



THE MILL WHEEL



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TIMELY THOUGHT

❖ **Tom McKlveen** provided today's Timely Thought, quoting a person familiar to all Rotarians: *When an individual, a sect, a clique or a nation hates and despises another individual, sect, clique or nation, he or they simply do not know the objects of their hatred. Ignorance is at the bottom of it.*—**Paul Harris**

PRESIDER

❖ **President Carl Lippenberger** at the helm. Still did not hear the bell! Was it the smoky sky?

JOKE OF THE DAY

❖ Past President **Kent Campbell** told another "religious" horse

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?

story: A horse was urged to "come forth and be saved." It came in fifth and won a toaster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Get your checkbooks out. Service Fund President **Lew Katcher** announced a special

year-end drive during which the Fund will match donations up to \$250 until the end of the year.

❖ **President Carl** reminded club members that they can have a say about who receives MV Rotary grants. If you have a favorite charity you believe the club should support, contact him and arrange to attend an early board meeting to discuss your ideas.

GUESTS

❖ Joining today's Zoom session were **Jeff Pickett**, President of the SF Castro Rotary; **Oak Dowling**, member of the Rotary Club of San Rafael; and **Doug Murray**, President of RC San Rafael. Jeff noted that his club was the first LGBT club to be formally accepted to membership in Rotary.

MORE COVID-19 INSPIRED HUMOR SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS



Everyday Covid Check:
At 5PM open a bottle of wine, smell it, then pour it in a glass. If you can smell it and taste it, you are good. Celebrate by finishing the bottle. You are welcome!



CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays:** **John Christman** (8/23) had big plans to “cycle on the Bay” but changed to a pleasant 3-hour drive with his fiancé instead. Smoky weather put a damper on plans to putt around on the Bay on a friend’s “water bike.” The drive must have been nice—John popped for two bell-ringers, one for the Rotary Foundation and one for Service Fund.

❖ **Vince Howes** (8/19) detailed his celebration experience, but your editor could not understand his response. Could be that it was because the editor’s ears are 10 years older than Vince’s!

❖ Had the same problem when PP **Bob Roberts** (8/13) was asked to fill us in on his birthday celebration. Blame it on Zoom!

GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** is looking forward to the planned arrival of State Farm Insurance in his Mill Valley neighborhood. He’s expecting a major reduction in the cost of his homeowner’s insurance.

❖ Kent’s better half—PE **Lisán**—reported a great experience at the recent District 5150 PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar) workshop. PP **Greg**

MASK IN HAND, STEPHANIE GETS SOME SUNSHINE



► Stephanie Ricardo’s first “outing” in many months consisted of a walk with friends and lunch at Sam’s restaurant in Tiburon.

“Two of my friends and I parked at Blackie’s Pasture parking lot, walked the 2.6 mile trail to downtown Tiburon, had lunch and then walked the 2.6 miles back, the former MV Rotary treasurer explained.

In the photo, Stephanie poses after lunch on Sam’s deck.

Editor’s Note: *What have you been up to? Send a photo!*

Dyer seconded her comments, noting that he also participated. ❖ Perhaps the best “Good Time” of the week was experienced by PP **Richard Rider**. He finally got his hair cut!

PROGRAM

❖ Best-selling author and journalist **Julia Flynn Siler** explored some fascinating Bay Area history in her presentation, *The White Devil’s Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco’s Chinatown*.

During the first hundred years of Chinese immigration—from

1848 to 1943—San Francisco was home to a shockingly extensive underground slave trade in Asian women, who were exploited as prostitutes and indentured servants.

Julia examined this little-known chapter in our history, giving us a vivid portrait of Cameron House, the safe house to which enslaved women escaped.

We learned all about a fascinating woman, **Donaldina M. Cameron**, the woman after whom the safe house was named. They called her **Dolly**, and she was a tough lady who saved the lives of many trafficked girls.

AUGUST CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Russell Burbank 8/13/12

Bill Lampl 8/14/14

Kimberly Jessup 8/24/04

Ken Campbell 8/28/18

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

John Poulson 8/4

Bob Roberts 8/13

E. Vincent Howes 8/19

John Christman 8/23

Anthony Trias 8/25

Morgan Pierce 8/29

NEXT MEETING: THE “TRIBE RISING INDIA” STORY



◆ September 8: Annette Venables of Mill Valley returned from her second trip to Gurap, India in late March 2018 and within a few months founded *Tribe Rising India* with her husband, Paul. Tribe Rising India’s mission is to defeat caste system prejudice by building the first high school (grades 5-10) uniquely dedicated to Santal children, giving these students an equal chance at jobs that provide greater stability than being day laborers. The campus of the K-4 boarding school has already been upgraded with computer and language labs, as well as a

new playground/field—affectionately known as “The Mill Valley Field.” In November 2019, construction began on the first-ever girls’ dormitory, allowing girls to stay in school beyond age 10. And in January 2020, the inaugural fifth grade class arrived. Tune in to learn all about this exciting Mill Valley nonprofit and its extraordinary work in India.

POLIO PLUS

2020–2021 GOAL:
\$1,000

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2020-2021 GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$200.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2020-2021 GOAL:
\$11,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$100.00

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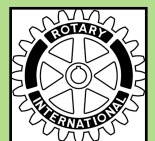
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