

THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ Carl Lippenberger had two choice Thoughts for the Day dealing with political life: Politics: The conduct of public affairs for private advantage— Ambrose Bierce; and Politics are almost as exciting as war, and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics many times—Winston Churchill.

PRESIDER

■ To open today's meeting, President J. R. came armed with a list of 10 Commandments of Marriage. We'll share three: 1) Marriages are made in heaven. But so again, are thunder and lightning; 3) Marriage is grand and divorce is at least 100 grand!; 10) Man is incomplete until he marries. After that, he is finished. Maybe more next week.

VISITORS

- Note to Greeters: Please ask visitors to sign in at the Treasurer's Table. That makes the Mill Wheel reporter's job much easier. Thanks!
- *Visiting Rotarians*: Our speaker, Betsy Koefoed and her husband Bill, District 5150 Governor in 2010-11, members of the Rotary Club of San Carlos. Representing San Rafael Rotary were Doug Murray and Bill Wilhelm.

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* Next week's speaker **Bob David** who was on a scouting mission; (this is purely a guess!) John Crespin, who is new to town and wanted to check us out; and Michelle Martinko, Howard Harker's daughter visiting from Michigan who wanted to take another shot at winning the raffle. She did!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRLS, Saturday, January 27 (See Club Calendar for details).
- REST, February 1 and March 21. (See Club Calendar for details).
- District Assembly, March 17. Details to come.



► Lee Kirkpatrick hits a High C (perhaps a Low F?) while leading the Birthday Song to honor Roberta who joined the Octogenarian Club last month.

■ Clean-up with Interact, March 3. Details to come.

CELEBRATIONS

- Birthday—Roberta Keller turned octogenarian on December 27 and had to wait a long time for the club Happy Birthday serenade. But, it was worth the wait wasn't it, Roberta?! Many happy returns, Roberta!
- Club Anniversaries—Carl **Lippenberger** (1/16/01) whose favorite Rotary moment is still the Mt. Play booth. Perhaps he hasn't been working hard enough there! And Joshua Szarek (1/17/17) who still enjoys seeing our smiling faces at lunch even after a full year of dosing so. Congratulations, Rotarians. We appreciate your service to our community and the world through Rotary.

GOOD TIMES

- Richard Rider's son is safely home from 10-day trip to Japan. As big a deal as that may be, even bigger yet were the two birdies Richard "killed" during a recent round of golf.
- PP Ed Marshall is happy as all get out over the fact that the new Rotary signs for the Welcome to Mill Valley boards have arrived. Also available next week, he announced, will be the license plate covers he has been touting the past several weeks. Heard he was sponsoring some sort of a

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

- "festival" to distribute them to the members. Sounds like fun to us!
- In addition to the birthday celebration, Girl Scout Cookie Lady Roberta Keller is excited about the "new" Scout Hall, for which she is now scheduling events. "It's the most beautiful place in Mill Valley," she gushed. The main room is complete and the new kitchen boasts a 12-burner gas stove. "Amazing," Roberta adds. A yoga retreat is set for next month and the Rotary board soon will return to Scout Hall for meetings.
- Robin Keller (no relation to the aforementioned Roberta, they claim) had a pretty good and significant weekend visiting with fiancé Cathy. The date for the big event has been set in spite of President J. R's commandments.

SERVICE FUND

■ Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund President **Bob Canepa** reports a successful year-end drive with the following contributions made by





▶ Today's speaker Betsy Koefoed brought her hubby Bill, who served as District 5150 Governor in 2010-2011, along for moral support. At right she signs Heidi up to attend the upcoming Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar (PRLS) at the Sausalito Bay Model, Saturday, January 27. You can sign up on the District web site.

members in November and December:

Bill Lampl \$250 Stephanie Ricardo \$100 Don Herzog \$250 Kim Jessup \$100 Mel Matsumoto \$250 Heidi Duckor \$100 Burnett Tregoning \$150 Phil Richardson \$250 Carl Lippenberger \$500 Richard Rider \$250 Kent Campbell \$195.00 Greg Dyer \$250 Lee Kirkpatrick \$250 Don Bowden \$250 Bob noted that all of these donations qualified for matching funds so we can expect some new George Hoyle Fellows soon.

RAFFLE

■ **Howard**'s daughter **Michelle** got the red marble. Good for her!

NEXT WEEK: PURCHASE A PHOTO AND SUPPORT THE CLUB'S SERVICE FUND



▶ Next Tuesday's speaker, Bob David, will be showing us some fantastic photos of the Golden Gate Bridge. The two shown here will be offered for sale at \$20 each, \$10 of which he will donate to the club's Service Fund. The horizontal photo is 24x36. The vertical

one is 24x32. Bring your checkbook or a little extra cash if you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity to have a special photo of our favorite bridge and support the Service Fund at the same time.



PROGRAM

■ "It's not what you know that counts – it's what you do with what you know." That's the credo of today's speaker **Betsy Koefoed** who told us all about PRLS and why it might be a worthwhile event for all of us to attend. Her presentation was entitled "PRLS & More."

Now, we all know that PRLS is an acronym standing for Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar during which attendees learn all about Rotary in addition to picking up some valuable communication and public speaking tips.

The next PRLS is scheduled for Saturday, January 27 at the Bay Model in Sausalito. Check Club Calendar if you want more details.

NEXT WEEK

■ January 23 (12:15): Bob

David will present Golden Gate

Bridge: An Inside View—Art,

Architecture & Photography. Few



► "Oh my gosh, she won!"

President J. R. can't believe a
guest—from Michigan yet—
could win almost \$300 in
today's raffle. Howard's
daughter Michelle had the
winning ticket.

people have come to know the Golden Gate Bridge, inside and out, as extensively as Bob David. An architect and photographer, he began his career at the Bridge in 1973. For his first 30 years at the

Bridge, he served as Design Director for the agency, which includes the operation of the Bridge itself plus the Golden Gate Transit Bus and Ferry system. He and his design team produced all the public information graphics and display hardware for the transit system and the bridge. continues working in a semiretired status, focusing on documentary photography of Bridge projects, such as the still ongoing Seismic Retrofit Project. A student of history, Bob became a Bridge historian and archivist. He will recount his personal journey uncovering various historical, artistic and architectural anecdotes, some gathered first-hand from its creators.

CLUB CALENDAR

January 27: Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar (PRLS) at the Bay Model, 2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito. For details and to register email Michael Ford, PRLS Director, michael@tfos.net.

IT'S REALLY NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT. AND, YOU CAN!

▶ PP Richard Rider snapped these photos at Mill Valley Rotary's newest "work space"—Battery Yates at Fort Baker (left) and the view from the after hours "rest stop"—Presidio YC (right). In the lefthand photo Lee Kirkpatrick, President J. R. and Steve Suzuki pose with National Park Service ranger Tracy Neal, who has signed up Mill Valley Rotary to make monthly trips to maintain the historical site and perhaps have a beer after work and enjoy the view. See Lee K to get on this "hard-working" crew.





CLUB CALENDAR

■ January 30 (12:15): Philip Helmich and Emily Hine, associated with the Shift Network and speakers at the Rotary District 5220 Conference last April, will present Rotary International: Making Peace a Priority after Polio—Making Communities Safer and More Prosperous. In the past several decades, the fields of peace and compassion have grown into sophisticated and practical sciences and arts. In this presentation they will discuss the growing trends of peace and compassion from "inner to international" levels. We will learn about the economic impact of lack of peace and the costeffectiveness of peace building technologies. We will learn how Rotary International is uniquely

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

positioned to help make global advances in peace and compassion while making communities safer and more prosperous.

■ February 1: We cook and serve dinner for the homeless spending the night at the Belvedere/Tiburon Community Church under the county-wide REST (Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) program. We also are scheduled

for March 22. For details see **Dan Hatch** or PP **Kim Jessup**.

■ February 6 (12:15):
Filmmakers Nancy Kelly and
Kenji Yamamoto will talk about
making their acclaimed
documentary <u>Rebels with a Cause</u>
and show some clips. Narrated by
Academy Award-winning actress
Frances McDormand,

Rebels spotlights the schemers and dreamers who fought to keep developers from taking over the lands that are now the Point Reyes National Seashore and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

HOSPITAL BLOOPERS

Discharge status: Alive but without permission.

2017-2018 POLIO PLUS

CLUB GOAL TBA

JAR TOTAL AS OF TODAY: \$1,520.53

2017-2018 SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

GOAL \$10,000

TOTAL AS OF TODAY: \$2,894.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2017-2018 GOAL: TBA

TOTAL AS OF TODAY: \$4,865.00

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