



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Roberta Keller** greeted Mill Valley Rotarians today, quoting **Eleanor Roosevelt** for her Thoughts for the Day: *Tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift. That is why it is called the present, and A woman is like a tea bag—you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.*

PRESIDER

❖ A sling-free President **Kim Jessup** shows that she is a fast healer!

VISITORS

❖ None today.

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?



CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—PP **Lisán Campbell** celebrated her birthday today by providing the delicious cakes we devoured at lunch. **Annette Venables** is looking

forward to a massage in a few days when she celebrates hers. PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** lead the singing salute to our birthday girls.

❖ *Club Anniversary*—PP **Jane Hall** was saluted for her 15 years of service through MV Rotary. Jane was president of the club in 2014-15 and currently serves as our Community Service director. She joined on October 7, 2008.

GOOD TIMES

❖ **Annette Venables** popped with a bell-ringer as a result the marriage of her eldest daughter.

❖ **Phil and Barbara Richardson** recently returned home from an extensive trip to Spain and Italy. They had a great time even though they ran into huge crowds



► Left: Greeter Roberta Keller welcomes today's speaker, Sugarloaf Ridge State Park Manager John Roney. Center: Bruce Wisley, Bernard Link and Dennis Klein contribute to the passing hat. Right: PP Jane Hall celebrates 15 years as a member of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley (Photos by Tom McKlveen)



GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

almost everywhere they went. “Like Disneyland,” Phil noted.

❖ PP **Dick Spotswood** found a way to avoid the crowds—he visited downtown San Francisco!

❖ **Jim Iavarone** celebrated his mother’s 95th birthday with a bell-ringer.

WELCOME BACK, JOHN!

❖ It was a special “Good Time” to have **John Carmichael** at the Treasurer’s Table once again. John has bounced back nicely from major surgery to correct a hand tremor. Great to have you back, John.

LEE SMITH PASSES

❖ At the same time, we are saddened to report the passing of Honorary Member **Dr. Leon**

“Lee” Smith at the age of 95. Lee joined Mill Valley Rotary in 1962 when working as a pediatrician in Mill Valley and was the club’s



president in 1979-80. A resident of Larkspur, he has been attending at least one club meeting each year—the one



► Program Chair PP Elizabeth Suzuki poses with speaker John Roney and President Kim. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)



► Back behind the cash box, Club Treasurer John Carmichael gets his picture snapped with PP Kent Campbell. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

closest to his birthday—when he could present a bell-ringer to the club. Lee was a George Hoyle and Paul Harris Fellow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ The latest EREY (Every Rotarian Every Month) report from Foundation Co-Chair PP **Greg Dyer**: The drawing for 17 Visa gift card prizes will be held on November 18 at the “Yippee Kai Yay,” a District 5150 event to be held in Half Moon Bay. Details on the District website.

Now’s the time to get your check, payable to The Rotary Foundation, to Greg so he can set aside raffle tickets for you.

If you’d rather make your contribution online, go to rotary.org and click on the Donate button, making a donation of at least \$25 to The Rotary Foundation by clicking the Annual Fund.

Remember, after three years almost one-half of our total donations will be returned to our club through District Designated Funds (DDF) to use for club projects locally and globally.

❖ Sign up sheets were circulated for two upcoming events—The Senior Prom at The Redwoods Senior Center scheduled for Friday, Nov. 10, and the club’s visit to the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank in San Rafael the next morning. Want details? Check with PP **Bob Canepa** re the Prom

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

and with PP **Jane Hall** re the Food Bank.

❖ Another November event that MV Rotarians might like to attend is the Tribe Rising India 2023 Annual Gala to be held Saturday, November 4, starting at 5:30, at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon. The dinner-dance will be celebrating the establishment of Gurap's first high school class, reported Mill Valley Rotarian **Annette Venables**, Founder/President of India Tribe Rising. Contact Annette for tickets.

PROGRAM

❖ We see many reports of wild animals being spotted in Mill Valley backyards, but as of yet haven't noticed one describing the visit of a black bear.

According to today's speaker, **John Roney**, Park Manager at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park up in Sonoma County, don't be surprised if one visits you or a neighbor someday soon.

A founding member of the North Bay Bear Collaborative, a



► Left: Lisán seems a little mystified as to where the years went as she celebrates her birthday today. Right: The cakes she brought and we enjoyed during the celebration. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)



multi-stakeholder working group that focuses on managing the growing black bear population in California's North Bay Area, including Sonoma, Napa and Marin counties, John's presentation focused on *Bears in Your Backyard?*

Comprised of public agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, landowners and individuals, the NBBC aims to address challenges associated

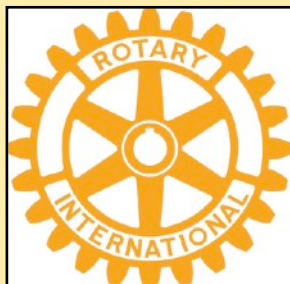
with human-bear interactions proactively.



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jane Hall 10/7/08

Kent Campbell 10/9/12



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Rider 10/1



Kim Jessup 10/10



Bruce Wrisley 10/12

Dan Hatch 10/15

Lisán Campbell 10/17

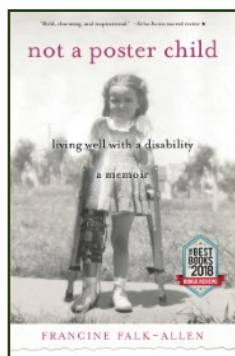
Annette Venables 10/22

Rita Sedano-Garcia 10/30

NEXT MEETING: *We're Still Here: Living Well with Polio*

November 7: Francine Falk-Allen will present *We're Still Here: Living Well with Polio*.

Francine Falk-Allen enjoys presenting to Rotary groups, thankful for Rotary's shared



commitment to ending polio and vaccinating for other preventable diseases. She concentrates primarily on how polio affected her, both as a child and on through adulthood. She likes to start with a little humor, since many people are uncomfortable with the topic of disability. She will read a few passages from her memoir on living with polio, and then from her book on travel and self-care for aging or disabled people. There is humor in these passages, but the reality of disability permeates her writing in both books. Between readings



she shares more of her life experience related to having a lifelong disability. She ties in Rotary's work with how some of the challenges she faced can be avoided or eradicated with vaccination. She then takes questions, even personal ones, which usually comprises a lively portion of the presentation.

POLIO JAR 2023-2024

GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
\$157.00

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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