

THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ The Head Greeter herself, **Kathleen Delehanty**, shown below welcoming our speaker **Dr. Angelo Capozzi**, was on the job today. One of Kathleen's three



Thoughts for the Day: *It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.*

PRESIDER

■ **President J. R.** has a pretty healthy set of lungs. He needed them today to get the crowd's attention and tell this joke: *In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. After that, everything else was made in China.* Oh, well.....

VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarians:* Our speaker, a member of San Francisco #2 when the club started Rotaplast, now belongs to the Rotary Club of Tiburon/Belvedere. Also joining us today was **Barbara Rycerski**, a relatively new member of the Rotary Club of Sausalito.

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Damian Morgan**, born and raised in Marin City, attended today as the guest of PP **Pieter Bogaards**.



ONLY 4 WEEKS TO GO!
Starting next week, bring your donations for the **SF-Marin Food Bank & Toys for Tots.**
Let's fill the containers to the top and over!



CELEBRATIONS

■ *Club Anniversary:* Past President **Ed Marshall** was recognized for his service to the community and the world as a member of MV Rotary since November 19, 1985. Only three current active members have served longer. Ed is one of two Mill Valley Rotarians to serve more than one term as president. Congratulations, Ed, and thanks for all that you do!

■ *Birthday:* **Don Bowden's** birthday (11/15) got lost in last week's Peruvian party, but apparently he did some serious celebrating without us—plays, parties and what all.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 19, 2017

12 - 1:30 pm

PIAZZA D'ANGELO

\$40/PERSON

BRING YOUR CHECK (PAYABLE TO ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY) NEXT WEEK, OR MAIL TO ROBERTA KELLER, 500 HILLSIDE AVE., MILL VALLEY 94941

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ PP **Bob Canepa**, current Service Fund president, reminded members that the deal for **George Hoyle** matching funds (up to \$250) expires at the end of this year. Time to make your move!

■ **Dennis Klein** had two announcements: **1)** Saturday, November 25, meet at Old Mill Park at 1:30 to restore the environment and **2)** Affordable Housing Summit will be held at the Community Center on November 30 at 6:30.

■ **President J. R.** called for volunteers to join him at Salut  restaurant in Richmond Thanksgiving Day to help serve free meals. Call him immediately for details if you'd like to participate.

GOOD TIMES

■ Two bell-ringers from PP **Greg Dyer** for his and **Karyne's** world travels the past few months (most of which have been chronicled by *The Mill Wheel*). Their most recent jaunt included visits to the



► **Einar thinks he has the Raffle in the bag; Heidi knows better!**

Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef, courtesy of the Stanford ("take off that red shirt!") Alumni Travel Service.

■ PP **Richard Rider** recently returned from Chicago where he attended meetings that discussed

research his Family Foundation is funding. He was much impressed with progress being made. Less so when he returned home, played golf with **Jane** who did better with "his" special driver which soon became "her" special driver!

■ **Stephanie Ricardo** enjoyed her Rotary Hike in Baltimore Canyon last Friday. PP **Doug Scherf** and **Larry Davis** were fellow hikers.

RAFFLE

■ **PE Bob Roberts** wins a 4-Way Test coin.

PROGRAM

■ **Dr. Angelo Capozzi**, co-founder and volunteer surgeon of Rotaplast International, shared the remarkable story of the work done by the organization as it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Started in 1992 as a world community service project by the Rotary Club of San Francisco, Rotaplast's first mission was to Chile to provide children with cleft lip and/or cleft palate reconstructive surgery.

► **Below: PE Bob Roberts** chats with visitor **Damian Morgan**. **Right: Rotary hikers in Corte Madera last week—Stephanie Ricardo, her friend Kathleen Hayes, PP Doug Scherf and Peggy Davis.**



PROGRAM (Cont'd)

Since then, Rotaplast has made close to 200 missions to 26 different countries and performed 19,000 reconstructive plastic surgeries. In 1996 Rotaplast was incorporated as an independent nonprofit and now has six paid staff. Many members of MV Rotary participate in the Rotaplast Bocce tournament in San Rafael every summer to help raise funds for their work.

Using personal anecdotes and photos showing dramatic transformations by young Rotaplast patients from all over the world, Dr. Capozzi certainly had the audience in his corner.

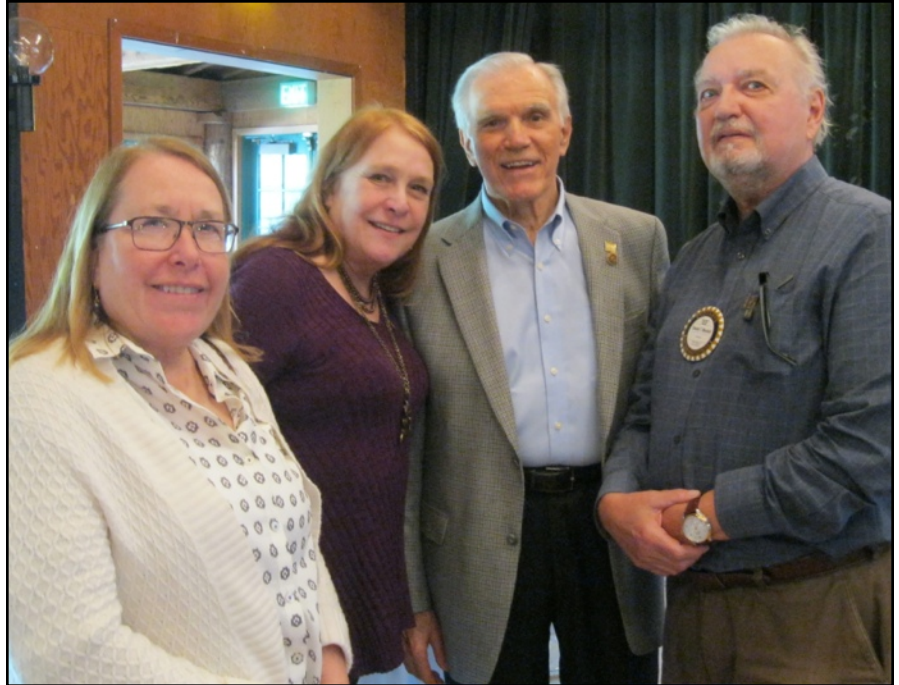
So much so, in fact, that when **President J. R.** presented him with the traditional speaker's thank you gift he added a check from the club in the amount of \$1,000 payable to Rotaplast International.

NEXT WEEK

November 28 (12:15): Mill Valley Superintendent of Schools **Paul Johnson** will talk about *Innovation in our Mill Valley Schools*. It has been nearly five years since the Rotary Club of Mill Valley provided critical feedback into the development of the school district's strategic plan. Paul will present examples of progressive programs in the district and gather feedback from Rotarians regarding building innovative schools in Mill Valley in the future. Be present to share your ideas.

CLUB CALENDAR

December 5 (12:15): Can't think of a better way to kick-off the 2017 Holiday Season than by listening to the *Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Orchestra &*



► From left: Visiting Sausalito Rotarian Barbara Rycerski, Karen Buckter, guest speaker Dr. Angelo Capozzi and PP Ed Marshall. Angelo's story of the 25 years of service by Rotaplast doctors, dentists and hundreds of Rotary volunteers was inspirational, to say the least. President J. R. presented Rotaplast a check from the club for \$1,000 as a way of saying, "Thanks and keep up the good work."

HELP

Fill the Empty Plates

MOST NEEDED FOODS

Tuna	Canned Chili	Canned Fruit	Pastas
Peanut Butter	Canned Beans	Substantial Soups	Sauces

CLUB CALENDAR

Blue Grass Band Holiday Concert
conducted by **Phoebe Dong**.

December 12 (6:15): To Be Announced.



December 19 (12:15): Holiday Luncheon at Piazza D'Angelo. (See notice on Page 1).

December 26: No Meeting. Happy Holidays!

January 2: No Meeting. Happy New Year!

January 16: Oak Dowling will tell us about *Rosa Parks: An International Icon of Resistance to Racial Segregation*. By refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus in 1955, black



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

seamstress Rosa Parks helped initiate the civil rights movement in the United States. The leaders of the local black community organized a bus boycott that began the day Parks was

convicted of violating the segregation laws. Led by a young Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the boycott lasted more than a year—during which Parks not coincidentally lost her job—and ended only when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional. Over the next half-century, Parks became a nationally recognized symbol of dignity and strength in the struggle to end entrenched racial segregation. The U.S. Congress called her "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement."

HOSPITAL CHART BLOOPERS:

"On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared."

**2017-2018
POLIO PLUS**

**CLUB GOAL
TBA**

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,520.53**

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

**GOAL
\$10,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,400.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

**2017-2018 GOAL:
TBA**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$4,120.00**

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