



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Beverlee Sandy**, who looked to **Helen Keller** for her Thought for the Day: *Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.*

PRESIDER

■ **President J.R.** laid another one on us:
Even with a thousand games, dolls and crafts to choose from, Grandma still couldn't find a thing for her grandson.
"Maybe a video or something educational," suggested the clerk.
"No, that's not it," said Grandma.
She wandered the aisles until something caught her eye, a laser gun with flashing lights and 15 different high-pitched sounds.
"This is perfect," she said, beaming. "My daughter-in-law will hate it."

VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarians:* **Richard Jensen**, president of the Rotary Club of Central Marin, was the guest of **President J. R.** Richard invited MV Rotarians to attend a Central Marin meeting sometime in the future. The club meets at the *Left Bank* restaurant at noon on Mondays.
■ *Guests of Rotarians:* PP **Kim Jessup's** partner **Anne**

Zarraonandia (no wonder she's known as "Anne Z"!)
accompanied Kim to today's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President J. R.** announced that the Board of Directors will meet next Monday, Sept. 25.



▶ **Greeter Beverlee Sandy** offers her Thought for the Day.

■ Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen**—the man with the self-addressed envelopes—made a pitch again on behalf of The Rotary Foundation and the upcoming District 5150 Foundation Event. He reminded us that every \$20 donated during the current drive will garner the donor one raffle ticket and a chance at some really big prizes. Mail your envelope to Tom today!
■ **President Elect Bob Roberts** recalled the recent Peruvian greenhouse adventure, noting that a second act is in the works. Bob informed the club that a new Global Grant has been arranged with Rotary International and he is in the process of contacting Bay Area clubs once again to solicit DDF funds for use in building an additional 25 to 30 greenhouses. Bob also has been in touch with **Allely Albert**, who is in Ireland to attend university, and he reports that she has promised to attend a Rotary meeting in Belfast.

CELEBRATIONS

■ *Birthday:* Seems like we were perpetually celebrating **Lew Katcher's** (9/17) birthday, but apparently this time it was for real. At least, he got the "royal" treatment when **Donna D** teamed up with **Lee Kirkpatrick** to honor him in song (see following page).
■ *Club Anniversary:* **Peter Mason** (9/21/10) has been a stalwart of the Mill Valley Rotary Sgt. at Arms team for most of the seven years he has been a member.

Congratulations, Peter, and thanks for your many contributions to our community and the world through your membership in Rotary.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Bill Lambrecht** and wife PDG **Leah** had a real Rotary Good Time recently when they visited 92 year-old Rotary International Past President **Cliff Dochterman** in his hometown, Moraga. (See the special report on P. 3).

PROGRAM

■ **Dameion Brown** was billed as a dynamic speaker with a great story. Indeed!

A Shakespearean actor and case manager for high-risk youth, he shared a story that members of our club don't often hear—a story of his years in prison and how the arts made a huge difference in the trajectory of his life.

Dameion held his audience spellbound while describing life



► **Could this be the start of something big? Lee and Donna team up to sing Donna D's version of the Birthday Song.**

in prison: "One of the first things I learned was how to make a knife out of a shampoo bottle," he said. "Survival is the order of the day," he continued, "and if that's your main concern you cannot learn life skills."

It was when he ended up "in the hole" (solitary) that he began to think about the lessons taught to him by his parents and he started working with young men.

How did Shakespeare get involved? Simple. Some classes in the prison rec center, practice in the "yard", and a performance attended by inmates hoping to watch the players "fall on their faces" turned out to be a "miracle of the arts."

Dameion explained that masks were off, giving inmates participating "reason to be human with other human beings."

"It was one of the greatest things art brought into the institution," Dameion noted.

A fascinating talk and a wonderful experience for Rotarians and their guests who attended today.

NEXT WEEK

■ **September 26 (12:15): Roger Knoren and Claudia Sandova** with *Pachamama Alliance*, which



KEEPING TABS ON THE TRAVELERS: Counter clockwise from left—Colin overdosing on gelato in Italy; Bob posing in Baku, Azerbaijan, and Jane helping students with conversational English in Bogor, Indonesia. What Jane and the students discussed was not revealed. ❖



works to empower indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest to preserve their lands and culture and, using insights gained from that work, to educate and inspire individuals everywhere to bring forth a thriving, just and sustainable world.

CLUB CALENDAR

September 30: Work Party. Meet in Old Mill Park at 1:30 p.m. **Dennis Klein** has details.

October 3 (12:15): A representative from *Zero Waste Marin* will clue us into the goal to eliminate waste by conserving and recovering all resources; local owner of Mill Valley Refuse **Jim Iavarone** will accompany her.



MEET TODAY'S SPEAKER

► Today's speaker **Dameion Brown** poses with **Donna D**, **President J. R.** and **Program Co-Chair Elizabeth Suzuki** after his presentation.

October 7: Work Day (9:30 to 12) on Rotary Corner at Terwilliger Marsh. Wear your gloves and bring a pruner.

October 10 (6:15): To Be announced.

October 17: To be announced.

October 21: Rotary District 5150 Foundation Event at Madame Tussaud's in San Francisco. Details on the District website—www.rotary5150.org.

GOOD TIMES

A VISIT WITH ROTARY PAST PRESIDENT CLIFF DOCHTERMAN

■ **Bill and Leah Lambrecht** recently visited with **Cliff Dochterman**, RI President in 92-93 and a Rotary legend of sorts. Cliff is known by many Bay Area Rotarians as a master story teller and has been a popular speaker for many years at many Rotary events.

But perhaps his biggest contribution, Bill notes, was in 1979 when Cliff and two others suggested continuing large International

projects. Three H (Health, Habitat, Humanity) Projects similar to current Global Grants were very unpopular at the time. Clubs and many Past RI Presidents believed Rotary Foundation money should be spent on community projects. On the 75th Birthday of Rotary the RI President asked members to donate \$15. This money was held outside of TRF. Subsequently, a letter asked for suggestions of what to do with it.

A phone call from the Philippines, which had the highest number of children with polio in the Pacific Rim, stated that they had the ability to inoculate every child if they had the vaccine. The rest is history, with only 18 new wild polio cases this year.

The license plate belongs to **Rudy Westervelt**, Leah's DG classmate. Cliff is no longer speaking at Rotary clubs, but Rudy's wife talked him into speaking to their Rotary E Club. Leah thought the attached Oral History of Past RI President Cliff Dochterman would be of interest. It can be downloaded from this site: <http://vm154.lib.berkeley.edu:3002/searchinterview/fullDisplay?data=210954>



CLUB CALENDAR

October 24: Dr. Tom Peters will discuss *The Face of Modern Philanthropy in Marin and Beyond*. Dr. Peters is President and CEO of the Marin Community Foundation (MCF). He will share an insider's view of the billion-dollar philanthropic enterprise based here in Marin County, and how the mission of the MCF is expressed in grants made locally, nationally and internationally. He'll give us a sense of the operational, advisory and decision-making mechanisms that support these distributions. And in the process, he'll also reference the public policy and federal tax context of this process designed to guide private resources to the benefit of the public good.

October 31: John Geoghegan's presentation is entitled *West Coast Sub Attacks During WWII*. The California coast was swarming with Japanese submarines in the weeks immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Between December 10, 1941 and October 1942, nine Japanese submarines sunk a dozen merchant ships between Vancouver and San Diego as well as shelling the California coast on more than one occasion—episodes little remembered today.

November 7: Members Program.

November 14: Special Evening Fellowship. Details to come.

November 21: Dr. Angelo Capozzi, a co-founder of Rotaplast International, will present *Rotaplast International 25*

Years Later. Angelo will share the remarkable story of Rotaplast's 220 missions in 26 countries and 19,000 operations on patients.

November 28: Mill Valley Superintendent of Schools Paul Johnson will talk about *Innovation in our Mill Valley Schools*. It has been nearly five years since the Mill Valley Rotary Club 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 the future.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

**2017-2018
POLIO PLUS**

**CLUB GOAL
TBA**

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,230.53**

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

**GOAL
\$10,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,300.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

**2017-2018 GOAL:
TBA**

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

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