



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Margareth Tanner** shared the following as her Thought for the Day: *Whatever makes you feel bad, leave it. Whatever makes you smile, keep it. A smile is an inexpensive way to change your looks—Charles Gordy.*

PRESIDER

❖ President **Bob Roberts** found himself in a no-win situation: whack the bell and bust a few eardrums; gently tap it and watch **Vince** back in the corner snoozing.

VISITORS

❖ *Visiting Rotarians*—**Fred Tattersall**, Rotary Club of Mission San Rafael.
❖ *Guests of Rotarians*—**Zythna Caldwell (Beverlee Sandy)**; **Jenny Rogers**, Director of the Mill Valley Parks and Recreation Dept. (and a recipient of a Rotary scholarship in days past!); and **Mánon Debray**, of Arras, France, one of two foreign exchange students being sponsored by Mill Valley Rotary this year. Mánon thanked the club for its sponsorship.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*: **Barbara Hofling** (9/26) and **Elizabeth Suzuki** (11/3) were missing, so **Kim**

Jessup (10/10) had to be a good sport and smile while the club honored her with its special rendition of the Birthday Song. It really was special this time with visitor **Jenny Rogers** leading the way.

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—**Karen Buckter** (10-28-15); **J. R. Hastings** (10-23-12); and **Barbara Hofling** (9-14-10).

Karen, being the only one present, said her favorite Mill Valley Rotary moments were experienced chatting with friends during our weekly luncheons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Jan Pedersen Schiff** announced that tickets were now on sale for the Singers Marin



► A really scary Greeter, Margareth Tanner with a giant creepy crawler—either a giant spider or a baby octopus—covering her head, welcomes PP Kim Jessup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

holiday concert scheduled for December 16 at 4:00 p.m. The Singers Marin Youth and Adult Choruses will perform at Marin Center, Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. You can get your tickets at marincenter.org. For more info go to singersmarin.org.

❖ **Donna D** has a gig at the Panama Hotel, Thursday, November 1, and she hopes to see a number of her fellow MV Rotarians there.

❖ **Bruce Wisley** has a 2013 Model S Tesla 85 for sale (photo on page 4). Call him if you are interested or know someone who might be. Knowing Bruce, the car will be in immaculate condition.



❖ **President Bob** announced that six VIP seats are available for the upcoming private concert to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters Bay Area. The concert, featuring comedian **Steve Bruner** and the **Unauthorized Rolling Stones** (see above), will be held Saturday, November 10 at the

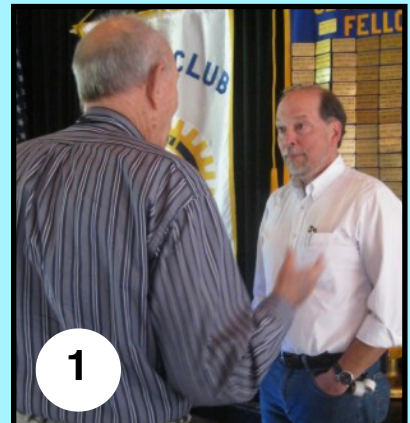
Terrapin Crossroads in San Rafael. The cost of a ticket, which provides preferred seating, libations and hors d'oeuvres, is \$100. If you're in the market, check with **Morgan**.

GOOD TIMES

❖ Past President **Sue Royce** had a ball teaching Marin Girl Scouts all about aviation at a class held recently at Gness Field. They learned all pre-flight checks even though the rules prevented them from getting airborne. (See photo on next page).

❖ Last weekend was eventful, to say the least, for PP **Kim Jessup** and her family, with the dedication of a plaque downtown

CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS: #1) Phil shares some ideas about running a railroad with speaker Fred Runner; #2) Visitor Jenny Rogers, head of Mill Valley Parks and Rec, gets conned into leading the singing of the Birthday Song for PP Kim Jessup—the result was not all that bad; #3) “Good Witch” Stephanie Ricardo dips into her bag of tricks and gets the wrong marble—no \$142 but at least a bottle of chardonnay; #4) Club sponsored Rotary Exchange Student Mánon Debray, from Arras, France, was the guest of Past President Jane Hall.

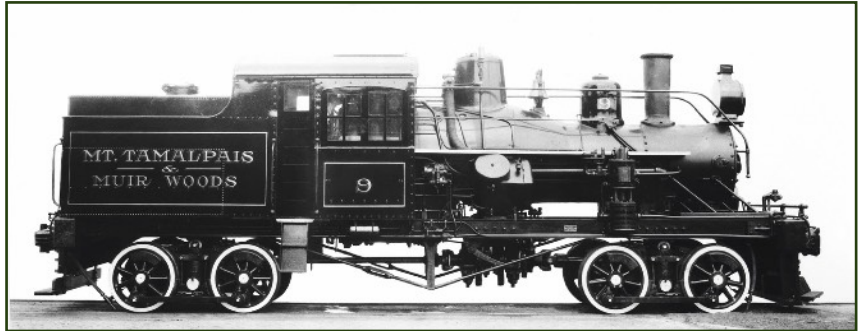


GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

to honor her late father, **Dick**, who had the idea for and was the inspiration behind the creation of the beautiful downtown square we enjoy today, and then, the next day, participating in an amazing Celebration of Life event to remember her mother, **Lyn**, who passed away on September 25 just shy of her 90th birthday. "I really did have a good time last weekend," Kim said. She thanked all the MV Rotarians who attended both events, especially noting PP **Dick Spotswood's** contribution as a speaker at the plaque dedication.

RAFFLE

❖ The "good witch" **Stephanie Ricardo** had the correct ticket but the wrong marble, netting herself a bottle of wine instead of \$142.



► Engine No. 9 will soon return to its rightful home, Mill Valley, after years on display up north at Pacific Lumber Co. in Scotia.

PROGRAM

❖ Number 9 is coming home! That was filmmaker and author **Fred Runner's** exciting message to Mill Valley Rotary at today's luncheon.

The last steam engine to huff and puff up and down the slopes of Mt. Tamalpais, from and to Mill Valley, is coming home sometime in the near future. A local group of railroad/history

buffs headed by Fred recently "won" the historical prize in an auction held in Scotia, and he reported that it would soon be transported to Sonoma County where it will remain incommunicado until the details of its final resting place in the Mill Valley area are determined.

From 1896 to 1929, people came from all over the world to ride the train up Mt. Tamalpais to see the unrivaled sights, enjoy a fine meal and appreciate the



► Sue's Good Time: She poses with her class of Girl Scouts who earned their Aviation Merit Badge.

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

beginnings of environmentalism. It was a successful business that boasted that guests could see more of California in a day and at less cost per mile than any other way.

In 1930 the railroad was scrapped. The only piece that survives is engine number 9. Now, No. 9 is on its way back to Mill Valley!

Fred shared many more historical highlights relating to our area's fascinating railroading past, some of which appear in the special report on page 5. Also, as you might guess, this is a pretty expensive undertaking and you may wish to help out—go to www.FriendsofNo9.com.

NEXT WEEK

November 6 (12:15): National Geographic photographer **Gordon Wiltsie** will show us a few highlights from his long career documenting the landscapes and peoples he has encountered en route to some of the wildest and remotest places on earth, including many of the world's highest mountain ranges and both geographic Poles. These travels have given him a deep appreciation for the richness and diversity of life found on our spectacular planet and he will point out a few important things he has learned along the way.



CLUB CALENDAR

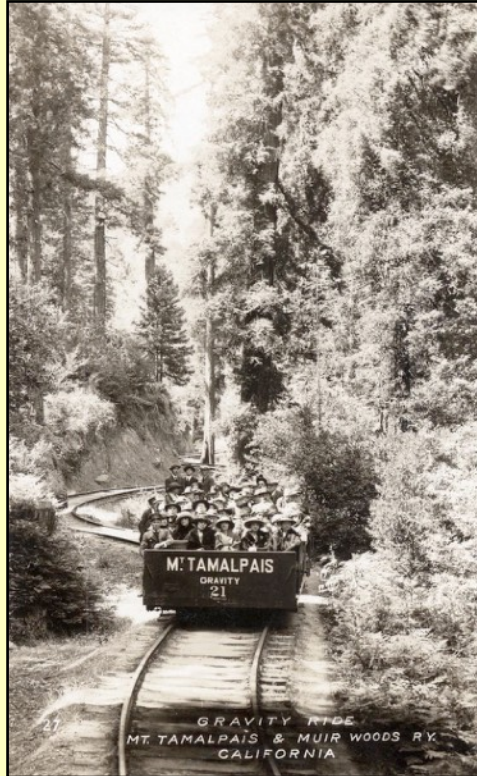
November 13 (12:15): **Cyrus Farivar's** presentation is entitled *Habeas Data: Privacy vs. The Rise of Surveillance Tech*. Cyrus is an award-winning Senior Tech Policy Reporter at Ars Technica, author and radio producer. He will discuss his latest book *Habeas Data* which shows how the explosive growth of surveillance technology has outpaced our understanding of the ethics, mores, and laws of privacy. He makes the case by taking 10 historic court decisions that defined our privacy rights and matching them against the capabilities of modern technology—an approach that

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► What a deal! Dick Spotswood and Richard Rider listen to Bruce Wrisley's hard- to-resist sales pitch. See *Announcements* for details.

MORE MT. TAM RAILROAD HISTORY - THANKS, FRED!



GRAVITY TO MUIR WOODS Guide John “Pat” Patterson pilots Gravity Car 21 into the “primeval canyon” of Muir Woods. Gravity rides were scheduled trips, crucial on a single track railroad. Gravity Cars had no reverse gear. The first tourists to Muir Woods came by the Crookedest Railroad. *Ted Wurm/Fred Runner Collection.*

MUIR INN The first Muir Inn opened June 27, 1908. Covered in shingles, its roof supported by tree trunk pillars, the design echoed the rustic character of the Old Faithful Lodge in Yellowstone that opened four years earlier. The first tourists to Muir Woods visited this Muir Inn. The lobby, restaurant and bar were here. Overnight accommodations were in nearby cabins. We know that John Muir himself, visited Muir Woods several times and at least once by gravity car. He ate dinner at the Muir Inn and spent the night in a cabin at least once. Muir Woods was a gift to America from William and Elizabeth Kent. At the beginning of the 20th Century it was the last stand of redwoods that existed near a major city and the Kents felt this rare grove must be preserved. Muir wrote William Kent: “This is the best tree-lovers monument that could possibly be found in all the forests of the world. You have done me a great honor and I am proud of it.” *Ted Wurm/Fred Runner Collection.*



TAVERN OF TAMALPAIS In 1900 the Tavern was enlarged and painted white as before. A brochure said 30 new rooms have been added “in suites with private parlors and baths, extensive dining halls, hug fireplaces, cheerful apartments thoroughly heated and lighted with gas (and furnished with) hot and cold water.” “...leave San Francisco as late as 5:15 p.m., arriving at the Tavern in sufficient time to have dinner, view the sunset, witness the night...enjoy the sunrise, and arrive in San Francisco as early as 8:45 a.m., in time for business.” Photo circa 1902; printed by Putnam & Valentine. *Pete Martin/Greg Jennings Collection.*



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combines the charge of a legal thriller with the shock of the daily headlines.

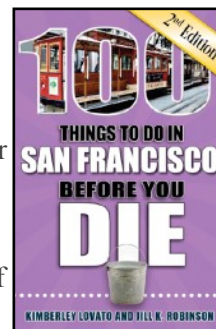
November 20 (12:15): Travel journalists **Kimberley Lovato** and **Jill Robinson** will tell us about *100 Things to Do in San Francisco Before You Die*—also the title of their book. How could they stop at only 100 things to do in a city like San Francisco? They cheated a little bit. There are 100 items listed in the table of contents of their book, but more than 100 addresses inside. They tell you which hotels have the hippest bar scenes, where to eat egg tarts in Chinatown, and what exactly a Mission-style burrito is. They point the way to a world-

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
2. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
3. Is it the **TRUTH**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

renowned tequila bar in the back of a family restaurant, and to some of the city's best neighborhood street fairs. They've covered the best museums, including one that hosts a weekly

cocktail party. They also tell you where to shop for tie-dye, browse for local art, listen to live music, and follow in the footsteps of the Beat Generation.



Special: Kim and Jill will raffle a \$25 gift certificate to the Cheese School of San Francisco (at Ghirardelli Square). Must be present to win!

November 27: Raquel Rose, Mill Valley School District Interim Superintendent, will discuss information related to the new strategic plan, innovative projects and important

POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$311.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$1,975.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$3,975.00

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