big news at today’s meeting was **President Lee’s** report of the response to his recent challenge to match funds provided by the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund to support

giving to needy organizations during the Covid-19 pandemic. The challenge was for members to come up with more than \$2,400 to be matched by the Service Fund. Lee reported that the club members responded with donations totaling \$3,850! That means that \$7,700 is available for grants in addition to the total of \$20,600 made in May.

❖ Lee thanked the club for its generous response while noting that contributions are still welcome.

### 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?

## PROGRAM: THE APOLLO CHRONICLES

◆ *University of San Francisco Physics and Astronomy Professor Brandon Brown gave us a “behind the scenes” look at the engineering marvels behind space travel in his presentation, **The Apollo Chronicles**. Brandon crawled into “Apollo’s chariot,” revisiting some fascinating and lesser known engineering stories, informed by interviews with the Apollo-era engineers. Our thanks to him for a fascinating look at Apollo.*

◆ Responding to a thank you note from Program Chair Bob Canepa, Brandon had a thank you of his own: *“Thanks to the whole MV Rotary Club for all your efforts and for staying involved in your community. As I have learned more about Rotary organizations, I have been very honestly inspired.”*

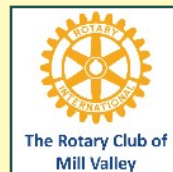
◆ Looking for a copy of his book? Try the *Book Passage*.



## JUNE CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



Bill Lambrecht 6/20/08  
Lisán Campbell 6/30/17



**Congratulations, MV Rotarians!**

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Peter Straube 6/3  
Peter Mason 6/7  
Sam Tagaya 6/13  
Stephanie Ricardo 6/25

**JUNE 16: TURKEY-U.S. RELATIONS IN A NEW MIDDLE EAST**



◆ Bugra Bakan will discuss "Turkey-US Relations in a New Middle East." 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 caused many people to question the validity and sustainability of this relationship. Bugra will discuss the historical background of Turkey's alliance with the West, its current status and what it means for US-Turkey relations.



Q: What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common? Answer in two weeks.

**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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