



# THE MILL WHEEL



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District Website: [www.rotary5150.org](http://www.rotary5150.org)



## GREETER

❖ The second-ever *virtual* club meeting held via Zoom opened for visiting at 12:30 p.m. Over 30 members and two guests had joined the “meeting” by the official start time of 1:00 p.m. In a nod to Cinco de Mayo and the *Three Amigos* movie, Past President **Bob Roberts** offered a Thought for the Day in Spanish. Roughly translated to English: *We should all hang together or surely we will all hang separately!*”

## PRESIDER

❖ President **Lee Kirkpatrick** — decked out in a space-eating sombrero and sipping a Corona Xtra in honor of Cinco de Mayo —called the meeting to order.

## VISITORS

❖ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Robin Fisher** and her brother **Scott Rainey**, a Rotarian in Houston, TX; were welcomed to the Zoom session by **President Lee**.

## JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Getting the impression that Past President **Kent Campbell** is the Club Joker? Kent was called on again today to cheer us up. The following is a very short version of his Joke of the Day:

❖ It was the teacher’s birthday and the kids brought nicely wrapped presents. The teacher guessed No. 1 was flowers..”yes”; No. 2 was candy...”yes”; No. 3, after shaking and tasting a small drip was wine...NO; Tasting

another drip: champagne? “NO...a puppy!!!”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Past President **Dick Spotswood** has contacted **Joan Murray** of *Clean Mill Valley* regarding possible outdoor projects the club could now participate in. Dick reported that we can join their “Adopt A Spot” program, picking up litter at a location near the high school. Give Dick or **President Lee** a call if you are interested.

## GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Greg Dyer** played the MV golf course yesterday.  
❖ PP **Burnett Tregoning** reports a banner year ahead for berries.

## SOME COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

After 2 weeks of quarantine with her husband, Gertrude decided to knit him a scarf..



### NEW FROM IKEA



### SOCIAL DISTANCE BENCH



15 days containment I'M FINE  
THANK YOU

13:20

## PROGRAM: THE CORONAVIRUS AND THE U. S. ECONOMY

◆ Dr. Jon Haveman's presentation, admittedly "like throwing darts in the dark," was sobering and fascinating all at the same time. Taking the easy way out, the editor of *The Mill Wheel* has decided to share a series of links provided by our speaker following the meeting. Check these out and you will easily determine that his presentation was timely and important. You'll also learn about his organization, the National Economic Education Delegation (NEED) and have the opportunity to sign on for future webinars.

★ Slides from the webinar are available here: [https://needelegation.org/delivered\\_presentations.php](https://needelegation.org/delivered_presentations.php)

★ If you would like to offer feedback directly to Jon at NEED: <https://needelegation.org/feedback.php>

★ Sign on to NEED's mailing list here: <https://needelegation.org/friend.php>

Dr. Haveman explains that signing up for the mail list means that you'll receive a weekly email detailing the times and subjects of coming webinars and a monthly newsletter. You might well receive one or two additional emails. He promises that NEED won't share your email address with any organization or use it for any other purpose.

★ In the meantime, please check NEED's website for future webinars. They are announced here: [https://needelegation.org/upcoming\\_webinars.php](https://needelegation.org/upcoming_webinars.php)

Finally, notes Dr. Haveman, NEED is an IRS certified 501(c)3 nonprofit. They are pleased to offer content on a variety of policy issues, but putting on these webinars is not without costs. If you enjoyed the webinar and are so inclined, they would be delighted to have your support:

<https://needelegation.org/donate.php>

Another great "virtual" program. Kudos to the Program Committee!!!

## May 19 Program: "Public Employee Post Employment Costs"

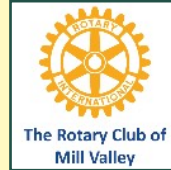
◆ Mill Valley Councilman John McCauley will discuss *Public Employee Post Employment Costs—A Slow Motion Disaster*. For years, CalPERS (California Public Employee Retirement System) has failed to meet its pension investment goals, creating an ever-growing funding shortfall. They are now taking steps to increase required contributions from participating government agencies. Pension costs are expected to double as a percentage of city general fund budgets by 2024. These cost increases threaten Marin cities ability to provide services. John is coauthor of the paper "Marin County Local Government Reform of Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits. Revisiting the Problem & Scope of Solutions." There are no easy answers here, but there are some steps cities can take to prepare for this challenge.



## MAY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



Einar Asbo 5/1/12  
Greg Dyer 5/2/72  
Burnett Tregoning 5/5/98  
Don Bowden 5/11/14  
Lee Kirkpatrick 5/19/09  
Stephanie Ricardo 5/24/11  
Peter O'Keefe 5/29/18



**Congratulations, MV Rotarians!**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jane Hall 5/2  
Sharon Segal 5/3  
Susan Royce 5/6  
Ike Silberman 5/8  
Bill Lambrecht 5/13  
Zphyna Caldwell 5/19  
Jean Batman 5/20  
Keith Papulias 5/28  
Greg Dyer 5/29

## LET'S PASS THE HAT

◆ In the “old” days we called it “passing the hat.” Whenever the club thought it necessary to pay for something not in the budget, we “passed the hat” during lunch, collecting cash that helped fill a specific need. Early this week President Lee Kirkpatrick put a new twist on this tradition of club-giving via an email appeal to Mill Valley Rotarians, suggesting that we come up with some “new money” to help those in need during this stressful time of Covid-19.

◆ He called it a “Help Now” contribution, explaining that whatever individual members contributed to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund would increase the amount of money available to support our neighbors in their time of need. All you have to do is write your check payable to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund and send it to the fund at P. O. Box 506, Mill Valley, CA 94942. On the check's memo line indicate that your contribution is “For Current Needs.”

## DIPPING INTO THE SERVICE FUND RESERVE

◆ President Lee also noted that the club plans to dip into Service Fund reserves to make grants to help those who are really needy because of the pandemic shutdown. Members of the Club and the Service Fund boards have met and decided preliminarily to spend \$46,000 of the \$70,000 Service Fund reserve in order to assist individuals and families in need of food and shelter assistance. The money will be distributed through organizations serving principally Southern Marin and will include Third World countries where club members have relationships and personal knowledge that grants will be spent for the intended purpose.

◆ The two boards are scheduled to meet again next Tuesday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom to make final decisions regarding these emergency grants. Club members are encouraged to join in, and if you have not saved the original Zoom Meeting invitation, contact President Lee to receive another.

◆ And, please don't forget to help “FILL THE HAT” by sending your check to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund, P.O. Box 506, Mill Valley, CA 94942 today!

**POTPOURI**

**My wife is singing in the house**



I'm sitting outside so the neighbors don't think I'm hitting her

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?

Costco has a great sense of humor



8 If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? Answer next issue.

**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:**

**\$6,095.16**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

**2019-2020 GOAL:**

**\$11,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**

**★ \$12,530.00 ★**

**ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2019-2020**

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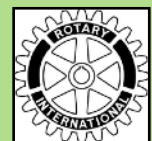
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