



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ PP Dick Spotswood had the honor today, offering the following bit of Black History as his Thought for the Day: *If God had let him choose any era in which to live, he would have chosen the one in which he had landed. Now, that's a strange statement to make because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land; confusion all around.... But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough, can you see the stars.*”—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRESIDER

❖ President Kim Jessup behind the podium as usual.

VISITORS

❖ Wow! What a turnout of visitors today, most of whom were strangers to us but not to our speaker who taught many of them during her career at Park School. The group included former Mill Valley Mayor Clifford Waldeck, who was one of many who had Shirley Hasley as a teacher “back when.” Others attending, as guests of PP Elizabeth Suzuki, were Michelle and Jason Nelson, realtors with Compass, and Joan Kermath, also a Compass realtor, and her husband David Eddy.

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?



Elizabeth noted that Jason was a Hasley student and that Joan and David's children also were in her class. Oh yeah, Roberta Keller had a guest—Bonnie Freiberg—and our speaker's husband Carl Laur also attended.

❖ **Editor's Note:** *Let's get the visitor sign up sheet back in action. It would have been a big help to The Mill Wheel at today's meeting.*

CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays**—Dennis Klein (2/18) plans to be in Washington, D.C. on his special day. Will his be the deciding vote?

SAVE THE DATE:
JUNE 18, 2024
INSTALLATION
DINNER

❖ **Club Anniversaries**—PP Elizabeth Suzuki (2/20/96) and PP Dick Spotswood (2/9/93). Elizabeth, who served as club president in 2004-05, remembered musical events featuring the late Donna D'Acuti as being some of her favorite club moments. Dick, who served as club president in 2000-01, recalled a different kind of sound—the moment one prominent member of a MV Rotary step building crew banged a piece of rebar through a water pipe—as his special club memory.

GOOD TIMES



► Recognize this guy? That's our treasurer John having a great time recently in Colorado.

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

❖ **Greg and Karyne Dyer**, accompanied by their daughter **Chelsea**, recently returned to Mill Valley after exploring the Galapagos, Machu Picchu and other Peruvian high spots. Photos at right tell some of the story—a bell-ringer!

❖ **John Carmichael's** recent visit to Colorado included some time on Estes Park ski slopes (see photo on page 1).

MORE BELL-RINGERS

❖ **President Kim** was busy at the bell today, registering bell-ringer after bell-ringer: **Lew Katcher** contributed \$1,000 to the Service Fund and \$250 to the Rotary Foundation and PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** contributed \$100 to the Service Fund in memory of **Marilyn Tregoning**.

HELP FOR THE UN-HOMED

❖ **Steve Bajor**, a member of the Un-Homed Committee established by **President Kim** at the start of her year in office, reported on the recent awarding of a \$2,500 grant from the Service Fund to Episcopal Community Services in support of their permanent supportive housing located in Larkspur. The



► **South American Adventures:** More photos submitted by world travelers Greg and Karyne Dyer. Clockwise from top left: Greg and Karyne with daughter Chelsea visiting Machu Picchu; Greg with the president of the Rotary Club of Lima; Greg, Chelsea and Karyne in Cusco's main square; and, finally, Greg posing with his new buddy, the Inca King. Turned out to be a bell-ringer!

funds will be used to support an art program. Other MV Rotarians on the Un-Homed Committee are **Kathleen Delehanty**, **Stephanie Ricardo**, **Jim Iavarone**, **Annette Venables** and **President Kim** who serves as Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Foundation Chair PP **Greg Dyer** made his EREY pitch, urging those who have not yet donated to The Rotary Foundation in 2023-24 to do so.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

Let's make MV Rotary an EREY club again in 2023-24.

❖ The Rotary Clubs of Terra Linda, Ignacio and Novato Sunrise are combining to celebrate the Lunar New Year on February 24 with a special dinner at Yet Wah Restaurant in San Rafael. Net proceeds go to Polio Plus. Contact the clubs for information or to reserve a spot for yourself.

❖ District 5150 is scheduling a conference on mental health, Friday, May 10, at the Grand Bay Hotel in Redwood City. The keynote speaker will be Rotary International President **Gordon McInally**. Check the District website for details.

PROGRAM

❖ Mill Valley's first Black teacher presented *Have You Seen Me?* - **Shirley Hasley**. **Shirley Hasley**, who devoted many years to educating our children, shared her life story with a sold out crowd at today's meeting. Thanks for the inspiration, Shirley!



► Tuesday action, clockwise starting at top left: Speaker Shirley Hasley tells her story; PP Dick Spotswood at the ready with the fine box; guest Bonnie Freiberg with Roberta Keller and Stephanie Ricardo; visitor Clifford Waldeck poses with President Elect Ed Marshall; and Steve Bajor with Shirley Hasley and two unidentified guests. (Photos by Tom McKlveen, Ed Marshall and Lee Kirkpatrick)



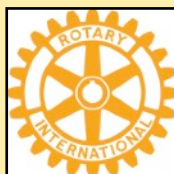
CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Rider 2/8/94

Dick Spotswood 2/9/93

Elizabeth Suzuki 2/20/96

Doug Scherf 2/20/90



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Miller 2/7

Dennis Klein 2/18



NEXT MEETING: *National Security in the Era of AI*

February 20: Dr. Andrew Reddie, Assistant Professor of Cybersecurity at UC Berkeley, will present *National Security in the Era of Artificial Intelligence*. Does the future of the human race depend on an algorithm? This question will readily come to mind as Dr. Reddie describes the incorporation of artificial intelligence (AI) into the modernization of nuclear weapons and command and control architecture, and outlines the steps superpowers must take to mitigate the risks posed by autonomous technologies used in war. In the talk, he will offer a brief introduction to AI technologies (used in both commercial and defense contexts). Then, he will examine certain specific military applications of AI, such as signal detection and pattern recognition, and review how AI technologies are (re)-shaping warfare and might impact the future of international peace and security. Finally, Andrew notes how both scholars and analysts are using new analytical tools—including wargaming methods—to assess these risks. **BRING A FRIEND!**



POLIO JAR 2023–2024

GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
\$319.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2023-2024

GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
\$5,350.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2023-2024

GOAL:
\$7,000

TOTAL
\$5,655.00

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