



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER & PRESIDER

■ Our mystery Greeter never did show, so our substitute Presider **Kent Campbell** took the initiative and led the pledge. Having nothing especially pithy to say, he followed the Greeter’s routine by telling a joke: *This couple, on a motor trip through a “foreign” part of the country, was having difficulty pronouncing the names of towns. They stopped at a restaurant for lunch and asked the waitress to please give them the proper pronunciation for their current location. RES-TAUR-ANT, the waitress replied.* OK now, please don’t blame the messenger!

VIDEO & VISITORS

■ Giving us another example of what we might expect come July 1, President Elect **Kent** shared a short video he prepared that focused on his antics at the recent Rotary International convention in Seoul, South Korea. Great pictures combined with a wild musical soundtrack made this a winner.

■ Visitors today included membership prospect **Beverlee Sandy** who made her third appearance; **Berta Armenteras Andreu**, wife of today’s speaker; **Chris Austria**, who spoke to us about African wildlife conservation early last April; **Jean Batman**’s husband **Alex Choulos**; and Mrs. President Elect and Mt. Play Impresario, **Lisan Campbell**.

BIRTHDAYS

■ An abundance of birthdays this week: **Cyndi Moore** (6/3); **Peter Mason** (6/9); **Peter Straube** (6/3); and **Leo Yang** (6/8). The Peters were the only ones in attendance, so **Phil Richardson** directed his Birthday Song leading efforts in their direction.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ There seemed to be a little confusion and debate over whether we were celebrating **Bill Lambrecht**’s Club Anniversary or his Wedding Anniversary. On June

20 he’ll celebrate his eighth year as a member of Mill Valley Rotary. We’re not so certain of the date of his marriage to **Leah**, our 2015-2016 District Governor, but this reporter remembers that they were newly weds when they helped him and **Marilyn** celebrate their 60th in the summer of 2014! Congratulations, Bill, on both counts!

GOOD TIMES

■ **PP Dick Spotswood** hitched his railroad car to a train that took him and his guests to Santa Barbara. He thinks a similar trip some time in the future might be of interest to



► **Lisan Campbell** and Mill Valley Boy Scouts line up to serve the public during last Sunday’s Mountain Play (Photo by Lee Kirkpatrick).

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

Mill Valley Rotarians. What do you think?

■ **PP Pieter Bogaards** and wife **Debra** cycled from Monterey to Cambria, returning home to celebrate their daughter's graduation from law school.

■ **PP Burnett Tregoning** spent the weekend in Stockton eating pasties and swapping family stories with members of the California Cornish Cousins.

■ **Dan Hatch** enjoyed last weekend's stint at the Mountain Play booth, but his Good Time was a recent three-week RV tour of the Four Corners area with members of his family. Must have been fun since it rated a bell-ringer.

■ Foundation Chair **Bob Roberts** was feeling especially ebullient when he announced that our extended goal for Foundation giving was surpassed. He congratulated the club for its exceptional contribution to the works of Rotary International.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Friday, June 17 at the Outdoor Art Club. That's the date for our Annual Installation Dinner, reminded **Barbara Hofling**. The action starts at 5:30 and, besides



► **International Director Bill Lambrecht visits with our speaker Carlo Brayda.**



► **Last Sunday's Mt. Play Booth Captain Lee Kirkpatrick honored two of his crew—Peter Straube received a bottle of frozen water (they found a freezer full of the stuff when they arrived to set up) and Dan Hatch who was the recipient of one of the many boxes he discovered under the booth's floor. Besides having a lot of fun, the crew also wracked up record sales of \$4,800.**

the usual hi-jinx and good food, will include a raffle and silent auction. Come casual with Hawaiian shirts the norm for the gentlemen. If you have not yet paid, send your check in the amount of \$100 per person to **Roberta Keller**. There will be no meeting at the clubhouse next week.

■ Team Captain **Lee Kirkpatrick** reported the results of last week's Mountain Play booth (see photo above). He led a round of applause for **Lisan Campbell** who is doing a superb job of on site management for the club. Thanks, Lisan, for your help with this big, important project!

PROGRAM

■ **Carlo Brayda**, son of an Italian and grandson of an Ethiopian general, was our speaker today. He described an interesting slice of world history during a talk entitled "*Destruction of a Peaceful Nation: Mussolini's Story of Treachery and*

Deceit in the Conquest and Colonization of Ethiopia in the 1930s."

At the time of the European colonization and conquest of Africa, Carlo explained, Italy was falling short of its imperialistic ambitions. **Benito Mussolini**, Italy's Prime Minister, then dictator, was trying to re-establish its national pride after its First World War disappointments, and its failed first attempt at invading Ethiopia in 1896, when its army was obliterated.

In a desperate attempt to achieve victory, Italy unleashed mustard gas on military and civilian targets alike in utter defiance of the Geneva protocol.

Carlo's grandfather—General **Nassibu Zamanuel**—was one of Mussolini's foremost Ethiopian adversaries who perished from the gas after putting up a valiant defense.

Carlo's talk was a personal look at relationships between countries at the beginning of the break-up of the European colonies.

NEXT WEEK

■ **June 17: Installation Dinner at the Outdoor Art Club.**

CLUB CALENDAR

June 11 & 12: Mountain Play.

June 14: No meeting at the Clubhouse.

June 17: Installation Dinner at the Outdoor Art Club.

June 18: Work Party from 9:30 to 12 at Terwilliger Marsh. Wear your gloves and bring a clipper and/or a shovel if you have one.

June 19: Mountain Play.

June 21: Member's Program.

June 28: Tony Probst will tell us about the *Titanic & Her Artifacts*. Tony is a world traveler



► **Birthday boys Peter Straube and Peter Mason react to Phil Richardson's Birthday Song.**

and a big collector of historical artifacts. RMS Titanic was a British passenger liner that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean in the early morning of April 15, 1912 after colliding with an iceberg during her maiden voyage from Southampton, UK, to New York City. The sinking resulted in the

loss of more than 1,500 passengers and crew, making it one of the deadliest commercial peacetime maritime disasters in modern history.

July 5: Club Assembly led by President **Kent Campbell**.

July 12: New District Governor Jeri Fujimoto will be our speaker.

July 19: Rotary Club of Mill Valley 90th Anniversary Celebration. This will be a SPECIAL presentation with plenty of SURPRISES. Don't miss it!

RUBBERNECK
What you do to relax your wife.

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,921.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$6,840.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

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

**★ TOTAL AS OF TODAY: ★
\$14,098.50**

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