



THE MILL WHEEL



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PRESIDER

■ **Susan Royce**, in her usual classy style.

GREETER

■ **Rev. Dan Hatch**, who suggested we use the original pledge of allegiance as a reminder of the importance of maintaining separation between church and state. Dan’s **Thought for the Day**: *I will not be obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with senses, reason and intellect has intended us to forego their use.*

VISITING ROTARIANS

■ **Dan Rheiner** (Sausalito); **John Mathis** (Mission San Rafael); **David Dye** (San Francisco #2), co-director of District 5150 RYLA; **Leah Reich** (Central Marin), District 5150 Governor Nominee.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

■ **Lynne and Derrick Wong**, and their son, **Kyle**, who was a RYLA camper last spring.

BIRTHDAYS

■ Past President **Kim Jessup** (10/10). PP **Dick Spotswood** led the singing of the Birthday Song, with fairly acceptable results—not Mormon Tabernacle Choir but close enough to fool this reporter.



Today’s speaker **David Dye**, co-director of District 5150 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), poses with **Kent Campbell** and **Kyle Wong**. Kyle attended this year’s RYLA camp at Westminster Woods in Occidental and was on hand to tell us about his experience there.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ **Kent Campbell** (10/9) wraps up his first full year of membership in Mill Valley Rotary. Kent, who has been a Rotarian elsewhere, recalled a touching moment during a Polio Plus inoculation trip to Nigeria, where a youngster who had just received the vaccine and he walked through the jungle together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President Sue** reported that, thanks to the hard work of

Foundation Chair **Doug Scherf** and the generosity of club members, we are fast approaching our annual goal for Foundation Giving. Check out the thermometer on page 3—it soon will be “topping out.”

She also demonstrated a device that tells its user when water boiled by solar heat has been pasteurized. Contributions to the Rotary Foundation help save lives around the world.

■ Membership Chair **Ken Brooks** reported that the club membership application and accompanying material has been updated. Next week he plans the induction of **Denise Foster**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Cont'd

- October 19 is the date for the Boyle Park Tennis Courts fundraiser. Our club is sponsoring a “jumping jack” for kids who attend.
- **President Sue** has some Rotary at Work T-Shirts that you can't live without. Seriously, these are sharp looking and will only set you back \$15. Get one soon!
- **Richard Simon** reminded members of the Southern Marin Rotary Fall Blood Drive scheduled for October 26 at Scout Hall. He'll have sign up sheets at every meeting up to that date. Count Richard asks that you get in the mood—and GIVE!

DISTINGUISHED ROTARY VISITORS

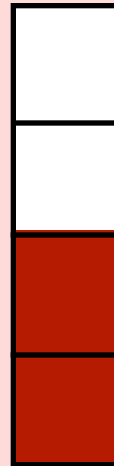


☛ District 5150 Governor Nominee **Leah Reich**, Central Marin, and **John Mathis**, Mission San Rafael. John has been active in organizing RYLA camp for Bay Area students for some time, and shared his experiences as a Rotary volunteer at this year's camp.

GOOD TIMES

- **Don Herzog** had an angel as his co-pilot last week during an Angel Flight to Fresno. The angel, of course, was **President Sue**, who has informed your editor that the photo appearing last week was shot in Fresno not Novato. Close is not close enough for this administration!
- Surprise—**Steve Miller's** Good Time was a round of golf at the Olympic Club. Who would have guessed? He also enjoyed watching the 49ers take care of business.
- **Dan Hatch** recently returned from Massachusetts where he attended his niece's wedding. Not sure if he officiated or not.
- **Kim Jessup** and her sisters prepared and presented a sit down dinner for 30 people who helped her mother **Lyn** celebrate her 85th birthday. Kim was inspired to see all of these people who have been friends of her mom for so many, many years.
- Speaking of many years, **Greg Dyer** noted that one of his golfing buddies in Hawaii is 93—he plays to a 11 handicap; Greg to one much higher. Greg's Good Time really was about his daughter **Chelsea**, an accomplished singer who sang the National Anthem at the last Giants/Dodgers series. Chelsea is currently performing in New York. If you'd like to see and hear her singing the National Anthem, Google *Chelsea Dyer National Anthem* and her performance with the NBA New York Knicks comes up. After that a list comes up and the SF Giants vs. LA Dodgers 9/26/13 is at the top of the list. It's a better view and audio than the Knicks event, Greg says.
- A recent charity bike ride (103 miles long!) up in Sonoma County

POLIO PLUS CLUB GOAL \$2,000



JAR COLLECTIONS AS OF TODAY: \$1,029.20

attracted many celebrities, including our very own **Keith Papulias**.

- **Dr. Ike Silberman** was pleased with the success of his most recent Health Forum, conducted recently at the Mill Valley Community Center.
- Just back from Barcelona where he participated in his son's marriage, **George Cagwin** was eager to expound the virtues of the *Slavyanka Men's Chorus*, which will be performing with the *Slavyanka Women's Ensemble* Friday, November 1st, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tiburon. If you'd like details, give George a buzz.

RAFFLE

- We'll never know how close **Richard Simon** was to choosing the magic red marble. Sorry, Richard—we do know that you will enjoy your free lunch!

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

PROGRAM



■ Guest speaker **David Dye**, Rotarian from San Francisco #2 and co-director of District 5150 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, brought a team of enthusiastic program supporters, including RYLA camper **Kyle Wong**, RYLA camp organizer and volunteer **John Mathis**, with him to convince us that sending high schoolers to camp should be a high priority goal for our club.

After showing a short video featuring campers who attended this year's three-day session at Westminster Woods near Occidental—during which our 2012-2013 Rotary Exchange Student **Veronica Vanin** was featured—David made his pitch for 2014.

Goals for the next District 5150 RYLA Camp, scheduled for April 4-6, 2014, include:

- 100 campers (80 this year)
- More volunteers on the staff
- District wide participation
- Increased youth sponsorships and contributions.

RYLA is an international Rotary program designed to stimulate leadership, citizenship and personal growth among its youthful participants.

Camper Kyle Wong reported that his experience was “amazing—camp helps you get out of your personal bubble and helps a lot with personal growth.”

President Sue announced that Mill Valley Rotary is doubling its sponsorship (\$375 per camper) and will sponsor four RYLA campers in 2014. For more information: RYLA5150.org.



The Keller kids flank Tracy Cook at today's luncheon. Roberta and Robin insist that they are not related—but who knows?

NEXT WEEK

■ Our own **Bill Lambrecht** will talk about the Rotary Microcredit matching grant project in Bogota, Colombia. Learn how your contributions to the Rotary Foundation lead to a better life for others.

CLUB CALENDAR

■ **October 20:** It's *Family Fun Day* at Leo Ryan Park in Foster City as District 5150 celebrates its annual Foundation Event. Scheduled events include a tasty BBQ; electric boat rides on the Foster City Lagoon; paddle boats,



George Cagwin greets Pres. Sue with a big smile and a nice tan—the latter picked up in Barcelona where he watched his son get married.

CLUB CALENDAR Cont'd

kayaks and paddle boards and children's games. The event will take place rain or shine, 11:30 a.m.

JOIN JANE TOMORROW AT ROTARY CORNER



☛ Want to get your hands dirty, get free coffee and sweet rolls, and feel really good after a couple hours of work? Then join Pres. Elect Jane at Terwilliger Marsh this Saturday (tomorrow), any time from 9:30 to noon, and help install some new plants at Rotary Corner.

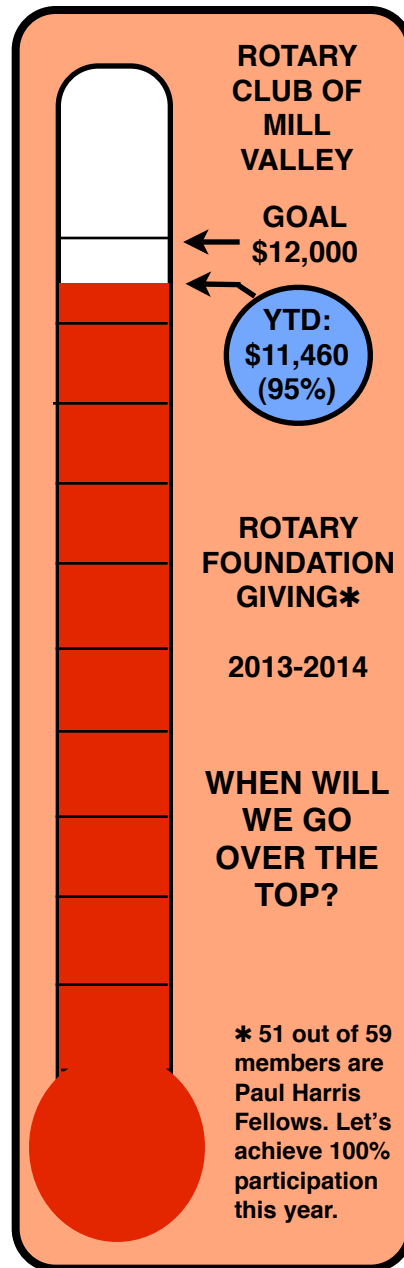
to 3:30 p.m. Purchase tickets at rotary5150.org.

■ **October 22:** Mill Valley's own **Bea Johnson**, who writes the popular *ZeroWaste* blog and is the author of *ZeroWaste Home* will tell us how she manages to generate less than a quart of garbage a year.

■ **October 26:** Southern Marin Rotary Blood Drive at Mill Valley's Scout Hall.

■ **October 29:** **Charles Carey** will speak on *The Road to Peace or War*. He served as a communication/information specialist at Rand, which at that time was a think tank offering research and analysis to the US armed forces. He later worked as a special assistant to the Director of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

■ **November 5:** *America the Beautiful—A Journey to Freedom*. Hear a remarkable and inspiring story of escape and survival. At the age of six **Mony Nop** and his family escaped the reign of terror of the Khmer Rouge and the killing fields of Cambodia only to end up in hard-scrabble refugee camps. He arrived in the U.S. at the age of ten and ended up dumpster diving for food. With much hard work, determination, and resourcefulness, he began his journey to success, eventually becoming a Rotarian.



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