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GOING "VIRTUAL" AGAIN



◆ Next Tuesday, January 19th, members of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley will meet once again via Zoom. Instructions will come from President Carl Lippenberger regarding how to log on to Zoom and participate in the "virtual" session. Carl plans to open things up at 11:30 with the meeting starting at 12:00.

NEXT MEETING:

"ANGEL ISLAND, GUARDIAN OF THE WESTERN GATE"



◆ January 19: State Park Interpreter John Claggett will present *Angel Island, Guardian of the Western Gate*. John will provide a live program from the US Immigration Station, Angel Island. The walls of the historic detention barracks are filled with poetry, written and carved by immigrants expressing their feelings of frustration, anger, and hope. Historically called the "Guardian of the Western Gate" by immigration staff, the station is second in size only to Ellis Island in New York. The



detention facility was built to enforce immigration laws of the era including the Chinese Exclusion Act. People from over 80 countries, were detained on Angel Island between 1910-1940, the largest groups were immigrants from China, Japan, Russia, and India. Poem written by a Chinese immigrant appearing on the East Wall of Room 105:

*It's been a long time since I left my home village;
Who could know I'd end up imprisoned in a wooden building?
I'm heartsick when I see my reflection, my handkerchief is soaked in tears;
I ask you, what crime did I commit to deserve this?*