

THE MILL WHEEL

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GREETER

Past President Dick
 Spotswood, club historian and IJ columnist, harkened back to the Founding Fathers for his Thought for the Day: *It is better being alone than being in bad company* George Washington. Dick also asked club members to pause for

a moment of silence to remember the tragic times faced by our neighbors to the northeast in Butte County.

PRESIDER

✤ President Bob Roberts at the helm.

VISITORS

Achel Kaloian, Director of Development at Aldersly retirement center in San Rafael, joined us for lunch today. Also visiting was **Donna D'Acuti**'s granddaughter, **Bella**.

CELEBRATIONS

Red Badge Presentation—New member Will Orellana,
 Executive Assistant to the CEO and COO at The Redwoods
 Retirement Center, received his red badge today, receiving a "Standing O" welcome from his fellow club members.
 Birthday: Phil Richardson (11/3) finally got his Birthday
 Song, led by Singers Marin

impresario Jan Pedersen Schiff. President Bob instructed Greeter Spotswood to put the fine box away since it took so long to finally acknowledge Phil's happy event. Should the president pay the fine—where is the secretary when we need him? Club Anniversary: WOW! Past President Bruce Wrisley (11/22/66) will have racked up 52 years (count 'em) as a member of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley this coming Wednesday. Bruce served as club president in 1983-84 and had some great stories to tell about establishing a budget for club operations while working with a long-time (and

absolutely trusted) treasurer who did the bookkeeping in his head or on the back of an envelope, **George Hoyle**. Our thanks to both of these gentlemen for their many contributions to the life of the club and the Mill Valley community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✤ Community Service Director Phil Richardson called attention to the containers for our annual collection drives for the Marin Food Bank and Toys for Tots. Now's your chance to help fill them both. For specifics of what



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

PIAZZA D'ANGELO DECEMBER 18, 2018 12 NOON TO 1:30 \$40/PERSON INCLUDES WINE

Send checks payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley to Roberta Keller, 500 Hillside Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

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kinds of food is wanted see the ad on page 3. NO GLASS, PLEASE! As for toys, any gift you would give to your child or grandchild is appropriate.



✤ Foundation Chair Tom McKlveen reminded the club that next Tuesday is National Giving Tuesday, and both The Rotary Foundation and the Mill Valley Service Fund will be delighted to receive your financial support.

Speaking of The Rotary Foundation, we're sure that Tom won't mind if we supplement his report with the following information:

The November 16 issue of *Rotary Weekly* reported that for the 11th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from **Charity Navigator**, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S. The **Foundation** earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized," says Foundation Trustee Chair **Ron Burton**. "It



CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS - 11/20/18

Clockwise, starting at right: Speakers Kimberley Lovato (left) and Jill Robinson pose with President Bob; Bella joins Grandma at lunch; Will gets his red badge; Greeter Dick gets a "twofer" with Lee and Dan.









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represents the hard work and dedication of countless Rotarians throughout the world. They know their gifts will be used for the purpose for which they were given and that they will, indeed, make a real difference."

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness. ✤ Time to sign up for the Holiday Luncheon. See page 1. ✤ Here's another reason to support The Rotary Foundation: President Bob reported that a second Global Grant has been approved for 25 more greenhouses in Peru. That's a good portion of our donations coming back to us for use in an overseas project.

GOOD TIMES

PE Lee Kirkpatrick recently attended a wedding in Yosemite. Stayed in the *Majestic* (nee *Ahwahnee*) where he enjoyed gourmet food for three days. If you haven't been there in a while, get yourself up to Yosemite soon. It's a very special place.
The fine box finally found Phil Richardson when he admitted to having a wonderful time celebrating his birthday during a trip to Santa Barbara where he enjoyed walking on the beach.

RAFFLE

 PP Bob Canepa—winning ticket; losing marble.
 Consolation: Argentina red.

PROGRAM

Travel journalists Kimberley Lovato and Jill Robinson took us on an audio-visual tour of



about a quarter of the *100 Things* to Do in San Francisco Before You Die. That's the title of their latest book, copies of which were flying off the display table after their talk. Mill Valley Rotarians apparently discovered some new places in The City they'd like to explore in the months ahead. Another fun program for Mill Valley Rotary.

NEXT WEEK

November 27: Raquel Rose, Mill Valley School District Interim Superintendent, will discuss information related to the new strategic plan, innovative projects and important updates related to the school district in her presentation, *State of the Mill Valley School District*.



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CLUB CALENDAR

December 4 (12:15): Journalist and scholar **Miriam Powell** will talk about the *Golden Dynasty: The Browns of California*. Miriam will share with us the story of a family dynasty that transformed a state and shaped a nation. From the Prussian pioneer who arrived in Colusa in 1852 through his great grandson, the oldest and longest-tenured governor in state history, a look at how four generations of a remarkable family came to play such a vital role in shaping California.

December 11 (12:15): The Mill Valley Middle School Bluegrass Band will present *Holiday Blue Grass.* And you will be tapping your toes. This is a Kiddo!

POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL

AS OF TODAY:

\$387.00

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?

Foundation funded ensemble codirected by Mill Valley School District music teachers **Lori Adessa** and **Phoebe Dong**. The delightful group will perform favorite Bluegrass tunes as well as some holiday numbers. We are

> SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL: \$10,000

TOTAL AS OF TODAY: \$2,700.00 very pleased to have them back for another performance.

December 18: (12 Noon – 1:30 p.m. at Piazza d'Angelo): Holiday Luncheon. Cost is \$40 per person for lunch with wine. Send your check made payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley to Roberta Keller, 500 Hillside Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941. Don't forget—this will be the last day for the club collection of food for the Food Bank and toys for Toys for Tots. Receptacles will be available for both.

Pe BORMITORY When you rearrange the letters: DIRTY ROOM ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING 2018-2019 GOAL: \$11,000 TOTAL AS OF TODAY: \$4,725.00

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