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GREETER

■ **Suzanne Irwin-Wells** who shared a few lines from a poem titled "Home" by **Warsan Shire**, a Somali woman. Suzanne wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, noting that the following should put our lives into perspective:

*No one leaves home unless
Home is the mouth of a shark.
No one puts their children into a
boat
Unless the water is safer than the
land.
No one leaves home until home is
a sweaty voice in your ear saying
– Leave.*

PRESIDER

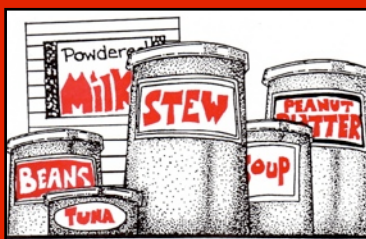
■ President **Ken Brooks**.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ **Club** – Past President **Bruce Wrisley** (11-22-66) - 49 years! Can't wait for the big celebration at his 50th next year! Congratulations, Bruce, and thanks for everything you have brought to Mill Valley Rotary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **M. A. Cardenas**, who is working with the Tam High Interact Club this year with **PP Sue Royce**, brought us up to date on the club's plans. There will be



► **Mill Valley Rotarians, you're doing great! Already one barrel full. Let's make it two. Bring a bagful next week! Again, many thanks!**

bake sales to raise money to send eight students to Nicaragua over

the holidays. Time and place for the sales to be announced.

■ **Dan Hatch** announced a dinner on January 7, at Community Church in Tiburon, to feed the homeless in Marin County. Check with him regarding details about how you can help with this project. Announcements – **Peter Straube**, **PP Bruce Wrisley** (standing in for his friend **Carol Lodewycks**) and **Don Bowden** were inducted as George Hoyle Fellows. Service Fund President **PP Bob Canepa** did the honors.

■ **Vince Howes** brought home grown pomegranates to share.



► **Three new George Hoyle Fellows were sworn in to day by Service Fund President Bob Canepa—Bruce Wrisley, accepting for friend Carol Lodewycks, Don Bowden and Peter Straube.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Should we have a seed-spitting contest fundraiser?

■ Donations today to *George Hoyle Fund*: **Carol Lodewyks, Karen Buckter, Burnett Tregoning, Colin Wong and Dick Spotswood** contributed, taking advantage of the matching funds program which ends December 31st.

■ Mill Valley Rotary has both *Marin Food Bank* and *Toys for Tots* barrels for the holidays. Thanks to the club's generosity, the Food Bank barrel has been filled. Next week it will be replaced by an empty barrel, so keep bringing the goodies.

■ December 8th the Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Music Group will perform for us at our lunch meeting.

■ Mill Valley Rotary will participate in Winterfest Sunday, December 6 in downtown Mill Valley. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. See **President Ken** for volunteer opportunities.

■ Mill Valley Rotary T-Shirts with the new logo are available for \$20.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Colin Wong** has returned from the final 2015 Alliance for Smiles



► Fashion statement anyone? Our Sergeants at Arms display three of the half-dozen glasses left in the clubhouse during the year. If one looks familiar to you, check with President Ken to get it back.

mission to China and announced that they have helped 500 children this year. Five missions are planned for 2016.

■ **Joanne Burns** has returned from a Serengeti safari in Tanzania. After admiring all the animals on the Plain, she went to the coast where she swam with whale sharks. An amazing experience.

■ **PP Dick Spotswood** has returned from a trip to Australia

and New Zealand. That's a bell-ringer down under!

■ **PP Kim Jessup** had a Good Time last Saturday helping unload cars and trucks bringing food to the Food Bank in Novato during the Boy Scout Food Drive. Kim and her partner **Anne Zarraonandia**, and their son **Luke** were joined by the following Mill Valley Rotarians—**Cyndi Moore, Jean Batman** and her daughter **Lauren, Heidi**

TODAY'S PROGRAM: EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW AND MORE!



► The feats and foibles of **J. R. Hastings**, left, and **Dan Hatch** were in the program spotlight today.

Duckor, Margareth Tanner, PP Burnett Tregoning, and President Ken. The Boy Scouts collected and also helped process over 30,000 pounds of food that day. Way to go!

RAFFLE

■ The weekly raffle was won by **President Ken Brooks.**

PROGRAM

■ This week we had two presentations from our members about their lives:

■ **James R. Hastings:** Rotarian Hastings started by describing himself as handsome, workaholic and quiet. He is particularly proud of having learned French fluently prior to his service as an Air Force pilot in Cambodia. He then

became a pilot for United Airlines where he adamantly believed his first priority was the safety of the plane and passengers, even if it meant bending corporate rules. He also obtained a law degree and opened a practice while on furlough from the airlines. Today he operates law and real estate offices in Mill Valley and San Rafael. One of his specialties is legal assistance for the elderly. J.

WORKING AT THE FOOD BANK



► Above: Heidi, Lauren Batman, her mother Jean and Margareth with Marin Food Bank employee Joe Dyson. Above right: Looks like Luke doing some dumpster diving. Below left: Kim, Anne and Luke ready to jump in and remove the bags and cardboard. Below right: Heidi, Jean and Margareth stay busy unloading vehicles full of food during the Boy Scout Food Drive.



PROGRAM (Cont'd)

R. joined Mill Valley Rotary in October 2012.

■ **Reverend Daniel Hatch:** Rotarian Hatch obtained an Anthropology degree at the University of California at Berkeley, which pleased his father as it had been his father's alma mater.

Dan served in the Peace Corps for several years along with his first wife, in Fiji, Thailand and Hawaii. He obtained a masters degree in Divinity from the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo and was ordained as a Christian minister in 1988. His first wife passed away in 2008 and he remarried three years ago. He joined the Mill Valley Rotary in January 2011. He likes rowing. In fact, he declared that he had been out on the bay rowing this morning. He is an avid canoeist and runs in marathons. He has a passion for social justice.

NEXT WEEK

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.

CLUB CALENDAR

December 8: Twelve very talented students from the **Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Music group** will be performing for us. Most of these students play with the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra. Invite a guest.

December 15: Holiday Luncheon. 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. Deadline for reservations: December 1st. Get yours in ASAP. Remember, donations to the Food Bank and Toys for Tots will be accepted at this event.

December 22 & 29: No Meetings. Happy Holidays!

January 5: Retired Navy pilot **Charley Taylor** will present *Tales of a CAT Officer*. After serving two combat deployments as a fighter pilot aboard the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War, Charley later received orders to serve as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer back aboard the Big E. Working on a carrier flight deck is often described as the most dangerous environment in

MORE WORKING AT THE FOOD BANK



► **Left:** Mill Valley Rotary crew helps unload an SUV. **Right:** Every successful work project needs at least one hard working boss! (Photos by Marcia Custer, Marin Food Bank Manager)

CLUB CALENDAR

aviation. He will share his exciting experiences of "shooting" the jets off the carrier deck and "trapping" them when they landed.

January 12: **Eli Adler's** presentation is entitled *Surviving Skokie*. This also the title of his intensely personal documentary film about a band of neo-Nazi thugs that threatened to march in the quiet village of Skokie, Illinois in 1977. At that time about 7,000-8,000 former Holocaust survivors lived in Skokie. They survived the horrors of the Holocaust and came to America to put the past behind. For decades they kept their awful memories secret, even from their

children. Eli will discuss these provocative events, their aftermath, his family's horrific experience of the Shoah, and a journey with his father to confront long-suppressed memories.



► The box will be in the entry way next week. Mill Valley fire fighters are collecting new unwrapped toys. Let's support their effort.



**HAVE A
WONDERFUL
THANKSGIVING**



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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$679.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$5,125.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$10,800.00**

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