



THE MILL WHEEL

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GREETER

❖ PP **Greg Dyer** had the honor today. True to form, Greg slowly worked his way up to his *Thought for the Day* by giving us many others to consider:

❖ *We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.*—**Aesop**, Greek slave & fable author

❖ *When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it*—Quoted in 'Clarence Darrow for the Defence' by **Irving Stone**.

❖ *Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by*

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?

promising to protect each from the other—**Oscar Ameringer**, "the Mark Twain of American Socialism."

❖ *Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be*

better to change the locks—**Doug Larson** (English middle-distance runner who won gold medals at the 1924 Olympic Games)

❖ And, finally, just as you are saying to yourself, this democracy thing is so difficult I think I'll just tune it all out and give up, it is best to remember what a very wise man said more than two thousand years ago: *Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.*—**Plato**, ancient Greek Philosopher

❖ And, now Greg's *Thought for the Day*: *Democracy is easily lost or subverted. Keeping it takes a lot of hard work by a lot of involved citizens.*



► From left: Greeter PP Greg Dyer decked out in Cardinal glory, Lisán returns ready for action and club electrician PP Lee Kirkpatrick readies the PA system. (Photos by Doug Scherf)

PRESIDER

❖ She's back! President **Lisán Campbell**, barely recovered from jet lag, back at the helm. She promised to feature pictures of the Campbell's recent adventures in Europe at the next meeting.

JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Also back from the First Couples' adventure, Club Jokerster PP **Kent Campbell** offered the following:

❖ *Vladimir Putin and his driver were on their way to Kyiv in a car when all of a sudden they hit a pig near a farmhouse, killing it instantly.*

Putin told his driver to go up to the farmhouse and explain to the owners what had happened. About one hour later, Putin sees his driver staggering back to the car with a bottle of Horilka (Ukrainian vodka) in one hand, a cigar in the other, and his clothes all disheveled.

"What happened to you?" asked Putin.

"Well, the farmer gave me the Horilka, his wife gave me a box of cigars and their 19 year old and 21 year old daughters made mad



► Mill Valley President-Elect Dr. John Christman gets his 2022-23 Rotary theme banner from District Governor-Elect Gary Chow at last month's District Assembly. (Photo by Gene Duffy, RC Ignacio)

passionate love to me simultaneously.

"My God, what did you tell them?" asks Putin. The driver replies, "I'm president Putin's driver, and I just killed the pig."

VISITORS

❖ **Judy Thomas**, sister of today's speaker, was introduced by Program Chair **Bob Canepa**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Last month the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund board of directors authorized the following grants: Hanna Freedom School \$4,000; KIDDO \$2,000; Tam Hi Foundation \$1,000; Marin Villages \$2,000; and Rotaplast \$750.

❖ Time to gear up for the **Mt. Play booth**. Performances are scheduled for May 22, 29, June 5, 11, 12 and 19. Sign up sheet will be available soon.

❖ And, don't forget the **Installation Dinner**, which is scheduled for June 28 at the Outdoor Art Club. More details to come soon.

❖ A work party at **Rotary Corner** down on Terwilliger Marsh has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30. Work starts at 9:30 a.m. Bring your gloves and join the crew for some weeding, a bit of planting and coffee and snacks.

❖ **Time Capsule Project**—PP **Dick Spotswood** announced that MV Rotary, in conjunction with the City of Mill Valley, next month will be placing a time capsule somewhere in the city limits. The capsule, not to be

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Don Herzog 4/5/83

Osamu (Sam) Tagaya 4/12/19

Anthony Trias 4/24/18

Margareth Tanner 4/28/09

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lee Kirkpatrick 4/9

Melvin Matsumoto 4/12

Charles H. Waldron 4/14

Don Herzog 4/14

Burnett Tregoning 4/20

Larry Davis 4/23

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

opened for 50 years, is to feature items relative to the 2020-2022 Covid Years. What should be in it? Contact Dick soon if you have some good ideas.

❖ Speaking of **Dick Spotswood**, PP **Greg Dyer** recently pointed out that Dick and self-confessed political junkie **Greg Brockbank** will be the featured speakers at a Marin Coalition *June Election Preview* at noon on May 4. The Zoom webinar is free. Register at marincoalition.org.

GOOD TIMES

❖ **Steve Miller** popped for a \$20 "Life is Good!" donation.

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** gave a quick rundown of his and **Lisán**'s recent adventure in Europe. Gone



► **Speaker Dr. Bill Butler poses with his sister, Judy Thomas, prior to his presentation. (Photo by Doug Scherf)**

for a month, they spent time in New York City; Paris and Champagne, France; Munich, Vienna and Budapest; plus a

week exploring the Scottish Highlands.

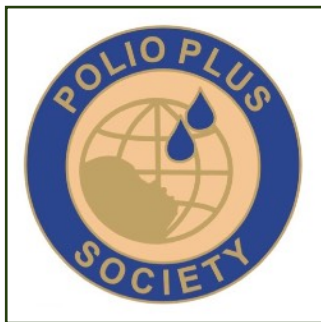
❖ PP **Burnett Tregoning**'s "bell-ringer" was the result of an email from granddaughter **Amanda** announcing the arrival of **Liam Jackson Huber**, his 13th great grandchild. Wow!

PROGRAM

❖ Another fun program, with **Dr. Bill Butler**, the great nephew of **Sally Stanford** presenting *Sally—Life Beyond the Pale*.

"I had been put in the business of being a madame without being consulted," Sally once said. "I vowed to be the best damn madame in town. And, I made it."

The life story of Sausalito's "Vice Mayor for Life" was fascinating indeed. Thanks, Program Committee!



2021-2022 PolioPlus Society MV Membership Roster

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

2021-2022 TRF HONOR ROLL

◆ Foundation Chair **Phil Richardson** salutes the following members who have donated during the 2021-2022 EREY Rotary Foundation Drive. Won't you join them?

JEAN BATMAN
KEN BROOKS
BOB CANEPA
KEN CAMPBELL
KENT CAMPBELL
LISAN CAMPBELL
JOHN CHRISTMAN
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BURNETT TREGONING
BRUCE WRISLEY



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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

NEXT MEETING: *Saving the Rainforest with a Stethoscope*

May 3: Dr. Kinari Webb will present *Saving Rainforest with a Stethoscope: Community-led Conservation*. Did you know that for many rainforest communities, the only way to get the money to access healthcare is to destroy the forest upon which their — and the world's — future well-being depends? When communities are put in the driver's seat and asked to design solutions so that they can thrive and rainforest is protected, they design remarkable intertwined solutions. The non-profits that Dr. Kinari Webb has founded do just that: match global resources with rainforest communities so that the whole world thrives. Her memoir, *Guardians of the Trees*, shares her personal journey from orangutan researcher, through near-death experiences, to helping lead an international non-profit that is scaling globally.



POLIO JAR
2021–2022
GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
\$480.00

SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2021-2022
GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
\$7,625.00

ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2021-2022
GOAL:
\$7,000

TOTAL
\$7,200.00

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