



THE MILL WHEEL



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PRESIDER

- President **Susan Royce**.

GREETER

- **Donna D'Acuti** who brought several Thoughts for the Day which earlier had been pinned to her wall at home. The one we liked best—*Life is Short! Break the Rules! Forgive Quickly! Kiss Slowly! Laugh Uncontrollably! Never regret anything that made you smile!*

GUESTS OF MEMBERS

- **Tori Herzog**, Don's daughter-in-law, who was present to receive her Paul Harris Fellowship, and **Wendy Crowe**, friend of the Boyle Park tennis courts.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Vince Howes** was the only celebrant attending, so **Donna D** belted out one of her one-of-a-kind Birthday Songs in honor of his hitting the Big 7-0 next Monday, August 19. He and **Ulla** will celebrate at dinner at Jason's restaurant in Greenbrae.

ANNIVERSARIES

- **Club**—President **Sue** noted that the club voted **Russ Burbank** an Honorary Member one year ago today. Russ was not present today, but we are delighted to see him whenever he can make it.



The smileys—Greeter **Donna D** practices what she preaches and so does **Steve Miller**!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Visitor **Wendy Crowe** offered details of the upcoming fundraising event to benefit the refurbishing of the tennis courts at Boyle Park. The club has been

invited to participate and will be selling wine at the event, scheduled for Saturday, October 19. More details forthcoming.

- Bocce ball is coming up **August 25** in San Rafael from 9-5 to benefit Rotaplast. See **PP Burnett** if you'd like to attend.

■ Past President **Burnett** served as auctioneer for two giant zucchini (one topping out at 6-1/4 pounds, the other just shy of 9 pounds—both born and raised in Homestead Valley!) as a prelude to the upcoming **Annual BBQ & Zucchini Race** scheduled at the club house on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 2-6 p.m.

- Foundation Chair **Doug Scherf** distributed this year's Foundation Event raffle tickets. The District is holding its Annual Rotary Foundation event on October 20th at Foster City lagoon—a fun family event that should attract a

ANOTHER BIG DAY FOR PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

- ☛ Foundation Chair **Doug Scherf** and President **Susan** had the honor of presenting three Paul Harris Fellowships at today's meeting. Here **Doug** poses with the honorees



- **Robin Keller** (his first), **Tori Herzog**, Don's Daughter-in-law (her first), and **Don Herzog** (his 5th!!!). Congratulations all!



☛ In an effort to work up some publicity for the club this fall, when the banner flies across East Blithedale, members were asked to stay after the meeting to have their picture taken. While we love and respect all of these folks, they represent but a small sampling of the membership so the photographers have decided to give it a try again next week. Please plan to be there!

good-sized crowd. Since this is the principal District fundraiser for the year, we are each being asked to sell \$250 worth of the tickets.

Every club member will receive 12 tickets, which may be sold for \$20 each to other individuals or purchased by you. All sales will be credited towards a Paul Harris Fellow of your choice.

Paul Harris Reminder

■ **The club will match contributions to The Rotary Foundation up to \$500 for a member's first Paul Harris Fellow. See Doug.**

Club members who already contributed in July will receive credit for those amounts. If the donations were less than \$250, you may give Doug a check for the difference.

Doug requests that checks be made payable to The Rotary Foundation. When you complete and return the tickets to Doug, he will make sure they are entered into the October raffle.

Prizes? A stay at the Ritz-Carleton of your choice, anywhere in the world, heads the list. Doug will have more details as the weeks progress.

■ **PP Elizabeth Suzuki** detailed a questionnaire/survey aimed at getting the club's desires regarding a proposed major club fundraiser next Spring. President Susan promised to send a copy of the survey via email to every member of the club. Please get your responses and other ideas to Elizabeth at your earliest convenience.

■ Finally, **President Susan** provided details of recent financial decisions reached by the club board of directors at its regular meeting Monday, August 12:

Membership dues for 2014-2015 will be increased as follows—Retired Members and Clergy \$150; Regular Members \$250. She also announced that meal costs would be \$20 with non-eaters paying \$6, effective September 1st. Other budget adjustments are being made to keep the club's finances on a solid footing.

GOOD TIMES

■ The Two neat card shop on Throckmorton Ave. in downtown Mill Valley (across the street from the Citibank branch) now features cards sporting **Donna D's** fantastic artwork. Also, she is singing this Thursday at the No Name in Sausalito. Check her out!

■ **Robert Brownstein** and today's speaker spent a fun week last week up at Tahoe City, running the rapids on the Truckee River with family. What, you say, **Maggiore and Brownstein**? They were once hubby and wife and the family is theirs!

■ **Phil Richardson** also spent some time near the water, only his was about 3,000 miles farther east—Cape Cod. During a family gathering at the Richardson's summer place, Phil met his son's girlfriend who, while visiting, became a fiancée. She's a great gal, reports Phil, who noted that at one time she was a Rotary Exchange Student. He must have been impressed—the result of his Good Time was a 2-1/2 bell ringer!

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool

RAFFLE

■ Free lunch for visitor **Tori Herzog**. Perhaps we will see her again soon!

PROGRAM

■ **Mary Ann Maggiore**, former mayor of Fairfax and current Executive Director and President of *Five 4 Five*, a nonprofit serving young people “who need help finding their way,” offered tips on how to successfully raise a teen or Twenty Something.

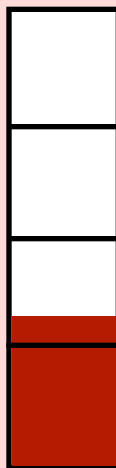
After being introduced by today’s program chair **Bob Canepa**, Mary Ann mentioned that Bob was a key mentor during the time she was establishing her organization, and she thanked him for his help.

Five 4 Five chooses students in teams of five and guides them carefully out of high school, through a college or training program, and into real jobs. They claim an 80% success rate.

Some of Mary Ann’s suggestions:

- ◆ Respect the kids’ ideas—what they want to do.
- ◆ Introduce them to networks that will help guide them.

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- ◆ Teach them to write.
 - ◆ Never say, “I told you so!”
- Let silence be its own lesson.
- ◆ Don’t be impatient—your teenager will finally find a path.
 - ◆ Create an exit strategy, i.e. “no more financial help from parents after four years of college.”

- ◆ Teach them how to date and how to fall in love.
 - ◆ Teach them how to serve.
- A lively question and answer session followed her presentation.

NEXT WEEK

■ Our speaker will be Mt. Tam Ranger **Matt Cerkel**. His presentation is entitled *Military Aviation Crashes in Marin County from the 1920s to the 1970s*.

CLUB CALENDAR

■ **August 25: Bocce Ball Tournament** benefitting Rotaplast at the San Rafael Bocce courts. Cost is \$37.50 per person. Check with **Burnett**.

■ **August 27: Cindy McCauley** and some members of the Tam High School contingent that earlier this year went to play baseball and softball in Cuba will share some of their experiences.

■ **September 3: NO MEETING**

■ **September 8: Annual BBQ & Zucchini Race** at the Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse, 267 Buena Vista Ave., 2-6 p.m. \$20 adults; \$12

Mill Valley Ambassadors Visit West Marin

■ President Susan and Intl Director Bill Lambrecht recently made an “official” visit to West Marin where they participated in the “rebunking” of RC West Marin’s president, John Tornes. Here they pose with John, Lisa Post-Tones (center) and Leah Reich, District 5150 Governor Nominee.



CLUB CALENDAR (Contd)

children 12 and under. Great food, drinks and tons of fun. In addition to thrilling zucchini races, exchange student **Julia Daniel** will be on hand to tell us of her experiences. Our club sponsored her as part of Rotary International's student foreign exchange program. She is excited to come speak to our club and share some of her adventures in Sweden. She will be starting her college career at Stanford in September.

■ **September 10:** Paula Reynolds (Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce Chair) and **Daniel Escalzo** (Chamber Executive

Director) will bring a message titled *Mill Valley: A Chamber for the 21st Century*.

■ **September 17:** Marin attorney **Renee Marcelle** will speak on *Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia*.

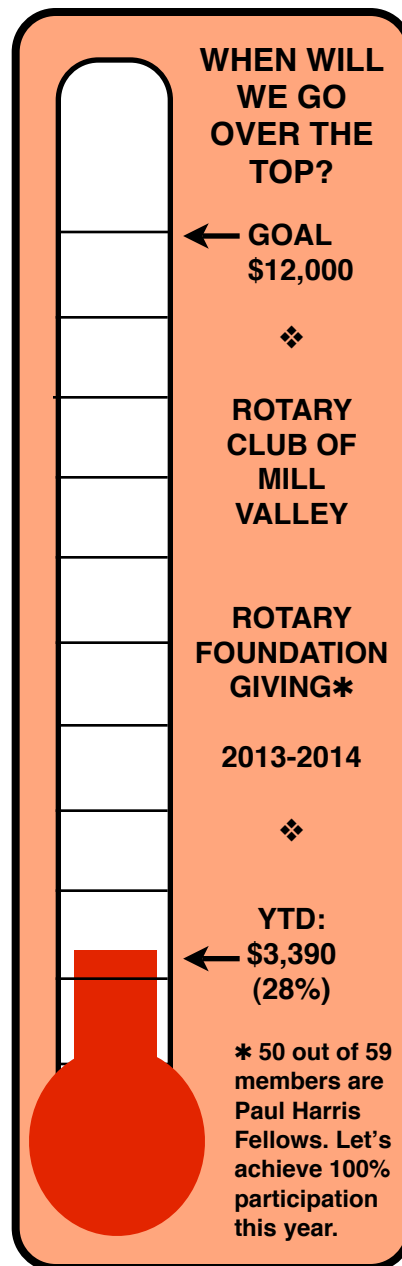
■ **September 24:** The 2013 District 5150 GSE Team will talk about their spring trip to Finland.

■ **October 1:** A speaker from the Asian Art Museum will update us on the goings-on at the museum.

■ **October 8:** The folks from District 5150 RYLA will make a presentation. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is one of the groups that our club supports.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT—Have you ever visited a strange city where you don't know a soul? Walk into a Rotary meeting and you are greeted with a warm welcome, a hand-shake and an invitation to sit at a particular table and of course you are made to feel welcome. So when you see a Rotarian from another club or visitors (they may be your program for the meeting) come through the door of your meeting room offer your hand and a warm welcome. It may turn out that they are a person you can conduct business with, play a round of golf with or have your kids on the same soccer team. It says that your club is warm and inviting.

**Treat your meeting place like your home –
WELCOME VISITORS WARMLY!**



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