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GREETER

■ **Ed Marshall**, who quoted Rotary's **Paul Harris**: *To attempt to superimpose its views through the exercise of force, is seldom the part of intelligence; it is frequently the part of ignorance.*

VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarians:* **Jim Wycoff**, Sausalito, and **Ted Pugh**, San Rafael.

■ *Guest of Rotarians:* **Beverly Sandy** of San Anselmo who looked us up on the internet and decided to try us out.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ **Margareth Tanner** celebrates her 7th year as a MV Rotarian April 28. Known affectionately as the *Marsh Maven* by her fellow Terwilliger Marsh workers, Margareth loves keeping Rotary



► **Our exchange student Ludovica (Ludo) Braja, from Torino (Turin), Italy, poses with President Ken, PP Jane and PE Kent. Just about to finish her year at Tam High, Ludo was our speaker today, giving us insight to schools here as compared to her home country.**



► **Visiting Rotarian Ted Pugh gets an enthusiastic welcome from Greeter PP Ed Marshall.**

Corner looking good, and also enjoys working at the Mt. Play booth. Thanks, Margareth, for your contributions to Rotary and to your community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President Ken** had a long list:
■ This coming Saturday, April 30, **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** is holding its annual **Bowl for Kids' Sake** event at the Country Club Bowl in San Rafael.

Sign up with **Carl Lippenberger** as we support the good work of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and have some fun doing it.

■ The San Francisco Peace Conference begins this weekend at the Hotel Kabuki, hosted by 45 Rotary clubs in the SF Bay Area. A House of Friendship will display dozens of current peace projects taking place domestically and internationally, and three keynote speakers will address the attendees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The speakers include:

Joan Barnes, founder of Gymboree and YogaStudio. The author of the new book *Play it Forward*, Joan will enlighten the audience about her pursuit for inner peace.

Michael Pritchard, acclaimed speaker and youth advocate, will present an entertaining message about Community Unity.

On Sunday, **Ramu Damordaran** from the United Nations will address world peace issues. *To register, go to www.SFPeaceCon.org*

■ Mt. Play Booth starts May 22. Sign up with **PP Kim** or **Lisan Campbell**.

■ Major fundraising event for 10,000 Degrees is scheduled this coming Saturday evening. **J. R. Hastings**, **Elizabeth Suzuki** and **Bob Roberts** will represent the club at the event.

■ This year the club will have two classic cars in Mill Valley's Memorial Day parade, and will feature a banner advertising the



► That's our own **Colin Wong** in the background following a successful Alliance for Smiles surgery this month in China.



► Meet **Gabby**, J.R.'s latest girlfriend. And, we hastily add, the only one who will fall asleep on his shoe while he's working at his desk!

club's 90th Birthday. If you'd like to participate, contact President **Ken**.

MARIN OPEN STUDIOS

■ Marin Open Studios take place May 14 and 15, and we have an invitation from **Donna D** to visit her Morning Sun Studio in Mill Valley to see her latest creations and sip a glass of wine with her and her co-host, sculptor **Crystal Lockwood**. Donna's studio, located at 1 Morning Sun Ave. just off Homestead Blvd., will be open to visitors both days from 10 AM



One of Donna's latest.

to 5 PM. You can let her know that you plan to attend by contacting her at donnadacuti@earthlink.net.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Vince & Ulla** spent time at their favorite destination—Maui, Hawaii—and had a great time even if it did rain most of the time. A bell-ringer!

■ **PE Kent Campbell** visited Alcatraz, completing his exposure to Bay Area prisons, having visited San Quentin last year. Glad to learn that you were just visiting, Kent!

■ PEE (the acronym for President Elect Elect doesn't seem to be too politically correct, does it?) **J. R. Hastings** has a new girlfriend whom he introduced to the crowd by passing around his smart phone. Her name is **Gabby** and she worships at his feet. Such a deal!

■ **Dan Hatch** just returned from a two-week trip to Palestine. He was disappointed in what he saw, but encouraged at the same time with



► **Bob Canepa's** at it again. This time it's a jaunt through Europe where he stopped a moment in Tallinn, Estonia to join a giant Darth Vader in prayer. Do you think they are praying for us?

MORE GOOD TIMES

the optimism shown by so many distressed people. A bell-ringer for the Service Fund (**George Hoyle**). Let's ask him to give us more details at a future time.

PROGRAM

■ Today's speaker—Rotary Exchange Student **Ludovica (Ludo) Braja**—was introduced by PP **Jane Hall** who now serves the club as exchange student coordinator.

Ludo is from Turin (Torino), Italy, way up north in the shadow of the snow covered Alps. Turin is an industrial center, often called the Automobile Capital of Italy since it produces FIAT, Lancia and Alfa Romeo cars.

She has been attending Tam High School for the past year, and came to Rotary to share her experiences and compare life in Marin to her home in Italy.

Ludo noted that there is a noticeable difference between attending school in the U.S. as compared to her experience in Italy.

"In high school in Italy, we don't change classes," she explained. "The teachers change. We have the same classmates for five years."

Students in Italy attend school six days a week, including Saturday, but they attend mornings only. Afternoons are devoted to homework, which she noted was usually twice as much as she has experienced here. In Italy she and her classmates tackled some pretty heavy subjects, including Greek, Latin and various science courses.

"At first, I thought school here was much easier than at home, but now I am not so sure," she said. Her year at Tam High has broadened her horizons—"opened my mind"—and she wrapped up



► Did the golden ball help Lee Kirkpatrick's score at last year's Bowling for Kids Sake event? Ask Ulla and/or Vince. Want to play next Saturday? Call Carl Lippenberger at 415-389-8900.

her presentation with a Big Thank You to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley for making this experience possible.

NEXT WEEK

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 criminals. In this talk Cooper will show you the five simple things



Their work all done, MV Rotary's Sergeants at Arms find time to visit with Tom McKlveen before today's meeting.

CLUB CALENDAR

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.

May 14: Work at Rotary Corner on Terwilliger Marsh, 9:30 to noon. Coffee and goodies provided. Wear gloves.

May 22: Mt. Play Booth opens for business. Sign up for duty with **PP Kim** or First Lady to be **Lisan Campbell**.

May 24: Ann Mahony will present *The Amazing Handkerchief: Chronicler of History, Heroism, Romance, Fashion, and Art through the Ages*. The handkerchief is with us in large and small moments of life – wrapping a child’s cut finger, catching a bride’s tears of joy, worn over a soldier’s heart into battle. Their history dates back to 1000 BC, and they were originally reserved for kings and nobility. **In the month of**

May, when we honor our servicemen on Memorial Day, we’ll view silk handkerchiefs from WWI, handkerchiefs printed with escape maps and tide tables from WWII, and more. Come discover what stories and memories are hidden in the folds of a treasured handkerchief. Ann Mahony is a historian of vintage artifacts and has a handkerchief collection of 5,000+, including several over a century old.

May 30: Memorial Day. Parade assembles at Old Mill School at 10:30 a.m. Be in it or watch it from your favorite vantage point downtown or along Miller Ave.

PARASITES
What you see from the Eiffel Tower

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,659.00**

**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:
\$13,405.00**

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