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GREETER

■ **Greg Dyer**. His Thought for the Day was uncharacteristically short —he honored all the service people in Mill Valley.

PRESIDER

■ President **J.R. Hastings** had the following story for us:

A young pastor (**Dan Hatch**?) was sitting in a restaurant eating lunch. He opened a letter he'd just received that morning from his mom. As he opened it a twenty dollar bill fell out. He thought to himself, Thanks, Mom, I sure needed that right now.

As he finished his meal he noticed a beggar outside on the sidewalk leaning against the light post. Thinking that the poor man could probably use the twenty dollars more than he, he crossed out the names on the envelope and wrote across the top in large letters PERSEVERE.

So as not to make a scene, he put the envelope under his arm and dropped it as he walked past the man. The man picked it up and read the message and smiled.

The next day, as the pastor enjoyed his meal, the same man tapped him on the shoulder and handed him a big wad of bills. Surprised, the young pastor asked him what that was for.

The man replied, "This is your half of the winnings. *Persevere* came in first in the fourth race yesterday and paid thirty to one."

▶ **Greeter Greg Dyer (left) welcomes Doug and Stephanie.**

VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Anthony Trias** (**Bill Lambrecht**), **Bart Ferrell** (**Bob Canepa**); **Braedan Campbell** and **Jack Detjen-Creson** (**Kent Campbell**).

CELEBRATIONS

■ *Birthday:* **Dick Spotswood** (3/25) donated $1.00 for each year and new member **Jan Pedersen Schiff** gave her first performance as a singer. She could be quite a competition for Donna.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Rev. **Dan Hatch** thanked all who participated in the REST program, especially organizer **Kim Jessup**. The delicious food was very much appreciated by the homeless men staying overnight at the Community Congregational Church in Tiburon. (See story and photos on page 3).

WHAT HAPPENS IN OMAHA DOESN'T ALWAYS STAY IN OMAHA

▶ Mill Valley Rotary's student exchange coordinator Jane Hall is surrounded by Rotary colleagues attending the recent North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN18) conference in Omaha, Nebraska. Rotarians in the photo are (from left) Darlene de la Cerna, Kevin Greeley, both from District 5170, Jane, Mary Rogren from the Rotary Club of Half Moon Bay, and (in front) Mark Junod from District 5170. As reported last week, Jane had a great time exchanging ideas at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ PE **Bob Roberts** reminded us of the last two distributions of dictionaries to Mill Valley Third Graders will occur on Thursday and Friday.
■ Service Fund President **Bob Canepa** thanked **Lew Katcher** for donating income from his security investments to the Service Fund. The very generous donation amounted to $1,051!
■ Youth Service Director **Doug Scherf** praised **Emily Uhlhorn** for doing a terrific job with the Interact Clubs at Tam High and the Middle School. He also reported that a *Career Day* is scheduled for San Andreas High School in Larkspur under the sponsorship of MV Rotary. **Karen Buckter** and **Burnett Tregoning** are helping to organize the event, which is scheduled for May 10.
■ **PP Kent Campbell** reported that our website was down and **Einar Asbo** was able to fix it and make new improvements.

NEW MEMBERS

■ Two new members were introduced by **Susan Royce** and president **J.R. Hastings**. **Jan Pedersen Schiff** and **Peter O'Keefe** received their pins and paperwork and a warm welcome from club members. (Editor's Note: Check out the photo on page 3.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Burnett Tregoning** had to renew his driver's license. With some trepidation but never-the-less well prepared upon arriving at the DMV, he paid extra special attention to the eye chart during his 3-hour wait and passed with flying colors! Be forewarned: Looks like he'll be on the road for another five years!

MILL VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB TAKES A R.E.S.T.

▶ Last Thursday, March 22, members of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley were joined by five members of the Middle School Interact Club in what will be the final Rotating Emergency Shelter team (R.E.S.T.) event for the club this year. Club members creating a scrumptious meal for the homeless men at the Community Congregational Church of Belvedere-Tiburon included Kim Jessup, Robin Keller, Jane Hall, Emily Uhlhorn and the Interacters, Keith Papulias, Margareth Tanner, Heidi Duckor, J. R. Hastings, Dan Hatch, Phil Richardson, Barbara Hofling and Peter Mason.

Photos by Kim Jessup: 1) MVMS Interacters (from left) Maddie O'Keefe; Isabella Uhlhorn-Thornton; advisor Emily Uhlhorn; Sophie Raymond; Sophia Harkins and Maddie Uhlhorn-Thornton. 2) Kitchen crew relaxes while Robin creates his salad. 3) Peter and J. R. offer BBQ tips to Keith while he works on his tri-tips.

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

■ **Doug Scherf** was very proud of his granddaughter who is not only an accomplished cheerleader but also composed her own music.
■ **Susan Royce** gave a 30 minute presentation about aviation routes and history.

RAFFLE

■ The Head Raffler, **Heidi Duckor,** had the right number on her ticket but she grabbed the wrong color marble. Four-way Test coin for you, Heidi! Better luck next week!

PROGRAM

■ What is it like being a Rotary Exchange Student in a foreign country for a year? **Eli Ferrell**, Tam High senior and Mill Valley Rotary Exchange Student to Spain last year, shared in a well-prepared and fascinating report at today's meeting.

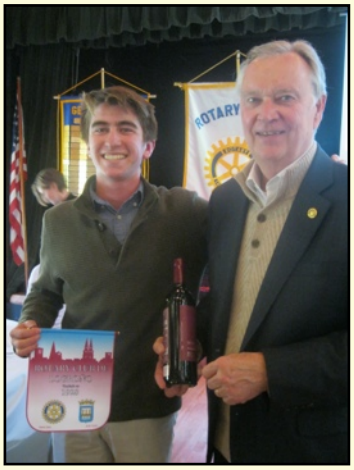
Here are some of the highlights:

❖ Beginning in August 2016, Eli spent a year living and studying in the north of Spain, just outside the Basque country.
❖ While there he gained several valuable skills: he learned to speak Spanish fluently and, in his words, "I discovered and learned to deeply appreciate the Spanish culture as well as many other

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

▶ Past President Susan Royce introduces new members Peter O'Keefe and Jan Pedersen Schiff, during a ceremony that made them the two newest members of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley. Jan and Pete received their pins and were enthusiastically welcomed by the club.

EXCHANGE STUDENT ELI FERRELL VISITS CLUB



▶ **Left:** Eli presents a club flag and a bottle of Spanish wine to President J.R. **Right:** Sunrise or sunset in Logorno, Eli's home in Spain. **Bottom right:** Eli takes a moment to pose with friends from Taiwan and Japan while hiking the Camino De Santiago in Spain. **Below left:** Following his talk today, Eli poses with his Spanish flag and Jane Hall and Braedan Campbell, a friend from Tam High.

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

cultures." He feels he has become a "global citizen."

❖ As a result of his experience, he says he sees the world in a new light. "More specifically, "he said, "I saw my world, the United States, from a different perspective. Many people don't realize that when you speak a different language you literally think differently."

❖ During the 11 months in Spain he lived with three different host families in Logorno, a city famous for its tapas (unique Spanish appetizers). Regarding the food, he noted: "When I think of the Spanish experience, I think of food...every night I felt like I was dining in a 5 Star restaurant!"

❖ Eli shared many other interesting experiences, wrapping up his presentation by thanking the club for sponsoring his adventure and presenting **President J. R**. a bottle of Spanish Riojan wine and a flag, from the Rotary Club of Logorno.

NEXT WEEK

April 3 (12:15): Members Program. (These are always fun and interesting.)

CLUB CALENDAR

April 7: Spring spruce up at *Rotary Corner* down at Terwilliger Marsh in front of the Mill Valley Community Center. For all of you not on the train today, work starts at 9:30 and ends at noon. Wear your gloves and bring your clippers.

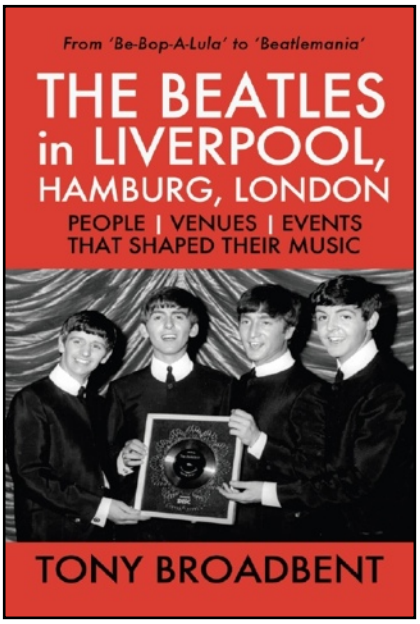
April 10: To be announced.

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

▶ **Heidi makes a desperate grab for the red marble. No dice —4-Way Test coin!**

April 24: Club "Vision" Assembly. Want to have a say about the future of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley? Be sure to attend this important session.

May 1: Beatles expert **Tony Broadbent** will be our speaker. His presentation is titled *The Beatles. Here, There, and Everywhere. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*. Tony will talk about the early days of The Beatles: From *Be-Bop-A-Lula* to *Beatlemania*, with reference to the two books he's written about the times. The novel: *The One After 9:09 - A Mystery With A Backbeat*. And the non-fiction book: *The Beatles in Liverpool, Hamburg, London - People, Venues, Events That Shaped Their Music.* All of which will hopefully help stimulate people's own fond memories of the Fab Four.



May 10: Career Day at San Andreas High School in Larkspur.

May 15: Anna Lecat will discuss *Surviving and Thriving from Ukraine through China to Mill Valley.* Anna will share her inspiring story of growing up in a Jewish family in Ukraine at the end of the Cold War and through the decline and fall of the Soviet Union, moving to China, and learning how to do business in China, and finally moving to the United States, establishing two successful businesses here and living with family in Mill Valley. Anna is a repeat entrepreneur, CEO and Founder of Les Lunes, a men and women's fashion label based in San Francisco, Paris, and Shanghai. Lecat specializes in retail and sustainable manufacturing having previously lived and worked in China for 18 years. She speaks fluent Mandarin and feels at home on the streets of Shanghai, in the mountains of Northern California and traversing the theater district in Paris. Her insatiable enthusiasm for championing artisanship, quality, and ethical manufacturing is well known in the business world.

May 22: Keith Phillips will present *Leaving No One Behind:*

CLUB CALENDAR

a Mill Valley Effort to Recover America's War Dead. There are 83,000 Missing in Action (MIAs) service personnel from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. A Military History buff, Keith first developed an interest in the MIAs when in New Guinea a local tribal chief asked him to bring home some American remains in his village. From that starting point began a sense of mission to re-energize the country's efforts to locate and recover the remains, and through Project Homecoming to assist families in their efforts. During his time with us Keith will speak to the "facts and figures" associated with the missing, speak to their presence in Marin County and worldwide and discuss the combination of science, international goodwill and serendipity that all play a role in return of the missing.

May 29: Film editor and film maker **Tim Amyx** will present *Movies in Marin and San Francisco.* The movie palaces of yesteryear, and the modern movie theaters of Marin. These historical (both old time, and modern) anecdotes will be shared by the former Mill Valley Historical Society President. Movie theaters have often been as important as schools and churches in the growing and socializing of small towns. Learn about where Mill Valley moviegoers went before not only the Sequoia theater, but also before the Hub. How many movie theaters were there in San Rafael in the 1920s? Remember the two drive-in theaters of Marin? What happened to them? What movies have been filmed and produced in and around Marin?

***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?**

HOSPITAL BLOOPERS

The patient has no previous history of suicides.

2017-2018 POLIO PLUS

CLUB GOAL
$2.500.00

JAR TOTAL AS OF TODAY:
$1,776.69

2017-2018 SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

GOAL
$10,000

TOTAL AS OF TODAY:
$6,911.20

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2017-2018 GOAL:
$18,000.00

TOTAL AS OF TODAY:
$11,130.00

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