



THE MILL WHEEL



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TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** welcomed the New Year with the following Timely Thought: *I wish I had a dollar for every time I spent a dollar, because then, Yahoo!, I'd have all my money back*—**Jack Handy** of **Saturday Night Live** fame.

PRESIDER

❖ President **Carl Lippenberger** got a big assist from **Phil Richardson** when it came time for bell-ringing. Phil, apparently as "hard of hearing" as your editor, gently whacked his old ship's bell



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?

to great effect, much to the delight of everyone.

JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ A fully-seated airplane is sitting out by the gate, waiting for the pilots to arrive. Everyone is getting antsy and frustrated when

finally the stewardess announces that the pilots are on their way.

Much to the confusion of everyone on board though, two men in pilot outfits stumble their way onto the plane, both wearing pitch black sunglasses and finding their way into the cockpit with white-tipped canes.

Wondering if they are being pranked, the passengers nervously hold on to their seats as the plane sloppily and jerkily makes its way to the runway, with a lot of shouting back and forth heard muffled through the cockpit door.

The plane starts taking off, picking up speed as it goes down the runway. The passengers seated near the front windows begin to see the end of the line in the distance, and to their horror, a deep lake.

As the plane gets closer and closer without lifting off the ground they begin to scream and

MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY READERS

**PRETTY WILD
HOW WE USED
TO EAT CAKE
AFTER SOMEONE
HAD BLOWN ON IT...
GOOD TIMES...**

<https://www.facebook.com/ItalyFoodMagazine>



Someone thought long and hard to come up this store name.

**I asked my wife if
I was the only one
she'd been with.**

**She said yes, all
the others had been
nines and tens...**

JOKE OF THE DAY (Cont'd)

shout, and soon the entire plane is wailing in complete chaos. At what seems like the last possible moment, the plane lifts off into the air.

A little while later in the cockpit, one of the pilots turns to the other and says, "You know Bob, one day they ain't gonna scream, and we're all gonna die."

SIGN UP FOR BASIC PRLS

❖ **Rich Swart**, Past President of the Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown and current District 5150 PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar) co-director, joined us today to pitch the Basic Class being held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 16. Rich noted that January 14 is the last day you can register. Go to



**PolioPlus Society
MV Membership Roster**

**Lisán Campbell
Greg Dyer
Ray Palmarini
Phil Richardson
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Burnett Tregoning**

the District web site to do so. President **Carl** added that the club will pick up the \$25 cost. Interactors can participate for free.

Several MV Rotarians endorsed the District's PRLS program, giving it a top rating and well worth the time.

ROTARY TABLE CHATS

❖ Remember those "good old days" when Mill Valley Rotarians could visit and enjoy each others' company during lunch? Hopefully, says Fellowship Chair PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**, the virtual sessions she has arranged will replicate the sense of camaraderie we used to enjoy while seated together in the clubhouse. The second series of Table Chats will be held next Tuesday, January 12. Every member will be contacted by a facilitator and invited to join in the Zoom session. If you'd like to be a facilitator, give Elizabeth a buzz.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ Two of the many members celebrating Club Anniversaries this month—**Dan Hatch** (1/4/11) and **Lisán Campbell** (1/7/20)—were present today. We thank them for their service.

GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** really surprised **Margo** when he announced that he would make popovers for Christmas Eve dinner, and actually did it! Good show, Lee!

❖ Not be be outplayed, PP **Kent Campbell** revealed that he had prepared a Beef Wellington that PE **Lisán** described as "outstanding." On top of that, he gave himself a brand spanking new red Tesla for Christmas!.

❖ **Dan Hatch** had fun yesterday reconnecting with his former Hawaiian Rotary colleagues via Zoom.



► The new "Table Chats" hope to replicate the sense of camaraderie being enjoyed here by Kent, Greg and Carol when we could meet together at the MV Golf Club clubhouse.

PROGRAM

❖ **Sanja Kulenovic** first came to the U.S. from her hometown of Sarajevo as an exchange student. After her marriage in 1992 she returned to Southern California on her honeymoon where she and her husband were stranded as a result of the Siege of Sarajevo. She now resides in Pasadena and has become a U.S. citizen.

Surviving in this country initially by cleaning houses, Sanja had to wait months before determining the fate of her family. With the help of a ham radio operator she was able to chat with

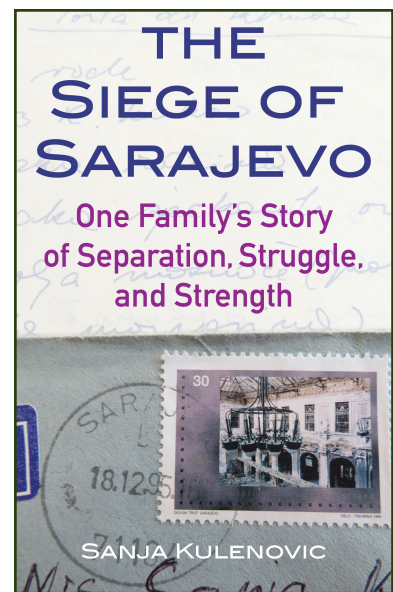
her father for 30 seconds, finding out that everyone was alive.

Later, she received her first letter from her father. It was followed by many others during the 1,425 days of the siege. "The letters became my life," she said.

Ten years later, the letters, translated to English, became the foundation for her book, *The Siege of Sarajevo*.

Sanja shared literally a book full of stories of survival, giving us a firsthand look at how a family and others "never gave up."

You will find her book on her website: sanjakulenovic.com.



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. Daniel Hatch 1/4/11

Lisán Campbell 1/7/20

Carl Lippenberger 1/16/01

Yana Kunitsky 1/27/20

E. Stewart Munson 1/27/20

Zphyna Caldwell 1/28/19

Keith Papulias 1/30/01

Leon Smith 1/30/62

Melvin Matsumoto 1/31/89

Emily Uhlhorn 1/31/17

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Earl Burgess 1/19



Rotary Opens Opportunities

NEXT: "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?*



PolioPlus Society

2020-2021

GOAL:

\$

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$700.00

POLIO JAR

2020-2021

GOAL:

\$1,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$150.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2020-2021

GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$2,527.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2020-2021

GOAL:

\$7,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$4,240.00

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