



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ Club Secretary **Ray Palmarini** greeted Rotarians and guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ray's thought for the day in this time of our national soul searching was from **Mohandas K. Gandhi**: *A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people.*

PRESIDER

■ President **Ken Brooks** called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

■ *Guests:* **Don Bowden** introduced **Peter Engler**. Peter was visiting from Belvedere.

ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

■ **Tracy Cook** will celebrate her birthday tomorrow. **President Ken** had a big birthday celebration on Saturday. He and his friends ended up at Image Flow studio located behind the Marin Theater Co. on Miller. And to make the evening even better **Donna D'Acuti** had her art work on exhibit at the gallery. In recognition of the plug for her show and Ken's birthday, she made the celebration contribution on Ken's behalf. And, for everyone's pleasure, Donna wished Ken a happy birthday in

song. PP **Jim Simkalo** was missing for his Club Anniversary, but PP **Bob Canepa** never misses. This week marks Bob's 32nd anniversary as a Rotarian. One of his memories from many years ago involved cross dressing at an installation dinner. Names are deleted to protect the innocent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President Ken** noted that the dictionaries for third graders will arrive soon. The call will go out to

put stickers in the dictionaries and to present them to the third grade classes. It is a wonderful feel good activity, so keep that in mind after the first of the year.

■ Winterfest was a success in spite of some light rain on Sunday. Ken worked the event all day and was aided by **Lee Kirkpatrick** who received a lot of joy in return watching the kids slide down the snow.

■ **Roberta Keller** reminded all that today was the last possible time to sign up (and pay for) the



► **Bhutan redux**—**Bob Holmes**, shown here posing with last week's speakers and **Yeshey Dorji**, president of the Rotary Club of Thimphu, Bhutan, submitted this photo after last week's Mill Wheel was in the ether. Yeshey is a charter member of his club. You can check him and his club out at rotarybhutan.org. It's true—Rotary is everywhere!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Lunch at noon, next Tuesday the 15th at Piazza D'Angelo.

■ **President Ken** announced that the board had provided funding for the Rotating Emergency Shelter Team headed up by **Dan Hatch**. Call Dan for more details and to help out on January 7, 2016.

■ **Bob Canepa** announced that the January 5th program will be **Charlie Taylor** telling "Tales of a CAT Officer" handling launches and landings on an aircraft carrier.

■ **PP Burnett Tregoning** reminded the club of one more opportunity to contribute to the Food Bank and Toys for Tots at the holiday lunch next week.

■ The board voted and Ken presented on behalf of the club members, a bell ringer to both **Marta** and **Ivan** in recognition and thanks for their efforts in setting up and providing our weekly lunch.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Bob Canepa** had a good time receiving a check for \$250.00 from **PP Sue Royce** for the MV Rotary Service Fund. With the \$500.00 Sue had previously contributed and the match from the Service Fund, the Club has its latest George Hoyle Fellow. Thank you, Sue! Bob reminds all that the matching funds are available until the end of the year, so time is of the essence.

■ The other two "Good Times" were unabashed promotions. **Donna** is singing at the Panama Hotel from 7:00 to 10:00 on December 23rd and **Bob Roberts** will be discussing his new book at *Book Passage* on this coming Saturday the 12th at 4:00. What great talent we have in this Club!

OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT JOINS MARSH CREW

► **Ludivica (Ludo) Braja**, our Rotary exchange student from Turin, Italy, showed the marsh crew that she knew how to handle clippers at last Saturday's work party. At right Ludo poses with Kim, Margareth, Jane and Tom. Ludo plans to attend next week's Holiday Luncheon where you will have the opportunity to welcome her to Mill Valley.



MEMBERSHIP

■ **VP Kent Campbell** attended the District 5150 membership meeting over the weekend. Rotary has hired consultants, conducted surveys, and held exit and entrance interviews recently to look at what motivates men and women to become Rotarians. Out of that work has come a new "elevator statement" to answer the question, What is Rotary? Here's

the answer: Rotary is a leadership organization....comprised of local business, professional, and civic leaders. We meet regularly, get to know each other, form friendships, do business together, and through that, we are able to accomplish significant things - in our local community and in the world. An excellent summary of an excellent organization. Kent is also working on developing a Linked In Rotary group.

RAFFLE ????

■ **Phil Richardson** wins the underwhelming raffle jackpot of \$10.00.

PROGRAM

■ **PP Bob Canepa** introduced **Phoebe Dong**, who is the conductor of the Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Orchestra. Phoebe led the 12 member orchestra of very talented



► The Food Bank barrel will be awaiting your contribution at next week's Holiday Luncheon. Be generous!



► Teacher-Conductor Phoebe Dong introduces the talented and terrific Middle School Chamber Orchestra.

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

7th and 8th graders in a concert of seven wonderful pieces ranging from holiday music to classical, with a tango and folk music for added spice. A small group of the musicians even did an encore of a blue grass number. This orchestra, as most music and arts programs in our MV schools, is supported entirely by KIDDO, which in turn is supported by our club. The students were all enthusiastic as they spoke briefly about their

instruments and backgrounds. It was a heartwarming, beautiful concert that put all into the holiday spirit.

NEXT WEEK

■ **December 15: Holiday Luncheon.** Celebrate the holiday season at *Piazza d'Angelo*.

CLUB CALENDAR

■ **December 22 & 29: No Meetings.** **Happy Holidays!**

■ **January 5:** Retired Navy pilot **Charley Taylor** will present *Tales of a CAT Officer*. After serving two combat deployments as a fighter pilot aboard the *USS Enterprise* aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War, Charley later received orders to serve as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer back aboard the Big E. Working on a carrier flight deck is often described as the most dangerous environment in aviation. He will share his exciting experiences of "shooting" the jets off the carrier deck and



► **Left: Phil and Don pose with Don's guest Peter Engler. Right: Ivan and Marta receive special thanks from the club for taking especially good care of us in 2015.**



CLUB CALENDAR

"trapping" them when they landed.

■ January 12: **Eli Adler's** presentation is entitled *Surviving Skokie*. This also the title of his intensely personal documentary film about a band of neo-Nazi thugs that threatened to march in the quiet village of Skokie, Illinois in 1977. At that time about 7,000-8,000 former Holocaust survivors lived in Skokie. They survived the horrors of the Holocaust and came to America to put the past behind. For decades they kept their awful memories secret, even from their children. Eli will discuss these provocative events, their aftermath, his family's horrific

experience of the Shoah, and a journey with his father to confront long-suppressed memories.

■ January 19: *Fletcher Christian, Captain Bligh & The HMS Bounty* will be the subject of **Tony Probst's** talk. Tony is a world traveler and a big collector of historical artifacts. Back in 1789, British sailors in the Pacific

mutinied on the HMS Bounty and settled on Tahiti and Pitcairn Island. While the mutineers on Tahiti were later arrested by the British, those on Pitcairn were able to start a community with Tahitian companions. In 1838, the Pitcairn Islands officially became a British territory.



LAST CALL!

The *Toys for Tots* box will be available for your contribution at next week's Holiday Luncheon. Let's fill it up!

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$748.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$5,665.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING
2015-16 GOAL:
\$12,250**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$10,800.00**

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