



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## GREETER

■ After leading the pledge, **Burnett Tregoning** recalled the Mill Valley School District’s current theme for his Thought for the Day: “*Be Kinder than Necessary.*”

## PRESIDER

■ **President J. R.** opened with a new joke which your reporter missed entirely, so we’ll lay another of last week’s Marriage Commandments on you:  
**Commandment 5:** *When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure of one thing—either the car is new or the wife is.*

## VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **John Christman**, new to Mill Valley, returned for his second visit. **Trubee Schock**, close friend of speaker **Bob David**, also attended today.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President J. R.** reminded the club that the Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar is scheduled for the coming Saturday, January 27. Check the District web page if you want to go.  
■ The REST program is scheduled for February 1st. See *Club Calendar* for details.

■ Work party at *Terwilliger Marsh* is on the docket for Saturday, February 3. Details in *Club Calendar*.

■ **Dennis Klein** is seeking volunteers for a work detail whose job will be to clean up a redwood grove near the German Club up on Mt. Tam. The date will be Saturday, February 10. Sign up with Dennis.

## GET ON BOARD!

■ Looks like the BIG event for the club this coming spring will be a trip to Santa Barbara (or reverse)

in **PP Dick Spotswood**’s famous railroad car (photo page 3). Both Dick and PE **Bob Roberts** announced details of the upcoming Mill Valley Rotary Special Private Rail Excursion, April 7 and 8.

Dick’s car will be attached to Amtrak’s Coast Daylight at Oakland for the southbound trip to Santa Barbara. There is room for 32 passengers—16 southbound on the 7th with a different 16 northbound on the 8th. The plan is that participants will either fly or ride the regular Amtrak train on one leg of the trip.



► **PP Ed Marshall and Lisán Campbell** ham it up after installing the new and improved Rotary sign at the Miller Ave. welcome kiosk. (Photo Credit—A selfie by PP Ed Marshall).

### GET ON BOARD (Cont'd)

What you do and where you stay in Santa Barbara is up to you. Accommodation suggestions will be available. Cost for the one-way trip, which includes a sumptuous sit-down lunch, is \$275 per person with checks payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley.

Reservations are on a first come first served basis with Mill Valley Rotarians having until March 1 to sign on. After that the trip will be open to all Rotarians in District 5150.

Questions? Talk to Dick and/or Bob.

### GO FUND ME

■ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** passes along a request recently received from **Allely Albert** who is currently studying in Ireland. Allely is trying to raise money for one of the villagers that she knew in Cameroon who has been imprisoned for defying the government. If you are interested, use the following link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/teacher-imprisoned-in-cameroon>

### GOOD TIMES

■ Only one today: **Donna D** found time between gigs to fly to Hawaii and back in First Class, yet. "I would make a really good rich lady," she admits.

### PROGRAM

■ Photographer **Bob David** took us on a fascinating tour behind the scenes of the Golden Gate Bridge's development and operation. In a presentation titled *Golden Gate Bridge: An Inside View—Art, Architecture & Photography*, Bob told us some stories we had never heard about our favorite bridge.

Few people have come to know the Golden Gate Bridge, inside and out, as extensively as Bob David. An architect and photographer, he began his career at the Bridge in 1973. For his first 30 years at the Bridge, he served as Design Director for the agency, which includes the operation of the Bridge itself plus the Golden Gate Transit Bus and Ferry system. He and his design team produced all the public

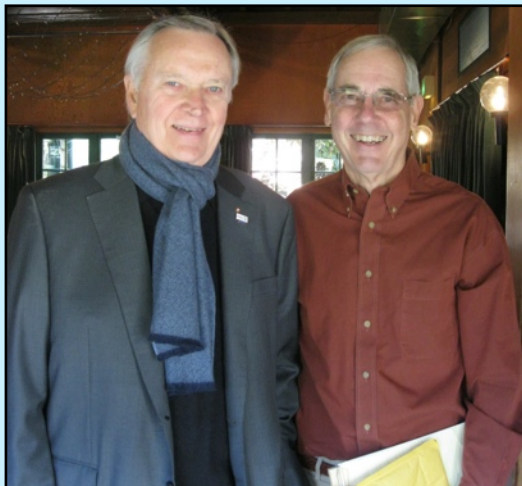


► In spite of his bass-ackwards badge, it didn't take Stephanie long to figure out that Burnett was today's greeter, and she posed cheerfully for this photo taken by PP Ed Marshall.

information graphics and display hardware for the transit system and the bridge. He continues working in a semi-retired status, focusing on documentary photography of Bridge projects.

As a special treat, Bob sold copies of two of his bridge photos, donating half of the proceeds to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund, which netted a total of \$190. We thank you, Bob!

### SEEN TODAY: J.R. WARMS UP WITH BILL; PETER BUYS A BRIDGE (PHOTO)



► President J. R., all snug and comfy in his scarf, had not yet warmed up to today's tasks when he posed for this shot with Bill Lambrecht. At right, Peter Mason tries to decide which GG Bridge photo he will buy from Bob David, who very generously shared half of the proceeds with the Service Fund, netting the fund \$190.





## NEXT WEEK

■ **January 30 (12:15): Philip Helmich and Emily Hine**, associated with the Shift Network and speakers at the Rotary District 5220 Conference last April, will present *Rotary International: Making Peace a Priority after Polio—Making Communities Safer and More Prosperous*. In the past several decades, the fields of peace and compassion have grown into sophisticated and practical sciences and arts. In this presentation they will discuss the growing trends of peace and compassion from "inner to international" levels. We will learn how Rotary International is uniquely positioned to help make global advances in peace and compassion while making communities safer and more prosperous.

## CLUB CALENDAR

■ **January 27:** Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar (PRLS) at the



► **Speaker Bob David** inspects the glass plate high resolution camera with which he shot many of the iconic photos of the Golden Gate Bridge that he shared with us today. (Photo by Ed Marshall)

Bay Model, 2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito. For details and to register email Michael Ford, PRLS Director, [michael@tfos.net](mailto:michael@tfos.net).

■ **February 1:** We cook and serve dinner for the homeless spending the night at the Belvedere/Tiburon

Community Church under the county-wide REST (Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) program. Details: PP **Kim Jessup**.

■ **February 3:** Time to spruce up Rotary Corner at *Terwilliger Marsh*. Be there at 9:30 with



► **Get on board the Mill Valley Rotary Santa Barbara/Oakland Express, April 7 or 8. Get details on Page 1.**

**CLUB CALENDAR**

gloves and clippers. We work to noon at the latest with a generous coffee break thrown in for good measure.

■ **February 6 (12:15):** Filmmakers **Nancy Kelly** and **Kenji Yamamoto** will talk about making their acclaimed documentary *Rebels with a Cause* and show some clips. Narrated by Academy Award-winning actress **Frances McDormand**, *Rebels* spotlights the schemers and dreamers who fought to keep developers from taking over the lands that are now the Point Reyes National Seashore and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

■ **February 13 (6:15):** To be announced.

*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?

■ **February 20 (12:15):** Historian and Railfan **Richard Torney** will talk about *Railroads in our Mill Valley and Marin Backyards*. His presentation will include a slide show featuring historic photos taken along the path of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad's Electric Interurban Route coupled with recent photos taken in, as much as possible, the same locations. The old images date

from the 1870s through the 1960s, and the current images have been taken between 2003 and today. Richard hopes that this presentation will help those familiar with these trains remember, and demonstrate to those who don't, the importance that railroads have played in showing the San Francisco Bay Area, and indeed the world, the wonders and opportunities that are to be found and enjoyed in Marin County. Our home would not be what it is today without this influence.

**HOSPITAL BLOOPERS**

**Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.**

**2017-2018  
POLIO PLUS**

**CLUB GOAL  
TBA**

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$1,520.53**

**2017-2018  
SERVICE FUND  
(GEORGE HOYLE)**

**GOAL  
\$10,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$2,894.00**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

**2017-2018 GOAL:  
TBA**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$4,865.00**

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