



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Margareth Tanner**, aka **Zorra**, greeted Rotarians and guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Her thoughts for the day related to Halloween. *"If ever there was a holiday that deserves to be commercialized, it's Halloween. We won't take it away from the kids. We've just expanded it so that the kid in adults can enjoy it, too."* from **Casandra Peterson**, the Mistress of the Dark. Also, a quote from **Conan O'Brien**: *"This Halloween the most popular mask is the Arnold Schwarzenegger mask. And the best part? With a mouth full of candy you will sound just like him."*

PRESIDER

■ **President Ken Brooks**, aka **Rotary Wizard**, noted that the Rotary Club of Mill Valley likes to have some fun, and today's member's costumes are just one example.

VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarians:* **Elizabeth Ury** of the Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere, who expressed her thanks for our club's participation at the Hoedown last week. Elizabeth reported that her club was concentrating on more joint activities with other clubs and that the hoedown would be an annual event.

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Roberta Keller**, dressed as a CERT volunteer, introduced **Maggie Lang**. **President Ken** had asked Maggie to report on the efforts of CERT, Community Emergency Response Teams, to become involved with students at Tam High through the Rotary Interact program. It is never too early to start the safety training, and Interact is a perfect partner. CERT intends to make a funding

request for the high school program at the next board meeting. **PP Sue Royce** and **Mary Alice Cardenas** are our Club's Interact sponsors.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ No birthdays this week, but **Dan Hatch** is celebrating (somewhere, but not at Rotary) his wedding anniversary. **J.R. Hastings** was



► New member Karen Buckter is welcomed aboard by the club wizard, President Ken.

acknowledged for his three year Rotary anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **PP Bob Canepa** reported on next week's program (See Next Week). **Roberta** reminded us of the Holiday Lunch on Tuesday December 15th at Piazza D'Angelo. **PP Sue** reported that she and **M.A.** hosted 30 Tam High students to a pizza lunch for the Interact Club. That meeting was all girls, but it seems to me that once the word gets out, the boys will show up!

WELCOME, KAREN!

■ **VP Kent Campbell** introduced our newest Club member, **Karen Buckter**. **Karen** is a Bay Area native who grew up in San Francisco's Sunset district. She is a prior Rotary member, having first joined in 1972. **Karen** has had a varied career ranging from a morning TV personality to the financial industry. Her interests in Rotary include foreign humanitarian issues among others. And, she has already signed on as a Mill Wheel reporter. Welcome, **Karen**!



► Members and visitors were greeted by Zorra.

Rotary | **WORLD PEACE CONCERT 2015**

Saturday, November 14, 2015
Herbst Theater, San Francisco

for more info and tickets: www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com

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GOOD TIMES

■ **PP Bob Canepa** reported a good time by **Don Bowden**, who made a contribution to the Service Fund. Bob reminded the club that the \$250 matching funds expire December 31st, encouraging others to contribute soon.

■ **PP Ed Marshall** took **Vince Howes'** advice to attend a make-up at the Upcountry club in Maui. **Ed** had such a great time he recommended all Rotarians take advantage of the make ups while traveling to make new friends and learn about other clubs. **Ed** then proceeded to donate a half-bell ringer to the Service Fund in honor of his son.

■ **Vince** also enjoyed a good time at a make up in Hawaii. However, he also experienced a bad time while there when their condo was burglarized on their first night. **J.R.** noted that our own **Bob Roberts** was in the latest Book Passages newsletter. This reporter checked out the details and discovered that **Bob** will discuss his new book *Wish You Were Here* at Book Passage on Saturday December 12 at 4:00. The talents represented in this club continue to amaze.



► Ladybug PP Sue hovers over CERT worker Roberta.

PROGRAM

■ **PP Bob Canepa** introduced **Chuck Nuzum** who presented his program on skiing to the South Pole. Chuck is an avid climber who first became attracted to the sport of climbing while living in Washington. His first big climb was Mr. Rainier with two friends who subsequently started REI.

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

Next he went through cold weather training in the Army and skied to the North Pole. At that point he was just getting started. His goal was to summit the highest peaks on all seven continents and ski to both Poles. Last December he and a small party pulled 125 lb. sleds on a 450 mile trek to the South Pole. They raised money for Right at Home and Senior Access here in Marin. After the trek to the Pole, he then climbed the highest peak on Antarctica, Mt. Vinson, (16,050') to complete his goal. His

descriptions of the extreme weather conditions experienced on the trek had us all chilled and breathless by the end of his talk.

COSTUME CONTEST

■ A club meeting the week of Halloween would not be complete without a costume contest. The photo on page four says it all! The four winners of gift certificates from Swirl were **Stephanie Ricardo, Burnett Tregoning, Jean Batman, and Margareth Tanner**. Congratulations to all of the contestants. You have set a high bar for next year.



► Who else but Donna D?

NEXT WEEK

■ **Dave Gutierrez** will tell us about the *Greatest Generation's Heroes*. Dave will be talking about his book *Patriots from the Barrio*, which is the true WWII story of one of the U.S. Army's most unique combat units—the 36th Division, 141st Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Co. E.



► No wonder she's our treasurer —illuminated manuscript indeed!



Find the hero in you.

SAVE LIVES

Give CLUB CALENDAR



Mill Valley Rotary

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 21, 2015

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Bloodmobile at Walgreen's
227 Shoreline Highway, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Visit www.bloodheroes.com

Click "locate blood drive" and enter sponsor code:

Rotaries, or call

Richard Simon at 415-295-9600

to schedule your life-saving appointment.

All donors will be entered in a raffle to win
a \$25 Walgreen's Gift Card!



Blood Centers of the Pacific

www.bloodcenters.org
888-393-GIVE

BRING A PHOTO ID - PLEASE EAT BEFORE DONATING - 18-YEAR-OLDS NEED A PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN

CLUB CALENDAR

November 10: Peter Van Meter will tell us about *Apollo 1, America's First Manned Space Fatalities*.

November 14: World Peace Concert, Herbst Theater, San Francisco. For info and tickets call **President Ken** at 415-686-5707

November 17: Cinematographer and photographer **Greg Slick** will present *Travel Photography From Around the World*. Greg's travel images have won multiple awards including Editor's Favorite by *National Geographic* and Global Travel Photo Winner by *Planet Magazine*.

November 24: Member's Program.



► Judgment time for Mill Valley Rotary costume wearers.

December 1: **Andrea Johnson, Robert Holmes and Skip Sandberg** will present *Three Views of Bhutan*. They are renowned photographers, and they will be traveling to Bhutan to do a collaborative photographic portfolio of this beautiful country.

December 15: **Holiday Luncheon** featuring the *Mill Valley Middle School Jazz Combo*. We will celebrate the

holiday season at Piazza d'Angelo in downtown Mill Valley as we have been doing the past few years. This is a special event. Cost is only \$35 per person, and you'll want to bring a special guest. Call **Roberta Keller** for information and to reserve a spot for you and your guest. The event is not mandatory this year, so it is important that we give the restaurant an accurate count.

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$556.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$2,500.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING
2015-16 GOAL:
\$12,250**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$5,115.00**

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