



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ PP Lee Kirkpatrick wore the Greeter badge today, getting the meeting going by presenting a string of *Thoughts for the Day* by **Winston Churchill**:

❖ *If you make ten thousand regulations you destroy all respect for the law.*

❖ *I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.*

❖ *Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.*



❖ *For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use to be anything else.*

❖ **Lady Astor**: *If I were your wife I would put poison in your coffee!*
Winston Churchill: *And if I were your husband I would drink it!*

❖ *We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.*

PRESIDER

❖ Dr. John Christman at the helm, wishing us a happy *National Send a Card to a Friend Day* and urging us to join him in singing an **Elvis Presley** tune, *Can't Help Falling in Love With You*. The club is still not ready for that national tour!

GUESTS

❖ Joining us today were ADG **Anne Sands**, ADG Nominee

MILL VALLEY INTERACT CLUB PARTICIPATES IN "VALENTINES FOR VILLAGERS"

❖ It's Valentine season again and student "*Valentines for Villagers*" is underway for the sixth year, reports **Connie Dubin** of Mill Valley Village.

This collaboration between the Mill Valley Rotary Interact Club, the Middle School, the five Mill Valley elementary schools and Mill Valley Village delights across generations and organizations.

Schools organize the crafting opportunity, students pour creativity into making cards they know are for elders in their community, and Mill Valley Village organizes the



mailing. Every single Village member will open the mailbox next week to find a valentine, handmade by a young person in their community.

Connie notes that touching responses from members are relayed back, so everyone involved feels the warmth.

No wonder student Valentines for Villagers is becoming a local tradition!

► **Villagers Karen Robbins, left, and Seela Lewis prepare valentines for mailing. (Photo by Ginna Fleming)**

GUESTS (Cont'd)

Robert Chatham, Past President of the Rotary Club of San Rafael, and **Jean Long**, Mill Valley resident who currently belongs to the Marin Evening club.

JOKE OF THE DAY

♣ Club Jokester PP **Kent Campbell** back in action:

I recently spent \$6,500 on this registered Black Angus bull. I put him out with the herd but he just ate grass and wouldn't even look at a cow. I was beginning to think I had paid more for that bull than he was worth.

Anyway.....I had the Vet come and take a look at him. He said, the bull was very healthy, but possibly just a little young, so he gave me some pills to feed him once per day.

The bull started to service the cows within two days....all my cows! He even broke through the

CLUB ASSISTS MVPD PATIO

► A recent issue of "MV Connect," the city's electronic newsletter, featured a note from the Police Dept. thanking MV Rotary, Troop 1 Eagle Scouts, and City Public Works for the new outdoor dining patio. In the photo below, posing with members of the department are Lisán and Kent Campbell and Eagle Scout Creig Williges. More on this next issue.



Rotary District 5150 presents

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023 CELEBRATION



Tracy Avelar
Foster City Police Chief
Presenter



Bella DeRuva
Marin County Firefighter
Presenter



Sylvia Whitlock
1st Woman Rotary Club President
Presenter



Catherine Liang
Miss California 2022
Special Guest

VIP Reception 3:30pm - 4:00pm
Welcome Reception 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Program 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Presenters Subject to Change

Interact Youth Leaders
Rotary District 5150
Presenters

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH

4PM - 6PM AT THE ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM
Corner of Van Ness Ave & Washington St, San Francisco



JOKE OF THE DAY (Cont'd)

fence and bred with all of my neighbor's cows! He's like a machine!

I don't know what was in the pills the Vet gave him ... but they kind of taste like peppermint.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays**—**Ray Palmarini** (2/7) reported that he soon would head to Lake Tahoe to celebrate in the snow. **Dennis Klein** (2/18) was asked if he had a special plans for his upcoming celebration. We could not hear his response so guess he'll wait till next meeting to give us the scoop.

❖ **Club Anniversaries**—**Jean Batman** (2/4/14) shared a "family" Rotary experience with us. Her youngest daughter was acting up and Jean announced that her daughter would be accompanying her to an upcoming PRLS course. They both attended with Jean noting that she enjoyed the experience much more than her daughter did. **PP Elizabeth Suzuki** (2/20/96) recalled the time when the club hosted a batch of Russian architects as being one of her favorite Rotary moments.

GOOD TIMES

❖ **PP/PE Kim Jessup** believed she might be the only club member to have visited Graceland until a slew of hands went up

when she asked if any others had done the same. Obviously, **Elvis** was a big influence on that generation!

Kim's Good Time, however, had to do with her attendance recently at the

memorial service for her aunt who had passed away at the age of 102. Surrounded by 40 family members, Kim was inspired by memories of her very special relative.

❖ **Dennis Klein's Good Time:** The OGC, (NGO that sets international standards for all things spatial) held a well-attended international ZOOM meeting on Universal NPN Compliance, common indexing of all land records. Stock trades are indexed across international boundaries. Ditto bond

transactions, etc. Real estate cannot be indexed even across county boundaries. The tech and data are all done. A standing OGC Committee will expedite adoption. Ends data stove piping, unifies federal/state government and, most interesting, increased analytical power of newly joined database increases real estate value predictability, shifting investment from other options to main street and side streets.

Editor's Note: *Any questions? Check with Dennis at the next club meeting).*

Spring for Rotary!

**A Benefit for
The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund**



**Fabulous Brunch
Exciting Live and Silent Auctions**

Saturday, March 18, 2023

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$100 Advocate

\$250 Champion - Early Reception Entry

Marin Art and Garden Center

Livermore Pavilion

30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross, CA 94957

Register Here

<http://bit.ly/3WcyZK0>



IMAGINE CHANGE

2023 District 5150 Conference

April 28 thru April 30, 2023
Hyatt Regency, Monterey, CA
An Informative, Fun Filled Weekend

Join fellow District 5150 Rotarians at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel & Spa in Monterey to celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and prepare for the opportunities coming next year.

Be Inspired by Our Rotary Leaders



**RI President
Jennifer Jones
via Video**



**Past RI Director
RI Representative
John Smarge**



**RI Director
Vicki Puliz**



**Past RI Director
John Blount**

People of Action, DEI, Leadership, Magic, Awards & More



**Sarita Shukla
RI People of Action:
Champions of Inclusion**



**Your Leadership Style
Mike Walsh
Leadership Facilitator**

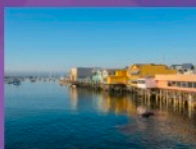
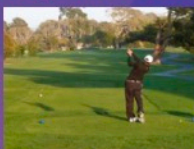


**Tamaka Baily
Native American
Magician & Storyteller**



**AWARDS
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Fellowship, Camaraderie, Game Night, Golf, Excursions, Relaxation



Register by 4/15 to be eligible for a drawing for a free upgrade to a Luxurious Suite and win other prizes. For details and to register, go to:
<https://rotary5150.org/page/dc23/>



EREY CHALLENGE

❖ **President John** reminded the club of the pledge made last meeting by PP **Greg Dyer** who announced that he would pony up another \$1,000 for the Rotary Foundation if and when the club reached 100% participation in the 2022-23 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) campaign. Those of you who have not yet contributed a minimum of \$25 have until the end of June to get on board. You'll hear more about this soon from President John.

RAFFLE

❖ **Stephanie** won a box of chocolates; **President John** won a bottle of Bourbon donated by our visitor from San Rafael, **Robert Chatham**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **President John** reported that the Food Bank work party scheduled for March 25 has been postponed because the date conflicts with the District Assembly, which will be held at Redwood High School on that date. He's hoping to have a good turnout by MV Rotarians at that event.



► **Stephanie Ricardo** accepts a box of chocolates as a consolation raffle prize from **President John**. (Photo by Kent Campbell)

❖ MV Rotary is hosting the Mill Valley Chamber mixer at its March 14 meeting, which will be held at Scout Hall starting at 5:30. This is always a fun event so plan to be there to see if we can't snag a new member or two.

❖ The Rotary Clubs of Ignacio and Terra Linda are hosting a Lunar New Year celebration Sunday at 5:00 p.m., February 19 at Yet Wah Restaurant in San

Rafael. The cost is \$50 per person. If interested contact RC Ignacio at www.ignaciorotary.org

❖ ADG **Anne Sands** made a personal pitch on behalf of the upcoming Spring for Rotary benefit to be held at the Marin Art and Garden Center on March 18 (See ad on page 3).

❖ And last, but not least, for club members who want to experience a special musical performance,

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jean L. Batman 2/4/14

Richard Rider 2/8/94

Richard Spotswood 2/9/93

Elizabeth Suzuki 2/20/96

Douglas Scherf 2/20/90

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Miller 2/7

Ray Palmarini 2/7

Dennis Klein 2/18



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

make a note these dates—March 4 and 5. That's when **President John** and the Marin Symphony Chorus will be performing Ravel classics at the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium in San Rafael. For more information and tickets go to <https://tickets.marincenter.org/eventperformances.asp?evt=366>

PROGRAM

❖ **Felecia Gaston**, Executive Director of Performing Stars & Founder of the Marin City Historical & Preservation Society, detailed the historical perspective of Marin City Blacks facing housing, social and income inequity, outside influences and challenges, while maintaining community resilience.

She documented Marin City's 1942 founding as a shipbuilding



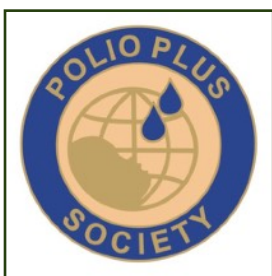
► **Guest speaker Felecia Gaston tells the story of Marin City. (Photo by Kent Campbell)**

community during World War II, highlighting the Black migration primarily from the Western rim of the South.

She noted that, contrary to popular belief, Marinship's workforce was never more than 43% Black. Negroes from

Oklahoma, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana lived side-by-side with Whites.

❖ Situated on some of Marin County's high-value real estate, Marin City maintains a strong sense of community and identity, according to Felecia.



2022-2023
PolioPlus Society
MV Membership Roster

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

2022-2023 TRF HONOR ROLL

◆ Foundation Chair Phil Richardson salutes the following members who have donated during the 2022-2023 EREY Rotary Foundation Drive. Wouldn't you like to join them?

JEAN BATMAN
BOB CANEPA
JOHN CARMICHAEL
JOHN CHRISTMAN
LARRY DAVIS
GREG DYER
JANE HALL
HOWARD HARKER
DON HERZOG
VINCE HOWES
KIM JESSUP
ROBERTA KELLER
LEE KIRKPATRICK
BILL LAMBRECHT
BILL LAMPL

CARL LIPPENBERGER
PETER MASON
TOM MCKLVEEN
STEVE MILLER
RAY PALMARINI
STEPHANIE RICARDO
PHIL RICHARDSON
BOB ROBERTS
DOUG SCHERF
LEE SMITH
DICK SPOTSWOOD
ELIZABETH SUZUKI
BURNETT TREGONING
ANNETTE VENABLES



Rotary



NEXT MEETING: *Teaching Casualty Care in Ukraine*

February 21: Dr. Michael Baker will present *Teaching Casualty Care in Ukraine: Helping Ukrainians Defend Themselves and Their Homeland*. Dr. Baker recently returned from two tours teaching in Ukraine in the capital of Kyiv and from Odessa where he taught Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) to Ukrainian physicians. He was working on behalf of the International Medical Corps (IMC) and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI) which is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) focused on humanitarian activities. The goal was to improve the care of injured patients coming from the war. Dr. Baker will give insight into morale and conditions in Ukraine during this conflict.



★ SAVE THE DATE: Annual Mill Valley Rotary Installation Dinner: June 27, 2023 ★

POLIO JAR

2022-2023

GOAL:

\$1,000

TOTAL

\$463.00

SERVICE FUND

(GEO. HOYLE)

2022-2023

GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL

\$3,127.50

ROTARY FOUNDATION

2022-2023

GOAL:

\$7,000

TOTAL

\$4,425.00

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2022-2023

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 Past President: Lisán Campbell
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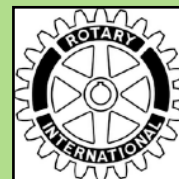
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