



# THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley  
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## GREETER

■ **Bruce Wrisley** was our illustrious Greeter. He asked everyone to be sure get a Shingles shot, and to start taking "military" showers to help conserve water.

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

■ **Jean Batman (Susan Royce)**, **Don Bowden (Doug Scherf)** and **Phil Stephens (Susan Royce)** joined us for lunch today.

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

■ We were honored by a bushel of new Paul Harris Fellows, including **Colin Wong's** daughter **Deborah**, **Ray Palmarini**, and



☛ Representing the club at the Mill Valley Chamber's January mixer were president Sue and Ken Brooks, shown here with Jasson Minadakis, Marin Theatre Co. artistic director. Next February 19 Mill Valley Rotary will host the Chamber mixer at the golf clubhouse. *Photo by Gary Ferber*

Honorary Member **Lee Smith**  
(see photo on page 2).

## PITHY PRESIDENT

■ **President Susan's** Pithy Quote:  
*"Every takeoff is optional. Every*

*landing is mandatory."*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Two Bell Ringers enriched the club's coffers today (via a \$100 donation): Thanks to Honorary Member **Lee Smith** and President



☛ The dictionary crew poses with Mill Valley Schools Superintendant Paul Johnson after placing nameplates and Rotary 4 Way Test stickers in all of those soon to be delivered to Mill Valley 3rd Graders.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue, who was delighted that an overheated pizza did NOT burn down her house this past weekend!

■ **Bob Canepa** presented Kenneth Brooks with his George Hoyle Fellowship today. Go Ken!

■ Thanks to **Burnett, Doug, Bill, Barbara, Sue, Richard, Roberta and Bruce** for helping with the Dictionary Sticker Party the other day (see photo on page 1).

■ **Farhad Taleghani** of Marin Sunrise Rotary announced his club's upcoming Cuban Dance Party, featuring authentic Cuban cuisine, 5-10PM, February 16, 2014 at the San Rafael Community Center, 618 B St., San Rafael. \$50 donation, \$60 at the door. (**Editor's Note: Burnett has reserved a table for 10 at a special 20% discount, so please register through him. He'll have a signup sheet with him at the next meeting.** See page 3 for more information about this special event.



☛ **Will the real Phil please sit?! Guest Phil Stephens, right, gets a kick out of meeting our own Phil (Richardson).**

## PROGRAM

■ **Bob Canepa** introduced our speaker **Toula Siakotos**.

Born in Greece during the Nazi occupation in World War II, she is the author of the book *New White Sandals* ( Buy it here: <http://www.amazon.com/New-White-Sandals-A-Memoir/dp/0615626246>).



☛ **Foundation Chair Doug Scherf presents Paul Harris Fellowships to Ray Palmarini, Lee Smith (his second) and Colin Wong, who accepted for his daughter Deborah.**

[www.amazon.com/New-White-Sandals-A-Memoir/dp/0615626246](http://www.amazon.com/New-White-Sandals-A-Memoir/dp/0615626246)).

From 1941 to 1945 Germany occupied Greece. During the occupation a group of German soldiers came into her village, entered her home, looked around and then moved into Toula's family's home. They stayed for

many terrifying weeks. Living with no privacy or security during the occupation they prayed the enemy would not harm them.

They were not allowed to leave the house during that time, except for her mother once per week to bring back supplies. She discussed the way the occupation damaged not only her family but



☛ **A \$2,250 check—net proceeds from the club's participation in the New Year's Eve celebration at the Community Center—is presented by MV Rotary to the Mill Valley Parks & Rec Commission for their music program. From left: Recreation Director Jenny Rogers, Kevin Marlett, President Sue, Ken Brooks and Larry Lautzker.**



## PROGRAM (Cont'd)

her entire village. She compared it to the invasion and occupation of Greece during the Ottoman Empire.

Adding to their problems, when they didn't have Nazi related challenges, Greek Socialist guerrillas would come to call in the dark of night, forcing internment as soldiers on young people and adults alike and taking them to the mountains often never to be seen again.

Toula's 'eligible' family survived by hiding under dirt and leaves in the back of the barn, coming out only when the coast was clear of guerrillas. She eventually immigrated to the United States by posing as war orphans under the Marshall Plan ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marshall\\_Plan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marshall_Plan)).

## NEXT WEEK

■ **Leonard and Aouie Rubio** will discuss *Restorative Justice*. At the age of 18, Leonard committed a heinous crime and was convicted of second degree murder of his girl friend. He spent the next 23 years of his life in prison. Since his release, he has married, earned a BA in Business from USF, was awarded the USF Archbishop Oscar Romero Leadership Award, and continues to promote restorative justice through public speaking.



☛ **Ken Brooks** receives his **George Hoyle Fellowship**.

**SUNDAY**  
**FEB 16 2014**

FEATURING  
**AUTHENTIC CUBAN CUISINE**  
BY OUR CUBAN KITCHEN  
**SILENT AUCTION & DANCE PARTY!**

**CUBA**  
HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIP  
**BENEFIT**

PRODUCED BY BAY AREA CUBA COMMUNITY ALLIANCE &  
MARIN SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

**DJ LEYDIS &  
TITO Y SU SON DE CUBA LIVE!**

ALL AGES/5:00PM-10PM/\$50 DONATION \$60 @ DOOR (12 YRS/UNDER: DONATION OPT.)

SAN RAFAEL COMMUNITY CENTER 618 B ST. SAN RAFAEL

PROCEEDS WILL FUND SELF-SUSTAINING COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROJECTS IN RURAL SOUTHEAST CUBA SUCH AS LEARNING/RESOURCE/YOUTH CENTERS, WORKSHOPS IN APPROPRIATE TECH. & GREEN BUILDING TECHNIQUES, BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE, & CLEAN WATER ACCESS & CONSERVATION

FOR MORE INFO AND TICKETS GO TO [WWW.BACCAGROUP.ORG/FUNDRAISER-EVENT.HTML](http://WWW.BACCAGROUP.ORG/FUNDRAISER-EVENT.HTML)

PHOTO BY RENEE KERSON

## LET'S GO TO A CUBAN DANCE PARTY!

◆ **Burnett** has reserved a table for 10 and will have a sign up sheet next meeting. Please register through him at \$40 per person. Shown at right: **Farhad Taleghani** with **Nina Basker** and her son **Inti**. They all want us to be Cuban for the night, February 16.

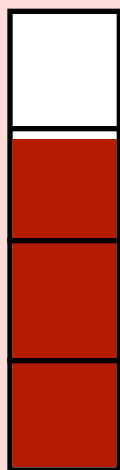


## CLUB CALENDAR

■ **February 4:** Adam Vaught's presentation is titled *Connecting with Cuba's Living History*. Adam is a Director on GeoEx's Americas team. He will be sharing with us a quick overview of Cuba's tumultuous history, insights into the Cuban people and some fascinating photos.

■ **February 11:** Mill Valley Police

**POLIO PLUS  
CLUB GOAL  
\$2,000**



**JAR COLLECTIONS  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$1,484.20**

Chief **Angel Bernal** and Fire Chief **Jeff Davidson** will talk on *Public Safety*.

■ **February 18:** Our speaker will be **Gem Munro**, and his presentation is entitled *Mothers of Intention: The Power of Motherhood to Teach the World*. He and his family run the Amarak Society which teaches very poor mothers in Bangladesh how to read and write in their local language. They also teach them English (necessary in South Asia for economic advancement), math and life skills such as health, nutrition, child care and conflict resolution. He will also discuss the Taliban threat to education.

## ROTARY NEWS FLASH

### India Polio Free for 3 Years!

Throughout India and around the world, Rotary clubs are celebrating a major milestone: India has gone three years without a new case of polio. The last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal on 13 January 2011.

To mark this historic triumph, reached after a decades-long battle against polio, Rotary clubs illuminated landmarks and iconic structures throughout the country with four simple but powerful words, "*India is polio free.*"

**ROTARY  
CLUB OF  
MILL  
VALLEY**

**YTD:  
\$13,060  
(109%)**

**GOAL  
\$12,000**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

**2013-2014**

❖ Attention  
Chart  
Challenged  
Rotarians: the  
thermometer  
bulb up to the  
first line  
represents  
\$10,000.

## ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2013-2014

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