



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Don Herzog** greeted members and guests today. His Thought for the Day: *The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.*—**Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

PRESIDER

❖ President **Ed Marshall** at the helm.

VISITORS

❖ A number of today's guests teamed up with members of the club in the *Mating Game* program—**Andrew Bermejo**, Manager of Bob's Donuts in Mill Valley and San Francisco, who supplied those yummy donuts we had for dessert after today's lunch (**Denise Acain**); **Jaesa Cusimano (Todd)**; and **Steve Suzuki (Elizabeth)**. Other guests included **Cathy Keller, J.R. Hastings**, President of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley in 2017-18, and **Nichole Gantshar**, visiting Rotarian from Durham, N.C. Nichole put in a pitch for "*Waste*," the current production at Marin Theatre Co. She works remotely for the theater as General Manager, working with contracts, accounting, etc., and is currently visiting Mill Valley so she can see the show, which

The Four-Way Test

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



opens Thursday, February 6 and runs through March 2nd.

BRUCE WRISLEY - 1927-2025

❖ We are saddened to report the passing of longtime Mill Valley Rotarian **Bruce Wrisley** at the age of 97. Bruce died at his home on January 20, according to his son **Gregg**. Those in attendance



► **Bruce serving as Greeter.**

today joined in a moment of silence in Bruce's memory.

Bruce was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and lived in number of West Coast towns before graduating with a B.A. degree in Psychology from Occidental College (Phi Beta Kappa) where he met his wife **Nancy Webster**. He later received a Masters Degree in Psychology from Stanford.

After Bruce served three years in the U.S. Navy, the couple moved to Mill Valley, marking the start of a 57 year career in Marin County real estate. He owned or co-owned five real estate offices, served as the president of the Marin Association of Realtors in 1974 and received numerous awards from the association during his career.

Bruce also taught at the College of Marin for 20 years, teaching Investment in Real Estate and Housing Alternatives for Seniors. His book "*The Senior Homeowner's Housing Dilemma—Stay or Move?*" is in print today and is available at Amazon.com.

He joined the Rotary Club of Mill Valley in November 1966, serving as its president in 1983-84. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and a George Hoyle Fellow.

He and Nancy, who passed away in 2012, have two sons, Gregg and **Michael**, three

BRUCE WRISLEY (Cont'd)

granddaughters and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for a future date. The family has asked that donations made in Bruce's memory be made to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund.

SHARON SEGAL 1951-2024

❖ Sorry to report another Mill Valley Rotarian's passing, but we recently received word that **Sharon Segal**, a former Mill Valley Rotarian, died on December 17, 2024. Club old-timers will remember Sharon who was a partner in Marin Optometry here in Mill Valley and a champion of 10,000 Degrees, an organization Mill Valley Rotary still supports today. The family has requested that any donations in Sharon's memory go to 10,000 Degrees.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—**Michelle Terrell** (2/14) and **Dennis Klein** (2/18) were saluted by the Birthday Song led by **Caroline Joachim**.

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—Past Presidents **Elizabeth Suzuki** (2/20/96) and **Dick Spotswood** (2/9/93) celebrated this month. Elizabeth's favorite Rotary moment: the visit by the Russian architects. Dick's favorite moment: watching the water spout caused by Kim's hammer.

GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** and son **Liam** are getting along fine in Colombia. PP **Greg Dyer** is enjoying the Maui sunshine, and the Anti-Graffiti Gang had a ball on the Lost Trail Bridge.



► **Mill Valley Rotarians** **Dennis Klein**, **Bernard link** and **Lee Kirkpatrick** last month tackled a graffiti removal on the Lost Trail bridge in Muir Woods. That's Lee, Bernard and Dennis posing on the bridge at right with their dirty jeans but no graffiti. Great job, guys, showing that Mill Valley Rotary is up to tackling any community service opportunity, even one that requires lying down on the job. (Photos by Lee K. & a Hiker)



2024-2025 TRF HONOR ROLL

◆ Foundation Chairs Greg Dyer and Phil Richardson are pleased to report the following Mill Valley Rotarians have contributed to the 2024-20245 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Rotary Foundation Drive. They hope that you soon will add your name to the list.

Russ Burbank
Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Kathleen Delehanty
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Don Herzog
Jim Iavarone

Kimberly Jessup
Caroline Joachim
Lew Katcher
Robin Keller
Carl Lippenberger
Ed Marshall
Peter Mason
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller

Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Bob Roberts
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning
Annette Venables



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GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

President **Ed** was inspired at the recent Rotary Peace Conference, and President-Elect **Kim** reported that she “almost has it down” as a result of recent President-Elect training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ The District 5150 Assembly is scheduled to be held at Redwood High School in Larkspur on Saturday, March 22. The annual event will be held from 7:30 to 2:00 and features Rotary Learning & Leadership Development, Professional Development Sessions and a Local & International Project Fair. Let PE **Kim Jessup** know if you plan to attend. The club pays the cost.

❖ Mill Valley Philharmonic performs this weekend. Details on their website.

❖ A District PolioPlus event will be held at the Bay Model in Sausalito at 10. a.m. on Saturday, February 22. Hear the adventure of a polio survivor who rode his motorcycle across two continents to promote the fight to end polio. Details on the District website.

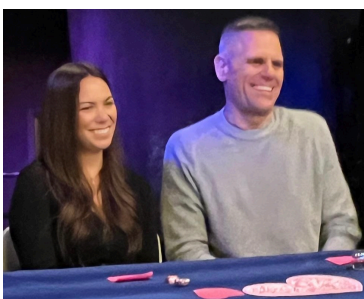
PROGRAM



Denise Acain & Andrew Bermejo



Winners: Joan Steidinger, John Poulson



Jaesa & Todd Cusimano



Elizabeth & Steve Suzuki



Lots of Fun, thanks to MC Dick Spotswood, Program Chair Bob Canepa, and Michelle Terrell and Kim Jessup. (Photos by Lee K.)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Rider 2/8/94

Dick Spotswood 2/9/93

Doug Scherf 2/20/90

Elizabeth Suzuki 2/20/96



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Miller 2/7

Michelle Terrell 2/14

Dennis Klein 2/18

Denise Acain 2/21



NEXT: Witnessing the Assassination of MLK, Jr.

February 18: Author **Leta McCollough Seletzky** will present: *The Kneeling Man and Why History Is Not Past*. Leta is the author of *The Kneeling Man: My Father's Life as a Black Spy Who Witnessed The Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.* She will share the intimate and powerful story of a Black undercover police officer who famously knelt by the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** in his dying moments—and the implications of this tragic event for a daughter and a nation.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2024–2025**

**GOAL:
\$1,000**

**TOTAL
\$ 250.00**

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2024-2025**

**GOAL:
\$10,000**

**TOTAL
\$2,800.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2024-2025**

**GOAL:
\$7,000**

**TOTAL
\$4,200.00**

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2024-2025

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