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## **Remembering Peter David Hindley | MWPCA Board Elections**

**Dear MWPCA Members and Neighbors,  
This year we lost one of our most beloved and  
respected members, Peter Hindley. The Board of  
Directors of the MWPCA sends our love and  
warm wishes to the Hindley family.  
Below please find a memorial written by his wife,  
Lynn Hindley.**



**Peter David Hindley, Born: March 7,  
1944 - August 16, 2020**

Peter was born in San Francisco and grew up in Mill Valley. He attended all the local schools, graduating from Tamalpais High School in 1962. He excelled in school, was Student Body President, and was the first recipient of the Marin County Student Athlete Award.

Following high school he and a few friends spent six months in the Army Reserves at Ford Ord in Monterey County. He then continued on to Cal Berkeley where he earned a Masters Degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, and later in Business Administration. He spent many years working for PG&E and then as an international consultant for Bechtel.

Peter moved to the Mountain in January of 1973, with his soon to be bride, Lynn. That same year they attended the Holiday party at the Muir Woods Park Improvement Club, as it was called at the time. They were captivated by the community spirit in the neighborhood, along with the eclectic and diverse mix of people within that group. They joined right away.

In the early 1980's membership and leadership were dwindling at the Club, for a variety of reasons, and the facilities were in disarray. Believing in the opportunity and the potential, Peter and Lynn decided to take the challenge. Peter was elected President and remained in that position for many years. He and a merry band of Board Members built up the membership, filled the treasury and repaired much of the building and grounds. Peter could often be seen at the club pulling Scotch Broom, painting the exterior of the building or repairing broken windows. He was always first to volunteer for our many fund raising events; slicing beef like a pro and serving generous portions of delicious libations. He was assisted by his wife Lynn in running the children's Program and many fun parties for adults.

One of Peter's biggest contribution to the Mountain Neighborhood involved the re-opening of Hwy 1. It was was late 1980's or early 1990's when a large portion of Hwy 1 near Slide Ranch slipped into the ocean. CalTrans announced they were not going to fix it – they instead intended to direct all tourist and beach traffic over Panoramic Hwy. Peter had many meetings with CalTrans and organized a healthy group of demonstrators from the Mountain to demand the road be fixed. Eventually, they

relented and the road was repaired. Members of the Mountain Community, donning their bright red “HWY 1 is Done” shirts attended the grand opening. Following this successful endeavor a strong member of the community arranged to have a very large Eucalyptus Log placed at the overlook. This was carved into a bench, Mountain style, and called the “Hindley Memorial Bench”. Sadly, a few years later some malcontents (or merry pranksters), rolled the log down the hill towards Muir Woods. It has never been found. Peter’s family plans to install a new, properly engineered bench, to be placed somewhere close to the overlook.

Peter is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lynn and three children, David, Sheridan and Stewart, and six grandchildren. He will be missed.

## Election Slate for 2020-2021 MWPCA Board of Directors

The 2020-2021 slate for MWPCA Board Officers and Directors has been set for the upcoming elections. The majority of the slate is comprised of incumbents, and two members are appearing on the ballot for the first time, Sarah Hawthorne and Jacqueline Besse. Dues paying members will be receiving a ballot in the mail soon. It's not too late to join! [Click this link to join.](#)

Name	Board Position	
Linda Sawtelle	President	Incumbent
Harold Dittmer	Vice President	Incumbent
Carol Stern	Treasurer	Incumbent
Sarah Hawthorne	Recording Secretary	
Sandra Murray	Corresponding Secretary	Incumbent
Faybeth Diamond	Emergency Preparedness	Incumbent
Nancy Gribler	Communications Chair	Incumbent
John Lovell	Children’s Events Chair	Incumbent
Sarah Burke Richmond	Board Member	Incumbent
Robert Savala	Board Member	Incumbent
Jacqueline Besse	Board Member	



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