



# THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley  
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## GREETER

■ **Robert Brownstein** recommended we live each day with no regrets.

## PRESIDER

■ President **Susan Royce** brought up the going rate for fines: twenty bucks for birthdays and fifteen for anniversaries. There’s a message there about getting born vs. getting married but this reporter isn’t sure what.

## RAFFLE

■ **Bob Roberts’** lucky day times two for a free lunch and Valentine’s chocolates. Followed closely by three-time visitor **Don Bowden** who scored more chocolates.

## ANNIVERSARIES

■ *Wedding:* **Larry Davis** celebrates his on Valentine’s Day, same day—strange as it seems—as wife **Peggy!**

## VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarians –* **Ken Nemzer** (Tiburon Sunset) and **Marilyn Nemzer** (Tiburon-Belvedere)

■ *Visitor–***Don Bowden** for his fourth lunch with the Club.

## GOOD TIMES

■ Apparently we’ve all been working on our taxes as nobody shared a good time, or any bad times for that matter.

## LOOK WHAT WE GOT—THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF MILL VALLEY ROTARY!



☛ Presenters Hatch, Hofling, Royce and Scherf pose with the 3rd Grade class at Strawberry School after distributing their dictionaries. More presentations to follow—see Barbara if you’d like to participate.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Breaking news from the MV *Herald*: **Heidi Duckor** has moved her bank accounts over to Westamerica where you can find her handling VIP business accounts. The bank had a little party for her this week.
- **Bruce Wrisley** was guest speaker at the San Rafael Rotary Club as well as at Sausalito Village.
- **Elizabeth Suzuki** reminded us again that the Scout Hall fundraiser is Friday, June 13 at the Outdoor Art Club.
- **Marilyn Nemzer** told the Club about a K-12 school in San Rafael that has no school library. She asked for donated books.
- **Barbara Hofling** needs dictionary volunteers for later this month.
- **Bill Lambrecht** celebrated the approval of our microcredit project in Ecuador to which we have committed \$21,500.
- **Doug Scherf** talked up the District's upcoming conference in Monterey, May 2 and 3. The Marriott is offering a special room rate until March 1. Visit [www.rotary5150.org](http://www.rotary5150.org) for more info.
- *Bell Ringer* – **Dan Hatch** celebrated his wife becoming a **Paul Harris** Fellow.

**PROGRAM**

■ **Elizabeth Suzuki** introduced Mill Valley's public safety chiefs – **Jeff Davidson**, Fire Chief, and **Angel Bernal**, Police Chief. **Jeff** discussed the city's partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce and other groups to identify "essential businesses," e.g. grocery stores, gas stations, etc. in Mill Valley that can become "emergency resilient" so they can get back in full operation with as little disruption as

possible. Thirty businesses were identified and invited to self-assess their level of emergency preparedness. Typically a building burns down and jobs immediately go away, with many never returning. An example is the small real estate office on East Blithedale that had a pre-school behind it. Both buildings were damaged by fire and both are still unoccupied.

**Angel** discussed the recent slight increase in burglaries and robberies in Mill Valley, Homestead Valley and Strawberry that have received widespread publicity. While the area has very

little violent crime, this small uptick is disturbing to everybody.

**Angel** suggested we report any suspicious activity immediately, lock all doors and windows including our cars, document and photograph valuables, serial numbers, etc. so they can be uploaded to a law enforcement website in case of theft or loss, go to the Public Safety building to fill out forms for vacation checks and to drop off out of date or unused prescription drugs at the Public Safety building for proper disposal.

**Emergency Numbers** – 389-4100 for the regular police



ENJOY MILL VALLEY



Join us for our next Mixer at  
**The Mill Valley Golf & Clubhouse**  
 267 Buena Vista Avenue  
 Mill Valley, CA 94941

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014**  
**5:30-7:30 pm**

Mixer Hosted By  
**The Rotary Club of Mill Valley**

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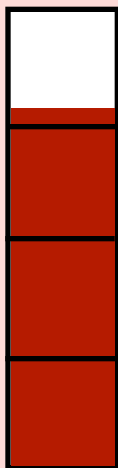
Non-member \$20 | Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center  
 388-9700 | [www.MillValley.org](http://www.MillValley.org)

calls and 472-0911 for emergencies using cell phones or 911 when at home or work using land lines.

**NEXT WEEK**

■ 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

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



**JAR COLLECTIONS AS OF TODAY:**  
\$1,616.20

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.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

■ **February 19:** MV Rotary will host the Mill Valley Chamber's monthly mixer at the golf clubhouse, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact **President Sue** or **Roberta** if you can bring an appetizer.

■ **February 25:** Former Air Force pilot **Jerry Finton's** presentation will be entitled *Into the Jaws of the Dragon! Ho Chi Minh's Backyard*. He will share experiences as a fighter pilot in the Vietnam War.

■ **March 4:** **Karen Noe** will speak on *Stop Hunger Now: A Mission to End Hunger in our Lifetime*. Karen is a fellow Rotarian and the Community Development Director for *Stop Hunger Now*. This non-profit organization's mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

■ **March 7:** *Redwoods Senior Prom*. Men only see **Bob Canepa** who has the sign-up sheet.

**ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY**

**YTD:**  
\$13,570  
(113%)

**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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