



THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley
Founded June 7, 1926 • "Service Above Self"
November 17, 2020 • Volume 94, Issue #20
<http://millvalleyrotary.org>
District Website: www.rotary5150.org



TIMELY THOUGHTS

❖ Today's greeter **Robin "Cassiopeia" Keller** had some sage advice: *The elevator to success is closed; you'll have to take the stairs!*

PRESIDER

❖ **President Carl Lippenberger** is still working on his introductory bell ringing project. Only seven months to go, Carl!

JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Proudly presented by PP **Kent Campbell**: *A lady gets herself a talking parrot. The parrot's favorite words are all obscene, prompting the lady to lose her cool and stuff the bird in the freezer.*

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?

*Some time passes, the lady — afraid that she has silenced her new pet forever— goes to the fridge, opens the freezer and out strolls a humble parrot, apologizing profusely for the bad language, promising to never again use such language.
"By the way," the parrot asked, "what did the chicken do?"*

VISITORS

❖ **Chelsea Dyer**, PP **Greg's** daughter who is housesitting for Greg and **Karyne** while they are in Hawaii.

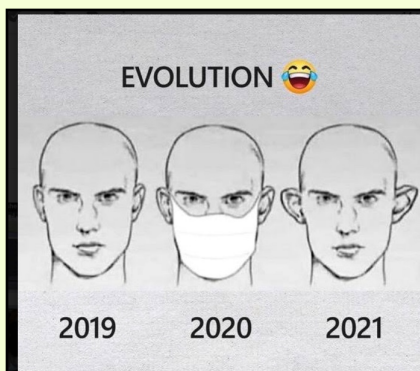
❖ Visiting Rotarian **Jackie Bonner** from Novato Sunrise who visited today to honor Mill Valley members of the new District 5150 PolioPlus Society (see page 2).

❖ PP **Doug Scherf's** wife **Linda** also visited today.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Club Anniversary**—PP **Ken Brooks** (11/15/11) wondered where the years had gone. It's that old "when you're having fun" thing, Ken. Our favorite Mill Valley Santa explained his plans to be a key part of Mill Valley's virtual Winterfest celebration this

MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS



Accidentally
rubbed ketchup in
my eyes.....now I
have Heinzsight

CELEBRATIONS (Cont'd)

year (see photo on page 3). Speaking of the years that flew by, check out the record of PP **Bruce Wrisley** (11/22/66) who celebrates his 54th anniversary as a member of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley next Sunday. That's gotta be some sort of record. Congratulations, Bruce!



♦ Mill Valley Rotarian **Margareth Tanner** passes along this story about the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday:

We've been told that only six people are allowed to meet for Thanksgiving, but 30 for a funeral. With this, I announce that we will be holding a funeral for our pet turkey that will pass away on November 26.

Refreshments are provided. In lieu of flowers please bring a side or dessert.

❖ *Birthdays*—**Phil Richardson** (11/3) and wife **Barbara** spent some time in Santa Barbara and Carmel to celebrate. A highlight of the trip was eating dinner outside under heat lamps while watching the sheep graze in nearby fields. Lamb chops for dinner?

POLIO PLUS SOCIETY

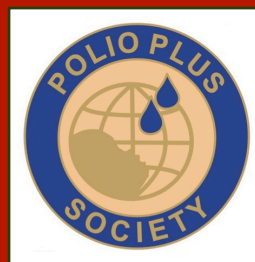
❖ Visiting Rotarian **Jackie Bonner** (Novato Sunrise) tuned in today to "present" certificates and pins to the first three Mill Valley Rotarians to join the District's new PolioPlus Society. Past Presidents **Dick Spotswood**, **Elizabeth Suzuki** and **Burnett Tregoning** were the honorees. Jackie noted that 107 District 5150 members have joined up, committing \$18,500 annually to the effort to finally eradicate polio.

Before Jackie completed her presentation, four more Mill Valley Rotarians joined up—PE **Lisán Campbell**, PP **Greg Dyer**, **Ray Palmarini** and **Phil Richardson**.

All PolioPlus Society members have committed to contribute at least \$100 every year to the final push to eliminate this disease. Jackie noted that the contributions will be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

GOOD TIMES

❖ It was a struggle, but PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** finally closed a refinancing on an S.F. condo. He's glad it's finally done.
❖ PE **Lisán** and PP **Kent Campbell** welcomed the brief four day visit of an old friend. They both agreed: "It was good to see him."



PolioPlus Society MV Membership Roster

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

Who's Next?

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John Poulson 11/4/19
Bob Roberts 11/6/12
Ken Brooks 11/15/11
Ed Marshall 11/19/85
Bruce Wrisley 11/22/66

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Suzuki 11/3
Phil Richardson 11/3
Robin Keller 11/8
Donald Bowden 11/15

GEORGE HOYLE

❖ Mill Valley Service Fund President **Lew Katcher** had the pleasure of presenting the latest George Hoyle Fellow certificate to **Chelsea Dyer**, who joined our Zoom session from her parents' home in Mill Valley where she was housesitting. The daughter of **Greg and Karyne Dyer**, Chelsea was born and raised in Mill Valley. She now resides in Los Angeles where she is pursuing a

singing and songwriting career. Lew figures she is most likely the only George Hoyle Fellow to have performed the National Anthem and/or America the Beautiful multiple times for the Golden State Warriors, the S.F. Giants, L.A. Dodgers, the Oakland A's, the L.A. Clippers and the New York Knicks.

Lew reminds members that the Service Fund match of donations up to \$250 is available until the end of the year.

HOLIDAY WREATHS



❖ To get your Holiday wreath from the Mill Valley Scouts, make your selection at https://media.trooptrack.com/uploads/Wreath_Flyer_2020.pdf, send an email with which wreath(s), and how many, to **Jenna** (Scout) at jennaspector8@gmail.com

OUR FAVORITE SANTA GEARS UP FOR WINTERFEST



► During today's meeting, Mill Valley Rotary's favorite Santa provided details about Mill Valley's annual Winterfest celebration of the Christmas Holiday. Despite COVID-19 there will be a Winterfest, the Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce has announced. It will feature many "virtual" events featuring Past President and current Mill Valley Santa Ken Brooks. You can get details at www.enjoymillvalley.com/winterfest.html. If you or someone in your family would like to contact Santa, his email is: hohoho@SantaClausVirtual.com. And, even better is the fact that Mill Valley's favorite Santa will soon have his own website with SantaClausVirtual.com scheduled to launch on midnight November 30. (Photo of Santa with his Mill Valley Firemen helpers courtesy Mill Valley Chamber)

HOLIDAY WREATHS (Cont'd)

with a copy to our treasurer, **Morgan Pierce**, at treasurer.mvrotary@gmail.com. Questions? Check with PP **Kent Campbell**, the club's representative to the Scout troop.

FAMILY FEST

❖ Visitor **Jackie Bonner** reminded the club that the District's Rotary Foundation *Family Fest* was coming up this Saturday, November 21. The virtual event, will recognize clubs for their COVID-19 related service projects as well as announce the prize winners in the just wrapped up Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) fundraiser.

This is a free event but you must register, which can be done on the District web page: www.rotary5150.org.

PROGRAM

❖ Author **Helen Zia** interviewed some 150 people for her book, *Last Boat Out of Shanghai*. She started the project in 2006 and it took over 12 years to complete. So, you know that she had a surfeit of stories to tell us today about the residents of the Chinese "Pearl of the Orient" who faced enormous challenges as a result WW II and later the communist revolution.

Zia detailed the extraordinary ordeals and exodus of four ordinary Chinese in a world torn

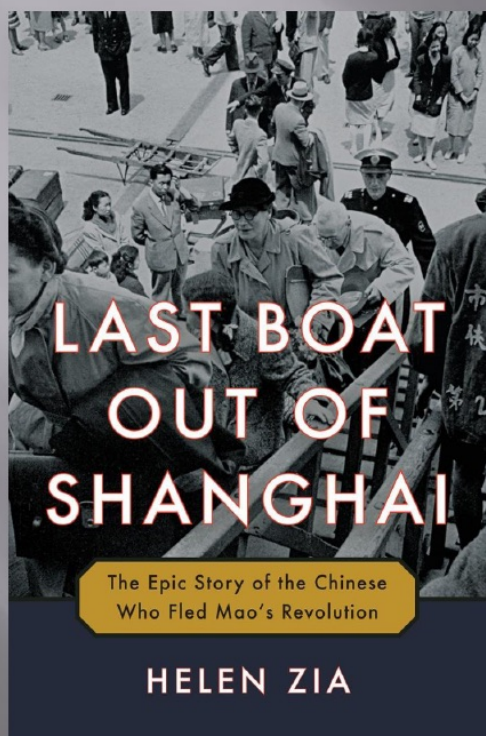
by war and fractured by ideology.

Their experiences in fleeing China and their struggles to survive as exiles and refugees in

the US, Hong Kong, Taiwan and wherever the diaspora would take them are mirrored by an untold exodus of millions of others then and throughout human migrations from catastrophe, and will likely provide insights to people of Hong Kong and other hot spots today. Quite a story—you might want to get her book.



NPR names *Last Boat* a "Best Book of 2019;" Finalist for Best Biography by PEN America



Available online in paperback, eBook, audiobook and hardcover.

For more information:
FB, IG: @helenziareal
And HelenZia.com

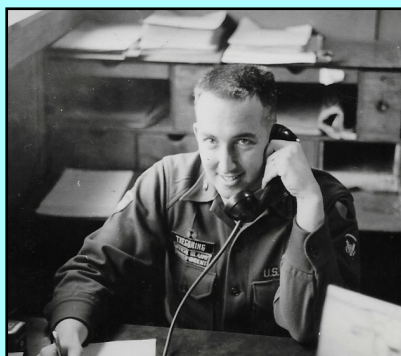


ANOTHER SALUTE TO OUR VETS

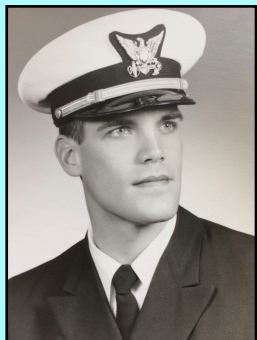


► As we all know, November 11 was Veterans Day. Our November 3rd edition featured four Mill Valley Rotary veterans. This time we've added six more. Let's give a big shout out and a hearty thank you to these 10 Rotarians who served in the U. S. Armed Forces.

Above—left to right: Don Bowden (USAF); Lew Katcher (U.S. Army); Lee Kirkpatrick (U.S. Navy); Vince Howes, (U.S. Army). Below—clockwise from top left: Burnett Tregoning (U.S. Army); Doug Scherf (U.S. Army); Bruce Wrisley (U.S. Navy); Bob Canepa (U.S. Marines); Howard Harker (left) (USAF); and Tom McKlveen, (U.S Coast Guard). Hope we didn't miss anybody!

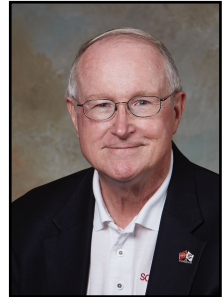


THANK
YOU
FOR
YOUR
SERVICE



NEXT MEETING: "HONORING THE FALLEN"

◆ **December 1:** Colonel Lee Lange will present *Honoring the Fallen*. One of the most important and least known duties in the Marine Corps, and in all the other US military branches, is the Casualty Assistance Call Officer. Headquarters Marine Corps utilizes a nationwide network to identify Marine officers and senior enlisted members for this duty. Once assigned, these Marines' primary duty is to notify the next of kin of fallen Marines. Once notification is made, these Marines are responsible for follow-up visits to explain military benefits and to provide military honors if requested by the family. These assignments are some of the most difficult in the Marine Corps. Every Marine in this duty understands this is the very least they can do to honor the service of fallen Marines and help families deal with the loss of their loved one. *Honoring the Fallen* explains this process and why it is so important to those serving and their families.



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

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2020-2021

President: Carl Lippenberger
President Elect: Lisán Campbell
Secretary: John Christman
Treasurer: Morgan Pierce
Past President: Lee Kirkpatrick
Fundraiser: Lisán Campbell
Fellowship: Elizabeth Suzuki
Foundation Chair: Phil Richardson
Membership: Tom McKlveen
Public Relations: Yana Kunitsky
Community Service: John Poulson
International Service: Bill Lambrecht
Global Grants: Rita Sedano-Garcia
Service Fund (Ex Officio): Lew Katcher

Youth Service: Emily Uhlhorn

Committees

FireWise: Richard Rider

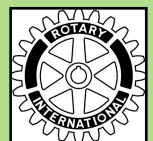
Website Staff

Peter O'Keefe, Webmaster
Kent Campbell, Yana Kunitsky

The Mill Wheel Staff

Managing Editor: Burnett Tregoning
Reporters: Margareth Tanner; Burnett Tregoning;
Ed Marshall

Today's Reporter: Burnett Tregoning



Sergeants at Arms: Howard Harker & Peter Mason
Program Committee: Bob Canepa & Elizabeth Suzuki