



# THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley  
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## PRESIDER

■ **Presider – President Ken Brooks**

## GREETER

■ **Jim Simkalo** electrified the audience with an **Edison** insight – *Many of life's failures did not know how close to success they were when they gave up.*

## VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* Snowman **Michael Reitzell** and **Betty Roberts (Bob Roberts)**, **Mary Alice Cardenas** and **Joanne Burns (Bill Lambrecht)**, **Paula Reynolds** (co-director MV Chamber), **Laurel Bertoncini** and **Marilyn Tregoning (Burnett Tregoning)**, **David Yoshihara** (Tam Superintendent), **Nancy McKlveen (Tom)**, **Paul Johnson** (MV School Superintendent), **Helen Russell** (CEO Equator Coffee), **Jenny Calloway**, **Larry Fisher (Jim Simkalo)**, **Deborah Green** (International Day of Peace).

■ *Visiting Rotarians:* **Pablo Castro**, (Mission San Rafael and our new Assistant Governor), **Gary Ferber** (Sausalito).

## GOOD TIMES

■ **Jim Simkalo** enjoyed meeting **Mark Flagel**, district youth exchange director. Our Club has

an exchange student starting at Tam this fall and we also have a student studying abroad. Rotary has one of the oldest and biggest exchange programs in the world.

■ **PP Burnett** thanked his bocce bombers (see below) for their “not-quite winning but very close”

performance against the Belvedere-Tiburon team. Players were **PP Burnett, Heidi Duckor, PP Kim Jessup, Margareth Tanner** and **President Ken**.

■ If you see **PP Susan Royce** driving around in a 1955 T-Bird,



► **The Bocce Bombers**—from left, **Burnett, Kim, Anne, Heidi, Ringer #1 Teresa Rae, President Ken** and **Margareth**. **Ringer #2—Burnett's brother Peter**—heard the lunch bell and preferred eating to picture taking. Mill Valley's 2 teams won 3 games but couldn't make it to the finals in this year's Rotaplast tournament, held last Sunday in San Rafael.



that's because **Roberta Keller** sold it to her.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Bob Canepa** invited us to meet and greet the MV City Council candidates Sept. 15 in a political debate.

■ Speaking of peace, **Bill Lambrecht** reminded us of the Nov. 14 International Peace Concert at **Herbst** Theater where the UN Charter was signed.

## NEW MEMBER

■ The Club Board of Directors has approved the membership application of **Mary-Alice Cardenas**, a reverse mortgage specialist who operates out of her home in Mill Valley. She does business under the name Reverse Mortgage Funding and her classification will be Real Estate-Reverse Mortgages. Mary-Alice, also known as M-A, was born in San Diego and has expressed an interest in becoming active in club



► From left: Program Chair **Bob Canepa**, **Jenny Calloway**, the congressman's regional director, Congressman **Jared Huffman**, President **Ken**, Club Foundation Chair **Bob Roberts**, guest **Michael Reitzell** of the California Ski Industry Assn. (Photo by Gary Ferber)

activities, including community service projects, international projects and service to seniors.

Club members have 7 days in which to comment to the secretary in writing should they desire to do so.

## GEORGE & PAUL

■ **Bob Canepa** bragged just a little about our own **George Hoyle** who left \$1 million to the Club which began a Service Fund in his



► Congressman **Jared Huffman** captures the attention of MV Rotarians. (Photo by Gary Ferber)



honor for local projects. Both the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund (**George Hoyle** fund for local needs) and the The Rotary Foundation (**Paul Harris** for international projects) welcome contributions which are tax

deductible. Donors to the club's Service Fund (**George Hoyle**) can double their gifts of up to \$250 through the fund's matching program, which starts Sept. 1 and ends on Dec. 31. Our goal for the Service Fund this year is \$10,000.

Past recipients of grants from the fund include The Redwoods, KIDDO, 10,000 Degrees.

■ **Bob Roberts**, Rotary International Foundation Chair, spoke of our role in advocacy as part of the Polio Campaign Team

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT JANE HALL AT WORK IN KYRGYZSTAN

Most everyone knows that one of past president **Jane Hall**'s passions is building houses in foreign lands with *Habitat for Humanity*. She just returned from Kryrgyzstan and at today's meeting *The Mill Wheel* asked her to tell us something about the trip and the photos we found on *Facebook*. Here is Jane's report:

"The first picture is of a gal named **Leslie Lethridge** and me examining 'artifacts' we uncovered while digging for rocks to put in between those two forms for the building. Before our 'dig,' Leslie and I spent two days bending and tying rebar.

"The next picture is of the group who were digging for the rocks. We have a box with the alleged artifacts we uncovered. To keep ourselves entertained, we named these particular items, which were actually just discarded junk.

"Last picture is of two sides of the house which we started to build up after spending most of our time doing the foundation, which was a royal pain because of all the big rocks we had to dig around. Two more teams will come in to complete the house. We worked on it for two weeks and they will each do the same. Note the mountains in the background—part of the Tien Shan mountains (Celestial Mountain in Mandarin). They run along the border between China and Kyrgyzstan.

"We worked in a small town called Barskoon, which is very near the biggest lake in Kyrgyzstan, called Issyk-Kul. A beautiful location, and many tourists from Russia and other former Russian satellites come there to vacation.

We all had a great time. More Rotarians should go on one of these fantastic builds! Who cares if there was only one bathroom for 16 people and a shower that merely sputtered to wash us off. We had a lake to jump in after a day's work in the dirt!



## GEORGE & PAUL (Cont.)

which also includes WHO (strategist), UNICEF (immunizer), CDC (on the ground work) and the **Bill and Melinda Gates** Foundation (funder which matches 2:1 gifts from the Rotary clubs). Rotary International makes global grants from \$30,000 to \$200,000. District grants are matched 1:1 by International.

**Bob** honored **Susan Royce**, who presented him with a \$1,000 check payable to the Rotary Foundation, and **J. R. Hastings**, who received a ruby pin (Paul Harris Fellow plus 5). With the new donation, Susan has a Paul Harris Fellow plus 6.

## PROGRAM

■ Congressman **Jared Huffman**, elected to Congress in 2012, represents the six counties of Northern California from Marin up to the Oregon border. For six years, he was in the state assembly, worked with the Natural Resources Defense Council and was a member of the San Rafael Rotary Club.



► Club Foundation Chair Bob Roberts and President Ken pose with Paul Harris honorees J. R. Hastings and Past President Susan Royce. (Photo by Gary Ferber)

He is the author of the Alaska Wilderness Bill, a bipartisan effort. Looking forward to September in DC when Congress votes on the Iran nuclear agreement and the visit of the Pope, **Jared** commented that Congress's list of accomplishments for the 2014-15 year has been dismal, at best.

As a member of the natural resources committee, he was the lead on the water bill and is also

on the transportation and infrastructure committee.

Following his presentation, members and guests asked questions about various issues:

How to ensure Iran follows through with the nuclear agreement (**Doug Scherf**) – on-site inspectors and cameras, limited amount of enrichment with limited number of centrifuges, self-inspection of areas already known to the US;

Obama's Clean Power Plan (**Nancy McKlveen**) – Sen. **McConnell** is asking foreign governments to disagree and state governments to not comply with the Clean Air Act;

Pilots' Bill of Rights (**Richard Rider**) – **Jared** is considering the bill;

ISIS (**Dick Spotswood**) – what can the US do? Go it alone? **Jared** sees the US drifting and its policy in Syria incoherent. Turks are getting involved but they want to bomb the Kurds who are important US allies. We can't tell who the good guys and bad guys are anymore. Some groups fighting ISIS aren't any better;

► Want more info? [www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com](http://www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com) or call President Ken at 415-686-5707. Ken is looking for a big turnout from Mill Valley Rotary and will have a signup sheet available next week.



## PROGRAM (Cont.)

Immigration (**Pablo Castro**) – Congress has a comprehensive, bipartisan bill and if it could bring it to the floor, it would pass.

## NEXT WEEK

■ **Dr. Lane Hirabayashi**, UCLA professor of Asian-American studies, will speak on *Taking a Principled Stand: The Story of Hirabayashi vs. the United States*. He will share with us the incredible civil rights story of his uncle **Gordon Hirabayashi**, one of a handful of Japanese Americans nationwide to defy U.S. government curfew and "evacuation" orders issued in 1942. He was arrested, convicted, and imprisoned for a year, and eventually appealed his case to the U.S. Supreme Court. Although

the Supreme Court upheld his conviction at the time, the fight to overturn it resumed in the 1980s, culminating in his judicial vindication. In 2012 Hirabayashi was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**September 8: Ali Rezaian** will speak on the *Non-Freedom of the Press in Iran*. Ali is the brother of journalist **Jason Rezaian**. Ali will talk about his brother's detention in Iran. Jason is a journalist currently employed as The Washington Post bureau chief in Tehran, Iran. On July 22, 2014, Iranian authorities raided the Tehran residence of Jason Rezaian and his wife, [Yeganeh Salehi](#), and took the couple into custody. On October 6, Salehi – who is also a



► Our new Assistant District Governor **Pablo Castro** of Mission San Rafael Rotary visits with President **Ken** and **Bill Lambrecht** (Photo by Gary Ferber)

journalist – was released, but Jason Rezaian remains in custody. Iranian authorities have not disclosed the reason for his detention, though official comments by Iranian officials have "hinted at espionage."

**2015-2016  
POLIO PLUS  
CLUB GOAL  
\$2,000**

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$331.00**

**2015-2016  
SERVICE FUND  
(GEORGE HOYLE)  
GOAL  
\$10,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$300.00**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

**2015-16 GOAL:  
\$12,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$730.00**

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