



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## PRESIDER

- President **Ken Brooks**.

## GREETER

- Past President **Jane Hall**, perhaps harking back to her teaching days, suggested that “people give as they are able (and if they’re obnoxious, maybe that’s the best they can do.”

## VISITORS

- *Guests of Rotarians:* **Deborah Macdonald** (wife of our speaker Ret. Brig. Gen. **Rod Macdonald**), **Lisa Mueller** with the Gaia Project (**Jim Simkalo**), **Lisan Campbell (Kent)**, and **Fabio and Ann Aversa (Greg Dyer)**, the folks who purchased Dowd’s Barn from **Del Goetz** some years ago.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Time to find your bowling shoes and show up for Bowling for Kids’ Sake, Sat. April 30 from 10 to 12 or 12 to 2. Three teams are filling up fast (and talent is not necessary). Get in touch with **Carl Lippenberger** for all the details.
- *Could it be? Yes, it could. Something’s coming, something good. Maybe tonight!* **Lisan Campbell**’s the one with the sign-up sheets for the Mountain Play’s West Side Story. Dates are May 22, 29 and June 5, 11, 12 and 19.
- PP **Jane** and PP **Sue Royce** are



### ► Room full of smiles:

Above: **Bill Lampl** gets his blue badge and a handshake from President **Ken** after being introduced by his sponsor, **Bob Canepa**.

Right: Greeter PP **Jane Hall** welcomes Rotary Foundation director **Bob Roberts** to today’s meeting.



the ones to see about a float for the red-white-and blue-themed Memorial Day Parade. PPs **Greg Dyer** and **Bruce Wrisley** have the skinny on the parade history if anyone wants to know.

■ President **Ken** will keep the Club posted about any news from earthquake-stricken Ecuador where we have micro-credit projects underway.

■ Where's Waldo? President **Ken**'s the one to help you find your badge in the newly-organized drawer.

### BIRTHDAYS

■ **Don Herzog**, PP **Burnett Tregoning** and **Larry Davis** were serenaded by President-Elect **Kent Campbell** who looked kinda cute standing on a chair showing off his knobby knees and white anklets.

### ANNIVERSARIES

■ *Wedding:* **Carl Lippenberger** thanked President **Ken** for the reminder of his 35th anniversary. **Ginger** will be pleased!

■ *Club:* **Don Herzog** (33), **Peter Straube** (9) and **Donna D'Acuti** (26). Our thanks to these Mill Valley Rotarians for everything they do.



► PE Kent leads the singing of a boisterous Birthday Song.

### GOOD TIMES

■ President-Elect **Kent**'s son is having a blast in Old Blighty, enjoying meeting playwrights, theater directors and ear piercers.

■ On the other side of the world, PP **Ed Marshall**'s grandchildren

loved the eight swimming pools and swim up margaritas at El Cid in Mazatlan, which Ed rated a 4.9 with the Club coming in at a 5.0 (even without the swim-up bar).

■ PP **Jim Simkalo**, visiting his parents in Palm Springs, ran into some Rotarians, doing what Rotarians are want to do – selling tickets to a fundraiser.

### BLUE BADGE SPECIAL

■ **Bill Lampl**, Executive Director at KIDDO!, received his blue badge from PP **Bob Canepa** and President **Ken**. Mountain gorillas, trumpets, Geneva Suisse, the Concorde and 100 Grateful Dead concerts sum up Bill's quirky and accomplishment-filled history. His wife **Kathleen Clifford** and two children are three extra credits on his report card. President **Ken** reminded us that in 1982 Rotary helped the Mill Valley Schools Foundation get established by encouraging business support and Bill is a welcome addition to this beloved organization and we're glad he's also one of us.

### MARSH MADNESS

■ **Jill Young**, the Bloomathon lady in charge of things down at the Terwilliger Marsh, thanked Rotarians working on Rotary



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## MORE MADNESS

Corner. PP **Jane Hall, Margareth Tanner, Tom McKlveen** and his wife **Nancy** comprised the April 16 work crew.

"I just got back from checking on the new marsh plants that Tom put in on Saturday morning," she noted. "I am happy to report that they all survived the hot days we have had since."

Jill explained that Tom planted *Carpenteria californica* "Elizabeth" 'Bush anemone' in the Rotary Corner; three *Sidalcea malvaeflora* and *Verbena de la mina* in Trish's section. In the memorial garden, he put in a white-flowering *Heuchera* next to the very happy Blue-Eyed grass.

"I couldn't believe the amount of weeding that everyone did! It looks so much better. Mrs. Terwilliger would be proud!"

The next Marsh work party is scheduled for May 14 at 9:30.

## POLIO UPDATE

■ Thinking that Mill Valley Rotarians would be interested, PP **Greg Dyer** passed along the following link, in which the *New York Times* details changes ahead for the vaccines being used around the world:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/12/health/for-polio-vaccines-a-worldwide-switch-to-new-version.html?em\\_pos=large&emc=edit\\_nn\\_20160415&nl=morning-briefing&nid=70731167&r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/12/health/for-polio-vaccines-a-worldwide-switch-to-new-version.html?em_pos=large&emc=edit_nn_20160415&nl=morning-briefing&nid=70731167&r=0)

## PROGRAM

■ Ret. Brig. Gen. **Rodney Macdonald**, OBE, graduated from Sandhurst and served in the British armed forces for 25 years in places as varied as Northern Ireland and the Falklands. After



► **Jane and Margareth attack the weeds at Rotary Corner last Saturday morning.**

retiring, he became Executive Vice President for General Cable and worked in Saudi Arabia, UAE and Pakistan.

His goal in sharing his experiences was to help us see the Middle East through a different set of glasses.

Going back through the millennia, Rod started with a plague in 542, followed by the Roman Empire becoming the Holy Roman Empire and the defeat by Arab tribes of the Romans and Persians.

Fast forwarding to 1916, the British promised everyone in the region a little something, be they French, Russians, Arabs, in order to create a coalition against the Germans and Ottomans.

With or without this agreement, the Middle East was destined to become the mess that it is today with their societies organized by kinship and theocracy, as opposed to the developed world organized by democracy and oligarchy.

Analyzing the region in depth and with decades of experience, Rod sees the threat of a destabilized nuclear-power Pakistan with 180 million people, a direct challenge to the United

States, unless we can help the Sunni Pashtu maintain stability.

If you'd like to do some reading on the subject, he recommends a book that traces the process that created the idea of one G-d, three religions and a succession of emperors, caliphs and kings.

The book is called, "*In the Shadow of the Sword*" by **Tom Holland**. It was a *Sunday Times* top ten bestseller in the UK and is available here too.

## NEXT WEEK

**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.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**April 29:** Marin Sunrise Golf Tournament, San Geronimo Golf Course. Call 415-302-9779 for details and reservations.

**May 1:** At the San Francisco Peace Conference hosted by Rotary District 5150, **Ramu Damodaran** will speak about issues of world peace. As the United Nations Deputy Director of Public Information, Ramu will enlighten and engage us on the myriad of challenges and solutions currently being worked on by the UN. To register for the SF Peace Conference, go to [www.SFPeaceCon.org](http://www.SFPeaceCon.org)

**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 that cyber-security professionals

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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 your 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:** *Bowling for Kids' Sake*. Sign up with **Carl Lippenberger** as we support the good work of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and have some fun doing it. Spares and strikes, anyone?

## ARBITRAITOR

**A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's**

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

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$1,603.00**

**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:  
\$13,155.00**

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