



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ Past President **Susan Royce** made it short and sweet: *Failure is simply an opportunity to begin again.*

PRESIDER

■ President **Ken Brooks** at the helm once again.

VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **PP Susan Royce** introduced her neighbor **Christina Izzo** (no relation to the Michigan State basketball coach).

BIRTHDAYS

■ **PP Elizabeth Suzuki** (11/3) is taking today off. It seems she has been celebrating pretty much nonstop already and plans to continue on for a while. **PP President Kim Jessup** was asked to lead the Birthday Song, which she did in her unusual inimitable style.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ Foundation Chair **Bob Roberts** celebrated his third anniversary as a member of MV Rotary. His favorite Rotary moment? Why, the Mt. Play booth, of course, because working at higher altitudes brings out the personalities of his fellow club members. Bob also thanked the club for supporting the

“Toilets for Peru” project, another high altitude proposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ President **Ken** reported that a collection of “lost” sunglasses has accumulated in the clubhouse, and he’s looking forward to their owners stepping forward and claiming them. Didn’t say anything about paying for the opportunity, so if you hurry you might get yours back without paying a fine.

■ **Ken** also noted that this month’s board meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at the clubhouse. You are encouraged to attend.

■ The president urged club members to perk up their contributions to the Polio Jar to

assist Rotary in its program to finally eradicate polio. Our Polio Jar goal is \$2,000 and Ken would like to top that way before the end of his term (June 30, 2016). He reported that District Governor **Leah Lambrecht** had written him a letter giving answers to Polio Plus questions raised by members during her recent visit to the club. A copy of the letter will be sent to each member. Your reporter was not quick enough to pick up on the president’s offer to sell you two \$2 bills for \$5, but suffice it to say that the idea is to get as many greenbacks in the jar each week as possible.

■ Holiday Lunch organizer **Roberta Keller** reminded the club that she needs your reservation and check ASAP. This annual fun



▶ With Elizabeth filling in for hubby Steve Suzuki, she and Roberta were in today’s spotlight as the club’s newest George Hoyle Fellows.

event is scheduled for December 15 at Piazza D'Angelo in downtown Mill Valley. Cost is only \$35 per person and Roberta wants to give her guarantee to the restaurant on December 1st. Make your check payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley and give it to Roberta very soon. Thanks!

■ Foundation Chair **Bob Roberts** thanked the club for returning his “magic envelopes” in speedy fashion. He can use more. Get them in soon so you can be eligible for the Foundation Event drawing.

■ For those who'd like to get their green thumbs exercised, **PP Burnett** announced that Rotary Corner down at Terwilliger Marsh will get its monthly scrubbing Saturday, Nov. 7. Work starts at 9:30. Bring gloves and clippers.

■ Don't forget the Blood Drive. Details on page 3.

TWO MORE GH'S

■ Service Fund President **Bob Canepa** had the honor of presenting certificates to the two newest George Hoyle Fellows. Except, one of the recipients, **PP**



► **The money's in good hands. So says treasurer Stephanie Ricardo!**

Rotary | **WORLD PEACE CONCERT 2015**

Saturday, November 14, 2015
Herbst Theater, San Francisco

for more info and tickets: www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com

► **Want more info? www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com or call President Ken at 415-686-5707.**

Elizabeth Suzuki, was accepting the award on behalf of her husband **Steve**. The other recipient — **Roberta Keller**—accepted her certificate on behalf of herself thank you. Congratulations to Steve and Roberta and thanks to them for their generous support of the Mill Valley Service Fund. Still time for the rest of you to take advantage of the matching funds program to get your George Hoyle certificate. Check with Bob for details.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Don Herzog** let someone else fly for once and ended up thrilled no end during one hour of loops, spins and rolls. Don also traveled with his biking buddies all the way down to San Simeon before they got drenched by a bit of El Nino. And, in this three-for-one GT, Don also bragged on the great construction job he and his fellow bikers did on a new retaining wall at the top of the Tenderfoot Trail. Check this link: <https://vimeo.com/144307829> for all the details.

■ **Dan Hatch** recently returned from a trip to the Berkshires where he enjoyed the fall colors and



► **Has Roberta added a Rotary clothing division to her Girl Scout cookie franchise?**

checked out a Rotary Club in Pittsfield, MA.

■ Technically, the discussion regarding **Bob Robert's** new book, *Wish You Were Here*, took place during Announcements, but your reporter-editor decided that this would be a more appropriate spot. Bob's book traces the life and career of his father **Mike Roberts**, who became known as

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the Postcard King of America. Bob will be talking about the book and his dad at two sessions at Book Passage in Corte Madera, Nov. 28 and Dec. 12. Bet it will be worth your time to attend one of these sessions.

■ **PP Kim Jessup** contributed a double bell ringer to The Rotary Foundation on behalf of people she's been thinking about lately. One is **PP Anne Beirne**, an Honorary Member now residing on the East Coast and fighting cancer. The other is Kim's late father, **PP Dick**, who established

the architectural firm that she now heads.

■ Last but not least, First Spouse **Bill Lambrecht** reported a wonderful time attending the recent Rotary Zone Conference in Kona-Kailua, Hawaii, with his wife, District Governor **Leah Lambrecht**. Bill donated a bell ringer to the club account.

PROGRAM

■ Our speaker **Dave Gutierrez**, author of *Patriots from the Barrio*, told us about his cousin **Ramon Gutierrez** and the WWII story of the U.S. Army's unique all

Mexican-American combat unit—the 36th Division, 141st Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Co. E.

Gutierrez spent four years on the research and compiled several individual stories to tell one incredible story of the U.S. Army battles in Italy during WWII.

His cousin Ramon from Del Rio, Texas was awarded the Silver Star and three Purple Hearts by the US Army. Captured by the enemy twice, he was able to escape and make it back across to Allied lines. He would also become one of only a handful of Americans to be decorated for valor on the battlefield by the Soviet Union during WWII.

NEXT WEEK

■ **Peter Van Meter** will tell us about *Apollo 1, America's First Manned Space Fatalities*.

CLUB CALENDAR

November 14: World Peace Concert, Herbst Theater, San Francisco. For info and tickets call **President Ken** at 415-686-5707

November 17: Cinematographer and photographer **Greg Slick** will present *Travel Photography From Around the World*. Greg's travel images have won multiple awards including Editor's Favorite by *National Geographic* and Global Travel Photo Winner by *Planet Magazine*.

November 21: Blood Drive.

November 24: Member's Program.

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.



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Give blood 3 times a year!

Mill Valley Rotary

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 21, 2015

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Bloodmobile at Walgreen's
227 Shoreline Highway, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Visit www.bloodheroes.com

Click "locate blood drive" and enter sponsor code:
Rotaries, or call

Richard Simon at 415-295-9600

to schedule your life-saving appointment.

All donors will be entered in a raffle to win
a \$25 Walgreen's Gift Card!



Blood Centers of the Pacific
www.bloodcenters.org
888-393-GIVE

BRING A PHOTO ID - PLEASE EAT BEFORE DONATING - 16-YEAR-OLDS NEED A PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN

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.



► Greeter PP Sue Royce with her guest and neighbor Christina Izzo, right, and our newest member, Karen Buckter.

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$607.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$2,500.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

**2015-16 GOAL:
\$12,250**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$8,320.00**

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