



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Richard Rider** passed along this advice—*When facing a new pressure, don't think about it, just do the best you can.*

PRESIDER

■ President **Susan Royce** admitted that, last week, she didn't realize that today was **Fat Tuesday**, not **Hat Tuesday**! Still the club responded admirably to her request to make it a Hat Tuesday—we noted only one bare head in the room! Pictures of some of this sartorial nonsense on page 3.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

■ **Don Bowden** (technically still a guest of **Don Herzog** but soon to become a full fledged member) and **Tom McKlveen** who recently moved to Mill Valley from Iowa who attended for his second time. **Jeremy Pond** of Mill Valley was the guest of visiting Rotarian **Anderson Silveira** (see below).

VISITING ROTARIANS

■ **Anderson Silveira**, a business consultant at Wells Fargo's business center in San Rafael, stopped by today to tell us about the new Evening Club being

formed to meet twice a month at George's in San Rafael.

■ Today's speaker, **Karen Noe**, is a member of the Rotary Club of Los Gatos.

BIRTHDAYS

■ **J. R. Hastings** celebrated a birthday February 25. Sounded like it was sort of a mixed bag—disappointing concert featuring **YoYo Ma**—but things picked up considerably when J.R. took off for Carmel where he decided to stay for a while. **President Sue** was tapped to lead the Birthday Song. Not a bad job, but not really a good job, either.

MILL VALLEY 3rd Graders Love Their New Dictionaries



☛ Old Mill School.

■ The last of 362 MacMillan Illustrated Dictionaries for Children was distributed last Monday to a 3rd Grader at Park School, marking the completion of this year's Dictionary Distribution Program sponsored by MV Rotary. All 3rd Graders in Mill Valley elementary schools—Tam Valley, Old Mill, Park, Edna Maguire and Strawberry Point—received one of the books.

■ Mill Valley Rotarians participating in the program included President Sue, Doug Scherf, Dan Hatch, Bill Lambrecht, Tracy Cook, Phil Richardson, newcomer Don Bowden, Kim Jessup, Kent Campbell and his son Braedan, Robin Keller, Kathleen Delehanty and Burnett Tregoning.

■ Barbara Hoffling again handled logistics, organizing the presentation groups and attending every session to make sure that each child got his/her dictionary. Thanks, Barbara, for a job well done.

■ If you were unable to be a presenter, the following pictures might inspire you to give it a try next year.

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MILL VALLEY 3rd Graders Love Their New Dictionaries (CONT'D)



☛ Clockwise from top left: Park School; Old Mill School, Tam Valley School; Old Mill School; Park School and Old Mill School.

☛ Our thanks to all of those who had their

smart phones or a camera with them—Robin Keller, Kent Campbell, Bill Lambrecht and Andy Withers, Principal at Park School. ■



ANNIVERSARIES

- **Wedding:** **Doug and Linda Scherf** celebrate their 51st on March 9. They have already celebrated the event by recently spending a week in Arizona visiting with family and friends.
- **Club:** **Howard Harker's** 12th anniversary as a member of Mill Valley Rotary is next week (March 12), so technically he should not have been honored today, but being the great Rotarian that he is, he was. Make sense? The visit by the Russian architects way back when was his MV Rotary highlight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Foundation Chair **Doug Scherf** reported that a check in the amount of \$1,600 has been sent to The Rotary Foundation, representing the majority of Polio Jar collections thus far this year. He also noted that individuals, when contributing the the Foundation, can specify that their donation go to Polio Plus if they care to. See Doug if you'd like to do this.
- **Burnett's** selling ads again for the District Conference Program. Call or see him if you are interested. It's a real deal!
- Hatless **Dennis Klein** donated \$5 to the Polio Jar and urged club members to "get the certainty back" by reducing our carbon footprint wherever we can.

GOOD TIMES

- **Donna D's** grandkids were checking out Match.com in hopes that they could find a grandpa!
- Physical therapy is paying off for **Don Bowden**, who can now hike up his steps without a cane. Don also recently learned that he is the godfather of a baby born in Ankara, Turkey.

HAT TUESDAY—MV ROTARY GOES UNDERCOVER!



☛ Above: Today's speaker, Karen Noe, 2nd from right, gets trapped posing with MV Rotary "mad hatters" Don Bowden, Richard Rider, President Sue, Peter Mason and Stephanie Ricardo. At right, Colin Wong is resplendent in a "Chief's Hat" presented to him by the mayor of a Chinese city during a recent *Alliance for Smiles* trip.



- **Colin Wong** reported that the recent *Alliance for Smiles* fundraiser was a big success with over 200 attending the event in San Francisco. He plans to show a video of an interview he made



☛ Speaker Karen Noe shows President Sue how to pack meals for hungry kids.

with China TV 13 when he is the featured speaker at our meeting on July 15.

- **Richard Rider's** sons **Luke** and **Kirk** are pulling down the awards at Tam High—Luke in wrestling and Kirk in basketball.

RAFFLE

- Free lunch for PE **Jane Hall**.

PROGRAM

- The focus was on world hunger—especially as it affects millions of kids—as **Karen Noe**, Regional Development Director for *Stop Hunger Now*, addressed the club. Karen explained that *Stop Hunger Now*, started 15 years ago by a Rotarian/Minister in North Carolina, features a meal packaging program that provides volunteers the opportunity to package dehydrated, high protein, and highly nutritious meals used in crisis situations and in school

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

feeding programs for schools and orphanages in developing countries around the world.

Check out their website:

www.stophungernow.org.

NEXT WEEK

■ Our speaker will be **Donna Lemmon**, Executive Director,

Integrated Community Services, an organization that serves individuals whose diagnosed disabilities interfere with their ability to live and work independently in the community. ICS provides job preparation; job development, job coaching, and long term follow up services once the support is no longer needed.

CLUB CALENDAR

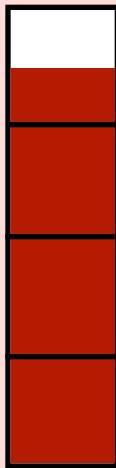
March 18: Kim Mazzuca, President of 10,000 Degrees, San Rafael based nonprofit that selects Mill Valley Rotary Tamalpais High School scholarship recipients, will be our speaker. Her presentation is entitled *Creating College Graduates Who Will Change the World*. Scholarship recipients will share success stories with us.

■ **March 22: District Assembly**, Redwood High School. Sign up on the District Website.

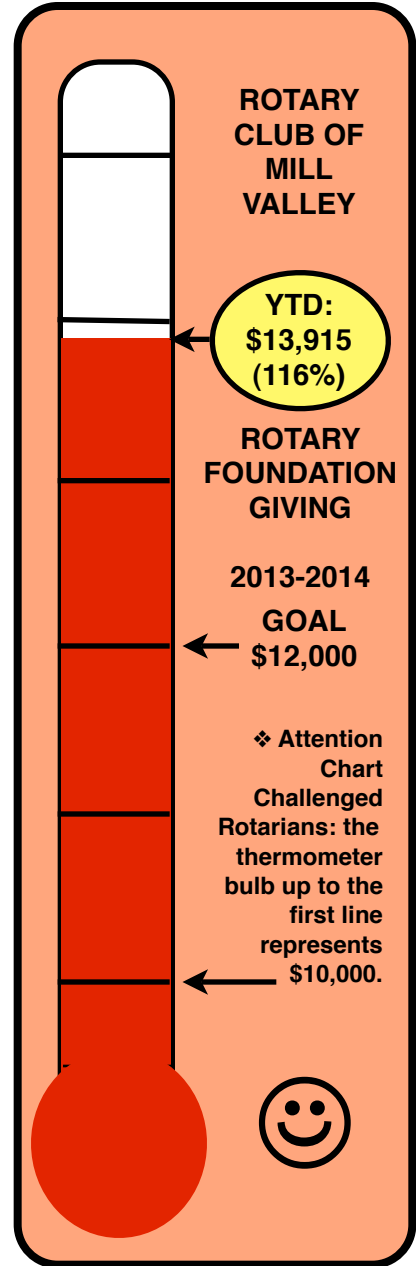
■ **March 25: Marin attorney Renee Marcelle** will speak on *Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia*.

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?

POLIO PLUS CLUB GOAL \$2,000



JAR COLLECTIONS AS OF TODAY: \$1,746.00



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