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PRESIDER

■ **President Ken** at the helm, this time with a clock on the wall (see Clock Mystery item that follows).

GREETER

■ The **Rev. Dan Hatch** who, after leading the pledge to the flag, issued a brief sermon of sorts extolling us to do and be good.

VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarian*—Honorary member **Mary Luehring** accompanied PP **Doug Scherf** to today's meeting. Mary's late husband **Dale** had been a member of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley since 1969 at the time of his passing in 2013. He also served as District Governor in 1991-92. Great to see you, Mary!

■ *Guest of Rotarians*—**Matt Mathews**, owner with his wife **Jan** of the Mill Valley Lumber Yard complex downtown, was the guest of PP **Jim Simkalo**.

BIRTHDAYS

■ PP **Dick Spotswood** (3/25) was celebrated by the singing of the Birthday Song. A wise guy from the audience asked him how old he was and, since he was a



► Bob Canepa, Jane Hall and Bob Roberts pose with Edna Maguire 3rd Graders after their dictionary presentation.

member of today's Liars Club, it was imperative that he almost tell the truth: "Not yet 70!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ President Ken reported that the Rotary Means Business session held last week at The Cantina was a success (See photo report below).

■ He also noted that Volunteer Day would take place on the plaza downtown from 10 to 2 this Saturday. He'll be there manning a

table and telling folks about the good things we do.

■ PP **Kim Jessup** reminded the club that the Mountain Play will soon be upon us. Get your sales caps ready as we man the booth during six performances in May and June.

DICTIONARIES

■ By Wednesday of this week over 400 dictionaries will have been delivered by MV Rotary to all of the 3rd Graders in the five

Mill Valley School District elementary schools.

Presenters at Edna Maguire included **Bob Canepa, Jane Hall, Bob Roberts** at one class and **Jim Simkalo, Margareth Tanner** and **Dan Hatch** at a second. Bob Canepa had a special thrill when he presented a dictionary to his granddaughter **Sophie**.

Presenters at Park School included President **Ken, Don Bowden** and **Kathleen Delehanty**.

At Strawberry Point the books

MILL VALLEY ROTARY HOSTS MARCH "ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS" SESSION



► The MW roving photographer caught the action at last week's Rotary Means Business session held at The Cantina restaurant in Mill Valley. Clockwise, starting at left: Roberta collects entry fees; Ray and Phil with fellow southern Marin Rotarians; Kent and Bill visit with Susanne Karch, Mission San Rafael Rotary; distaff visitors join J.R., Ike and Peter.



were distributed by **Peter Mason, Steve Miller, Cyndi Moore** and **President Ken**.

Earlier this month a crew consisting of **President Ken, Margareth Tanner, Heidi Duckor, Bob Canepa, Cyndi Moore** and **Burnett Tregoning** delivered the books to Old Mill School students.

The final batch was to be presented to 3rd Graders at Tam Valley School by **Doug Scherf, Phil Richardson, Margareth Tanner, Jane Hall** and **Cyndi Moore**.

CLOCK MYSTERY

■ Members have noticed our reference to the missing clock at the clubhouse ever since Daylight Savings Time started. Nobody knows where it is or why it disappeared. Plenty of theories abound but now it is not necessary to spend time debating them.

The clock has returned! In fact, at the start of today's meeting **President Ken** pointed to the clock mounted on the back wall and thanked **Phil Richardson** for buying it and presenting it to the club. Interestingly, then President Ken showed us the clock he had purchased to replace the missing



► You got a clock, I got a clock...the mystery doubles!



► The Liars Club: Suzanne, Elizabeth, Dick and Leo give it their best.



timepiece! Now, instead of no clock we have two! The mystery doubles!

It has been suggested that both clocks be mounted—one showing Daylight Savings Time and the other Standard Time. Who says Rotarians are easily confused?! What do you think?

GOOD TIMES

■ **Dennis Klein** shared an article appearing in the latest UC Berkeley alumni magazine, which

detailed his experiences in 1968 along the DMZ separating North and South Korea. The article detailed his experience while serving as a 2nd Lt. with an engineering unit in the U. S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division. Could be that a major conflagration was avoided thanks to Dennis's quick reaction to a group of students who apparently were set on trying to breach the barbed wire fence on the northern side. Pretty hairy stuff! Ask him about it.



Blood Centers of the Pacific provides blood to more than 50 local hospitals.

Mill Valley Unites - Mill Valley Gives **BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

Please visit www.bloodheroes.com Click "locate a blood drive" and enter sponsor code: Mill Valley or call Richard Simon at (415) 295-9600 to schedule your life-saving appointment.

PROGRAM

■ *The Liars Club* strikes again! **Elizabeth Suzuki, Suzanne Irwin-Wells, Dick Spotswood** and **Leo Yang** did their best to befuddle, trick, confuse and fool us with their clever distortions and manipulations of the truth.

This is always a fun “educational” event. Watching the “liars” in action oftentimes results in side-splitting guffaws from the audience.

The words in play this time were: *liebig*; *scrumptious*; *xylanthrax*; *pettitoes*; *cran*; and *cephalonamancy*. How many definitions do you know, right off the top of your head and without the aid of Google?

Here’s a test—for the word “*cephalonamancy*” the liars each gave his/her definition:

Dick: Fortune telling by observing the position of the stars in the sky.

Elizabeth: Fortune telling by boiling the head of an ass.

Leo: Fortune telling by using a sheep’s bladder.

Suzanne: Fortune telling by using ripe figs.

Answer appears on page 5.

NEXT WEEK

April 5: Wildlife conservationist **Chris Austria** will speak on *Wildlife of Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda and Chimpanzees of Ngamba Island Sanctuary*. Chris will take us on a photographic-video tour to some of the beautiful national parks in East Africa, and you will learn about wildlife conservation strategies to preserve endangered species.

Chris will also take you on a trip to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Founded in 1998 by **Dr. Jane Goodall** and a group of founding trustees, Ngamba Island is home to 48

chimpanzees that have been rescued from the illegal wildlife trade. They live on 95 acres of natural forest habitat located on Lake Victoria.

Check out his website: www.ChrisAustria.com

CLUB CALENDAR

April 12: Candidate Forum for Supervisor representing District 3. This district includes Mill Valley, Tam Valley, Sausalito, Marin City, Belvedere, Tiburon and Strawberry. The League of Women Voters will provide a moderator and timekeeper for this event. **Important:** *Program Chair Bob Canepa must know how many are coming so the caterer has the proper amount of food—if you have not already done so,*

please email Bob (bobca1947@comcast.net) today with your “Yes” or “No.”

April 19: Retired British General **Rod Macdonald** will speak on *Misunderstanding the Middle East*. He will cover the formation of the Middle East from 1914 along with the difference between Middle Eastern and Western societies based on his experiences of more than 14 years working in the region. He believes that not having this knowledge creates misunderstanding which can drive poor decision making both at the political and business level. Prior to this he led British forces in active service in Northern Ireland during multiple tours in the 1970s and later saw combat in the Falklands War.



► Yes, that’s Leo Yang being welcomed to today’s meeting by Greeter Dan Hatch. We’d like to see more of him, but we’re always pleased with his performance as part of the Liars Club. Leo, we hope you note that this week’s humor spot on page 5 relates to you and your profession. Hope to see you again soon!

CLUB CALENDAR

April 26: Ludo Braja, our club's exchange student at Tam High, will be our speaker. She will be sharing with us her experiences living and studying here.

May 3: Cooper Quinton will teach us *Cyber Self-Defense for Beginners*. Surfing the web or even just owning a computer might seem like a dangerous proposition. One could have the impression that the internet is teeming with identity thieves, con artists, spies, creeps, and



► **Honorary member Mary Luehring was Doug's guest.**

criminals. In this talk Cooper will show you the five simple things that cyber-security professionals do to protect themselves online. Best of all, you can do these things yourself, at home, right now and never again fear your computer.

May 10: Allely Albert is a recently returned Peace Corps Volunteer originally from Mill Valley. She graduated from Willamette University in Salem, OR, where she studied French and American Studies. Allely was admitted into the Peace Corps and began her service in Cameroon in September 2013. She lived in a remote village in the South West Region of Cameroon in Central Africa for over two years conducting health education. Allely spearheaded a variety of health campaigns while she was there, ranging from nutrition to epilepsy to water sanitation.

Cephalonamancy:

Fortune telling by boiling the head of an ass.

TOOTHACHE:
The pain that drives you to extraction.

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,414.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$6,340.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

**2015-16 GOAL:
\$14,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$12,850.00**

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