



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ Virtual club meeting Number Three featured a performance by **Stewart Munson** who greeted the 30 or so members who gathered via Zoom. Stewart laid a little Shakespeare on us, playing the role of Duke Senior, a fellow also in exile, in *As You Like It*.

PRESIDER

❖ President **Lee Kirkpatrick** grabbed his PowerPoint gavel, struck his PP bell, calling the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

VISITORS

❖ *Visiting Rotarian:* **Julie Aubry**, regional membership officer on

the staff of Rotary International, Evanston, IL. joined us today via Zoom. As she introduced herself, Julie noted that she has been attending 10 meetings a week.

JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Unless there is a general uprising, it looks like this may become a regular meeting feature. Past President **Kent Campbell** is the Club Joker? Kent was called on again today to provide some cheer. The following is a very short version of his Joke of the Day:

❖ Two guys are chatting on the park bench. One says to the other: "If I go to your house, make passionate love to your wife and she gets pregnant and has a child, does that make us kin?" His

bench-mate replies, "Don't know about kin, but it makes us equal!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Give Past President **Dick Spotswood** or President **Lee** a call if you'd like to join them in picking up litter at a location near the high school. Here's your chance to get outside and do some physical work on behalf of our neighbors.

❖ Be sure to make a note of the fact that, starting in July, our Zoom sessions will begin at 12:00 noon with the speaker scheduled to start at 12:30.

GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Burnett Tregoning** reports a banner year ahead for berries.

SOME COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

Now there's an idea.



The toilet paper truck rolling up to Walmart



Program: "Public Employee Post Employment Costs"

◆ Mill Valley Councilman John McCauley joined us by Zoom today to discuss *Public Employee Post Employment Costs—A Slow Motion Disaster. The former CPA and current professor at The Haas School of Business at U.C. Berkeley, explained that 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."* Use the link below to download and read it.

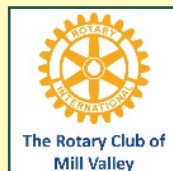


<http://mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/Pension-OPEB-Committee-Report-Final-9-13-19.pdf>

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



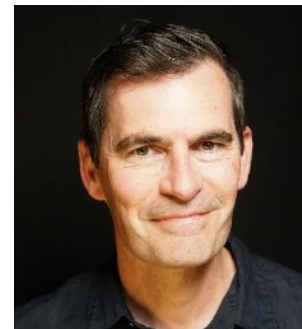
Congratulations, MV Rotarians!

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

JUNE 2 PROGRAM: *THE APOLLO CHRONICLES*

◆ Physics and Astronomy Professor Brandon Brown will present: "*The Apollo Chronicles*." In celebrating the 50th anniversary of Apollo, the nation's attention returned to the minute-to-minute missions, the brave astronauts, and the political machinery that launched the program. We can also pause to ask: How exactly did the engineers solve so many daunting problems from scratch? This presentation will crawl into Apollo's chariot, revisiting some fascinating and lesser known engineering stories, informed by interviews with the Apollo-era engineers. Importantly, what did we learn and what are we still learning from America's first moon missions?



PANDEMIC GRANTS FROM THE SERVICE FUND RESERVE

- ◆ President Lee announced that the Club and the Service Fund boards have decided to spend \$23,000 of the \$70,000 Service Fund reserve to assist individuals and families in need of food and shelter assistance. The following organizations will receive the money:

CANAL ALLIANCE \$6,000 MILL VALLEY PTA FOOD PANTRY \$5,400
ADOPT A FAMILY \$3,200 EXTRAFOOD.ORG \$3,000
ST. ANDREWS MARIN CITY \$2,000 ROTARY CLUB OF PIGNON, HAITI \$1,000
MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE \$2,400

THE “HELP NOW” HAT THANKS YOU!

- ◆ At our May 5th meeting, President Lee asked Mill Valley Rotary members to consider making “Help Now” contributions to the Service Fund in order to increase the amount of money the club would have to support our neighbors in their time of need. The Fund, as noted above, allocated \$2,400 in matching funds for “Help Now” contributions.

- ◆ Adding today’s verbal commitments to money already collected, President Lee reported that “Help Now” fund stands at a hefty \$3,600. Lee explains that since the \$3,600 exceeds the \$2,400 matching funds, the Service Fund board will be asked to consider making \$1,200 more available from the reserve.

- ◆ The following members have contributed to the “Help Now” fund to date:

FAST GIVERS (BEFORE MATCHING OFFER)

John Christman Jane Hall Howard Harker Yana Kunitsky
Elizabeth Suzuki Doug Scherf Burnett Tregoning

MAY 19 MEETING GIVERS

Jean Batman Greg Dyer Lee Kirkpatrick
Phil Richardson Bob Roberts Dick Spotswood

- ◆ Lee noted that PP Bruce Wrisley has made a contribution direct to the Food Bank, and Lew Katcher made a major gift to the Service Fund Endowment fund. Still want to help? Send your check to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund, P.O. Box 506, Mill Valley, CA 94942 today! On the check’s memo line indicate that your contribution is “For Current Needs.”

**It takes a village to
raise a child.
It takes a distillery
to homeschool
one.**

**Coronavirus
throat spray**



**LADIES
TIME TO START DATING
THE OLDER DUDES
THEY CAN GET YOU IN THE
GROCERY STORE EARLY**

Pandemic Grants: \$5,400 to PTA Food Pantry

◆ According to Mill Valley Rotary's Club Youth Director Emily Uhlhorn, the PTA Food Pantry, which is getting a \$5,400 assist from the Rotary Club of Mill Valley, was launched Wednesday, April 16, when the Mill Valley School District and Mill Valley PTAs organized a Pop-Up Food Pantry to assist families in need of a little help.

◆ Since then, they have partnered with the Marin Food Bank, moved the Pantry to Tam High, and increased distribution from 55 families to over 300 each week. Rotary has been there every step of the way, Emily reports, with many Interact High School Club members helping to unload, pack, and distribute food. "We've also participated monetarily, first donating 500 rolls of toilet paper to be included and most recently, donating \$5,400 to the distribution effort," she added. Emily says Rotarians are welcome to swing by the Tam High gym to help with the pop-up pantry on Fridays between 9-2:00 PM.



► Above: Tam High gym is a busy PTA Food Pantry as volunteers, some from the Interact Club, fill bags for the needy. Below: Fresh produce and all, bags ready to go.



POTPOURRI & OTHER STUFF 😊

Because of the huge increase in deliveries, FedEx and UPS have joined forces and are now Fed-Up

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?



8 Q: If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? Answer: *One Thousand.* (Thank you, Bob Canepa!)

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 ★

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