



# THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley  
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## GREETER

■ **Emily Uhlhorn's** Thought for the Day: *Young people have helped lead all of our great movements. How inspiring to see it again in so many smart, fearless students standing up for their right to be safe; marching and organizing to remake the world as it should be. We've been waiting for you. And we've got your backs* —**Barack Obama.**

## PRESIDER

■ **President J. R.'s** Joke of the Day: *Past President Kent asks his son, now aged 13, if he knows about the birds and the bees. “I don't want to know!” the child responds, bursting into tears. Confused, Kent asked him what was wrong.*



► Today's greeter Emily Uhlhorn welcomes Don Bowden.

*“Oh dad,” the kid sobbed, “at age six I got the there's no Santa speech. At age seven I got the there's no Easter bunny speech. Then at age 8 you hit me with the there's no tooth fairy speech! If you're going to tell me now that*

*grownups don't really have sex, I've got nothing left to live for!”*

## VISITORS

■ **Visiting Rotarians:** **Erik Grunwald**, Rotary Club of North Raleigh, NC, visited today. Erik is the Foundation Chair at his club so he and **Tom McKlveen** exchanged ideas during lunch.

■ **Guests of Rotarians:** Membership candidates **Peter O'Keefe (J.R.)** and **John Christman (J.R.)** were joined today by a new candidate, **Jan Pedersen Schiff (Sue Royce)** and Jane Hall's grandson **Mikey Pielert**. Jan is founder and artistic director of *Singers Marin* and has applied for membership. Don't believe Mikey will apply—he's too busy at school and keeping up with Grandma!



► Foundation Chair Tom McKlveen, right, recognizes recent contributions to The Rotary Foundation by (from left) Bill Lambrecht (Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) + 9); Kent Campbell (PHF + 8); Jean Batman (PHF + 1); Phil Richardson (PHF + 1) and Peter Mason (PHF + 1). Way to go, Mill Valley Rotarians!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Lots of important activity coming down the road, according to **President J. R.:**

- March 17 - District Assembly
- March 22 - REST
- March 31 - Trail Project
- April 7-8 - Train Ride
- May 3 - Foundation Dinner

■ May 4-6 - District Conference

■ May 20-June 17 - Mt. Play

■ June 15 - Installation Dinner

See *Club Calendar* for details regarding some of these events.

■ President Elect **Bob Roberts**, who has just returned from PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) recommended attendance at the upcoming

## WARNING

■ Emily Uhlhorn's car was the object of a "break & grab" today in the golf clubhouse parking lot. The Mill Valley police have been alerted, and we suggest you be alert as well.

## TWO MORE LETTERS OF THANKS FROM MILL VALLEY ROTARY SCHOLARS

Dear Mill Valley Rotary,

My name is Gulam, and I am a mechanical engineering student going to the College of Marin. I don't really know what I want to do with mechanical engineering, but I think I would like to go into either the

aerospace, biomedical, or energy industry after graduation. Maybe I

will also get a post graduate degree as well. I just wanted to thank you for giving me this scholarship.

What this scholarship means to me is that I have a little relief for paying some of my

bills, and that is a great help. So, again, thank you. I am not a wordsmith that can dexterously manipulate his diction, so I apologize if my thanks appears insincere. However, I really do mean thank you from the bottom of my heart.

All the best, **Gulam "Maaz" Sheikh**



"Maaz" visits us in 2016.

Dear Mill Valley Rotary,

My name is Sophia Lynn (aka Sophia Richter Czlonka in my college records), and I am attending my last semester at Santa Rosa Junior College. Currently in the process of obtaining an associate degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences, I am transferring to Sonoma State for the Spring 2018 semester. My career goal is to

become an elementary school teacher after achieving a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies.

I want to convey my deepest gratitude to you for giving me this scholarship. I truly appreciate your confidence in me and my future endeavors. After attending Foothill College online for two years, and beginning my third semester at Santa Rosa Junior College on the Petaluma campus, I have gained a well-rounded general education while consistently maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Last semester I volunteered as a teacher's aide in a first grade classroom in Santa Rosa, which provided my first formal hands-on teaching experience and greatly expanded my inspiration to work with young children. I realized how much I could make an impact on a child's education just by encouraging them to do their best and reach toward new possibilities. This very meaningful volunteer work was required for my class, Introduction to Teaching.

This semester I am taking a sociology course called Race and Ethnic Relations, which is fascinating for me due to how it focuses on the dynamics of our ever-changing society. I want to always work to keep myself informed of the realities that children encounter in their lives.

For my colleagues, future students and their families, I continuously have hope that society will always work hard to reinforce the strongest voice that successfully promotes respect, acceptance, understanding, and love. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart, for giving me this opportunity to have my dreams realized.

Sincerely, **Sophia Lynn**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Assembly, not just to see him receive his 2018-2019 Rotary banner, but to meet and learn from other Rotarians active in District 5150. The club pays for lunch! Deadline to register is Friday, March 9. Use the district website: [www.rotary5150.org](http://www.rotary5150.org)

■ PP **Sue Royce** announced that she has arranged with the Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce for them to hold a mixer with the club next February. Details to follow.

## CELEBRATIONS

■ *Club Anniversary:* **Jean Batman** marked four years as a member of MV Rotary early last month. Congratulations, Jean. We are delighted to have you on board!

## GOOD TIMES

■ **Lee Kirpatrick** was delighted to learn that the parents of his



► Today's speaker **China Galland** answers questions following her talk.

son's girlfriend are really great folks. Her father is even a Rotarian!

## RAFFLE

■ New member **Pete O'Keefe** is getting an early education—he had the winning ticket but couldn't grab the correct marble. Four-Way Test coin for you, Pete! Welcome to the club!

## PROGRAM

■ Our speaker, **China Galland**, titled her talk *Love Cemetery*:



► **President J. R.** promotes next week's evening **Club Visioning session** to **Einar Asbo** at today's meeting. "Be there or be square," says J.R.

## 19th Annual Gala Fundraiser



# Top Hat and Pearls Dinner Dance

**Fabulous Food!**



**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

~~ Black Tie Optional ~~

**Great Live and Silent Auction Prizes!**



**Dance to the Music of the Sandy Geller Band**



**Marin Country Club**

500 Country Club Way, Novato

5:30 p.m.

\$100 per person

**Tickets:** [www.marineveningrotary.com](http://www.marineveningrotary.com)

**or** **Mark Shirley** 415-945-9593 or [markshirley@mac.com](mailto:markshirley@mac.com)



Fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Marin Evening Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation.

## PROGRAM (Cont'd)

### *Unburying the Secret History of Slaves.*

By the eve of the Civil War, there were four million slaves in North America, and Harrison County was the largest slave-owning county in Texas. So when China returned to research her family history there, it should not have surprised her to learn of unmarked cemeteries for slaves. "My daddy never let anybody plow this end of the field," a local matron told a startled Galland during a visit to her antebellum mansion. "The slaves are buried there."

Her subsequent effort to help restore just one of these cemeteries—Love Cemetery—unearthed a quintessential American story of prejudice, land theft, and environmental destruction, uncovering racial wounds that are slow to heal.

## NEXT WEEK

**March 13 (4:30):** *Vision Facilitation Session*, conducted by **Colleen Wright** of District 5150, where club members have the opportunity to chart the future for the Rotary Club of Mill Valley. Dinner will be served at 4:30 with the program scheduled to begin at

5:15. This meeting will be at the golf clubhouse as usual.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**March 17: District Workshop** (AKA District Learning and Leadership Development Assembly) 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Redwood High School, 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur. Register to attend on District website.

**March 20: Maureen "Mo" Devnieva** will tell us *What Social Media Can Do for You*. #RotaryEdition. Did you know by 2018 video will account for over 2/3 of mobile usage? Come to this session to help move our club

## MILL WHEEL CAMERA SPOTLIGHTS SOME OF TODAY'S ACTION

► Clockwise from right: Visiting Rotarian Erik Grunwald, Foundation Chair at RC North Raleigh, N.C. visits with his MV counterpart Tom McKlveen; PP Jane Hall with special guest grandson Mikey Pielert; and, PP Dick Spotswood awarding George Hoyle certificates to (from left) Lee Kirkpatrick, Jane & Mikey for Jane's daughter Susannah, Phil Richardson for his son Scott, and Heidi Duckor for her granddaughter.





## CLUB CALENDAR

forward with social media and video. Walk away with tools and skills to share our club's #RotaryStory!

**March 22: REST Program (Rotating Emergency Shelter Team)** at the Community Congregational Church of Tiburon-Belvedere. Our second opportunity to directly serve the homeless by providing food and fellowship. Past President **Kim Jessup** is putting together a crew, so please check with her to volunteer your services.

**March 27:** Mill Valley Rotary exchange student **Eli Ferrell** will tell about *My Experiences as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Europe*. He will share with us his

### *The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do*

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

travels and adventures while studying in Spain.

**April 3: Members Program.**

**April 7: Spring spruce up** at *Rotary Corner* down at Terwilliger Marsh in front of the Mill Valley Community Center. Work starts at 9:30 and ends at noon. Wear your gloves and bring your clippers.

**April 17: Roberto Calandro** will speak on Robotics. He is a postdoctoral scholar at UC Berkeley in the Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research Laboratory.

**April 24:** Austrian exchange student **Felix Filzwieser** will talk about "AAA." Not the Triple A you know, but Felix, the Amiable, Austrian and Advocate for Rotary. He will be speaking about his homeland, family, school, and life in Austria. He will share with us his journey and experiences as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student living in Marin.

## HOSPITAL BLOOPERS

The lab test indicated abnormal liver function.

### 2017-2018 POLIO PLUS

**CLUB GOAL**  
**\$2,500.00**

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$1,750.94**

### 2017-2018 SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

**GOAL**  
**\$10,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$5,770.00**

### ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

**2017-2018 GOAL:**  
**\$18,000.00**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$11,130.00**

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