

# THE MILL WHEEL



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## GREETER

### ■ Past President Richard Rider.

He surprised us with the following: *"In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress."*—**John Adams**, U.S. President, 1797-1801.

## PRESIDER

■ **President J. R.** offered a Sleepy Dog Joke, perhaps because this was an evening meeting:

*One afternoon, I was in the backyard hanging the laundry when an old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard.*

*I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home. But when I walked into the house, he followed me, sauntered down the hall and fell asleep in a corner. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out. The next day he was back. He resumed his position in the hallway and slept for an hour.*

*This continued for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a note on his collar: "Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap." The next day he arrived with a response pinned to his collar: "We have ten children - he is trying to catch up on his sleep."*

## VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Laddia Holly (J.R. Hastings); Grace**



► **Above:** Lisán Campbell takes a peek through one of the new license plate holders. See Ed Marshall to get yours. **Below:** Doing double duty tonight, Presider/Speaker J.R. Hastings, decked out in his Parisian letterman's jacket, poses with Immediate Past President Kent and Lisán Campbell and J.R.'s Friend, Laddia Holly. (Photos by Ed Marshall).



### VISITORS (Cont'd)

Levinson (granddaughter of **Jane Hall**); Dr. **Jane Hightower** (**Richard Rider**).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Ed Marshall** announced that the license plates have arrived and a few have been distributed. For others **Lisán Campbell** will e-mail forms to be filled out to choose a slogan and color. There will be an installation party after the next meeting.

### GOOD TIMES

■ **Doug** and his wife **Linda** had great fun listening to their granddaughter playing a percussion instrument in a band as a leader.

■ **Lee Kirkpatrick** enjoyed a family reunion at a 700 acre ranch in Watsonville.

■ **Kent** and his wife **Lisán** gave a dinner party, a lot of guests brought wine, most notable a 2001 Chateaufeuf du Pap.

### PROGRAM

■ The idea of traveling to Paris over the Holidays came to **J. R. Hastings** during a walk with his dog at Blackie's point (pasture?) on New Years eve and pictures of Paris on TV inspired him. He has been back 11 times, speaks French to get around, has read many books and watched "The Great Courses" on DVD about the history of Impressionists and Museum Masterpieces.

His advice to travelers is to take a compact umbrella (the sun only came out on the last day of his trip) and to wear a pouch on the belt or neck. It is also recommended to make reservations ahead of time and purchase tickets for recitals,

### LAST CALL FOR THE "SANTA BARBARA EXPRESS"



► As noted last week, the deadline for Mill Valley Rotarians to sign up for the April 7/8 trip on the Santa Barbara/Oakland Express, is February 20. If space is available after that date it will be offered to Rotarians in District 5150. One-way ticket is \$275, payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley and due at time of reservation. Round trip is now available on the Express at a cost of \$550. Direct all inquiries to Bob Roberts.

### CHARITY NAVIGATOR GIVES THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ITS HIGHEST RANKING...AGAIN!

❖ Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen** passes along some good news:

For the 10th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

In the most recent ratings, [the Foundation earned the maximum of 100 points](#) for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator notes that "only 1 percent of the charities we evaluate have received at least 10 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that The Rotary Foundation outperforms other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets The Rotary Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

## PROGRAM (Cont'd)

symphonies, operas and ballets.

Must see attractions for everyone are: Notre Dame, Musee du Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel tower and Versailles. His secret tip is to arrive 1/2 hour before opening to avoid long lines, as well as to check the websites of all destinations.

It does help to speak a little French, if only to say: Bonjour/ Bonsoir Madam, Monsieur as you enter an establishment and add merci as you depart. He travels by bus or train and has recently taken longer trips to Brittany and other destinations.

Aside from museums and music recitals he has discovered the best authentic flea market, "Vanves Marche au Pucés," and has bought many souvenirs there. He also enjoys listening to music and watching people on Monmartre.

His last warning: "Be careful, Paris grows on you!" *Bonne Anee!*

## NEXT WEEK

■ **February 20 (12:15):** Historian and Railfan **Richard Torney** will talk about *Railroads in our Mill Valley and Marin Backyards*. His presentation will include a slide show featuring historic photos taken along the path of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad's Electric Interurban Route coupled with recent photos taken in, as much as possible, the same locations. The old images date from the 1870s through the 1960s, and the current images have been taken between 2003 and today. Richard hopes that this presentation will help those familiar with these trains remember, and demonstrate to those who don't, the importance that railroads have played in showing the San Francisco Bay Area, and indeed the world, the

Thanks to Past President Kent Campbell and his trusty smart phone, you can find a Roberta / Lee birthday video, shot early this month, on the club's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfMillValley/>

wonders and opportunities that are to be found and enjoyed in Marin County.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**February 27 (12:15): Oak Dowling** will tell us about *Rosa Parks: An International Icon of Resistance to Racial Segregation*. By refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus in 1955, black seamstress Rosa Parks helped initiate the civil rights movement in the United States. The leaders of the local black community organized a bus boycott that began the day Parks was

convicted of violating the segregation laws. Led by a young Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the boycott lasted more than a year—during which Parks not coincidentally lost her job—and ended only when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional. Over the next half-century, Parks became a nationally recognized symbol of dignity and strength in the struggle to end entrenched racial segregation. The US Congress called her "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement."

**March 6 (12:15): Dr. Rich Moran**, President Emeritus of Menlo College, will talk about *The Accidental Vineyard*. A baby who wouldn't sleep began the Moran family sojourn into the wine business. Rich and his wife Carol took their kids for a drive into wine country and discovered a beautiful large old Victorian home in the middle of a beautiful valley, and it just happened to be for sale. They bought the property

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► From left: Lew, Lee, Margareth, Dennis, Beverlee and Jane—happy Rotarians all—share their table with Jane's granddaughter Grace Levinson. (Photo by Ed Marshall)

## CLUB'S 9TH PEACE CORPS PROJECT IS COMPLETED IN PERU

❖ Huishcabamba is a small rural community of 11 families situated high in the northern Andes of Peru. All of the families and houses lack sewage systems, bathrooms and running water. Families depend on nearby streams and springs for consumption and use. Open fields and backyards are used as bathrooms. A study by the Peace Corps volunteer found that 100% of the households had at least one member experiencing monthly symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, fever and respiratory infections.

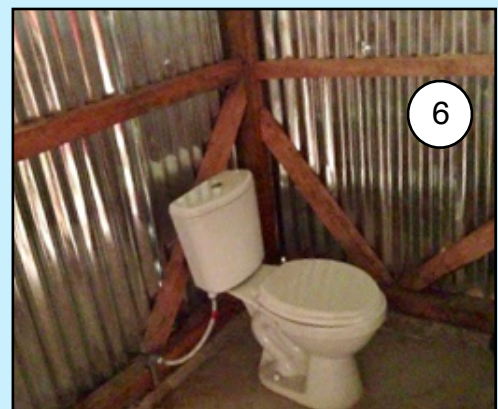
The families took it upon themselves to attack the problem. A committee was formed in 2016. The

community educated itself and came up with a plan to build a sustainable bathroom and sewage treatment project. The plan required each family to sign a contract and participate in behavioral change workshops covering hygiene, household water treatment and storage and bio-digesting waste management. They were also required to provide the sweat equity necessary for the construction of the improvements. With support of the Peace Corps volunteer and the local councilman the community was able to obtain local funding of \$2,885.

The project was completed in December 2017.



► 1) Villagers dig in; 2) The line is laid from water source; 3) An electric pump; 4) Clean tap water for cooking, bathing; 5) Toilet bio-digester ready to go; 6) The new toilet; 7) Building the system's reservoir.



**Parijata Prabhakara PCV**

Rotary Club of Mill Valley contributed \$6,088 of the project's total cost of \$8,973

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and the surrounding 12 acres and started 2 projects: the development of a small winery and the restoration of the house. Today, Moran Manor Winery is a small family-owned vineyard near Calistoga.

**March 13:** To be announced.

**March 20: Maureen "Mo" Devnieva** will tell us *What Social Media Can Do for You*. #RotaryEdition. Did you know by 2018 video will account for over 2/3 of mobile usage? Come to this session to help move our club forward with social media and video. Walk away with tools and skills to share our club's #RotaryStory!

### *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?

**March 17: District Workshop** (AKA District Learning and Leadership Development Assembly) 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Redwood High School, 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur. Register to attend on District website.

**March 22: REST Program** (Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) at the Community Congregational Church of

Tiburon-Belvedere. Kim Jessup has details.

**Every family has  
one weird  
relative.**

**If you don't know  
who it is, then  
it's probably you.**

### HOSPITAL BLOOPERS

Patient was alert  
and unresponsive.

### 2017-2018 POLIO PLUS

**CLUB GOAL**  
**\$2,500.00**

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$1,696.94**

### 2017-2018 SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

**GOAL**  
**\$10,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$5,725.00**

### ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

**2017-2018 GOAL:**  
**\$18,000.00**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$10,010.00**

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