



# THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley  
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## GREETER

❖ **Steve Miller's** Thought for the Day: *Man's rise or fall, success or failure, happiness or unhappiness depends on his attitude...a man's attitude will create the situation he imagines.*

## PRESIDER

❖ **President Lee** at the helm, waterless for the first time in weeks!

## VISITORS

❖ **Guests of Rotarians**—With *The Peru Greenhouse Project* headlining today's program, we welcomed several of the people who make it happen—**Joaquín de la Piedra**, founder and president of Kusimayo; **Hildebrando Bustamante**, Past District Governor (PDG) of Rotary District 4455 in Peru, and **Hildebrando's** wife **Lida**, Another Peruvian, now living in Marin, **Rita Sedano-Garcia**, a Personal Banker at Citibank's Mill Valley branch also attended today, as did **Betty Roberts (Bob)** and **Karyne Dyer (Greg)**.

❖ **Visiting Rotarians**—**Keith Axtell**, member at the Rotary Club of Marin Evening, and a huge help as a mentor to our club when working our way through the Rotary International Global Grant process, which was a key to the success of the Peru Project.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ A few spots are still open for this Thursday's tour of San Quentin Village. Email **Bob Canepa**.
- ❖ Bob announced a bag stuffing party is scheduled for Friday,

September 6 at 1:30 at his home as part of a special presentation to Mill Valley first responders during the meeting of September 10.  
❖ **President Lee** noted that the Club board of Directors met last night. He'll get into the details of discussions and decisions at next Tuesday's meeting.

## WELCOME TO MILL VALLEY, JUAN & MAURICE



▶ **Rotary Exchange Students Juan Mendez, center, a Junior at Tam from Santiago, Chile, and Maurice Van Daele, right, a Senior at Tam from Lokeren, Belgium, pose with Chris Wilmoth, son of one of this year's host families. Exchange Student Den Mother PP Jane Hall reports that since both boys are athletes and are taking part in sports at Tam, (cross country and basketball), it would be fun to go watch them at work/play. According to Jane, "They are 'poster boys' for the Rotary International program and it is a pleasure to be involved with them." Jane suggests club members should feel free to invite them to their home for a get-acquainted time. Check with Jane if you'd like to contact either off them.**

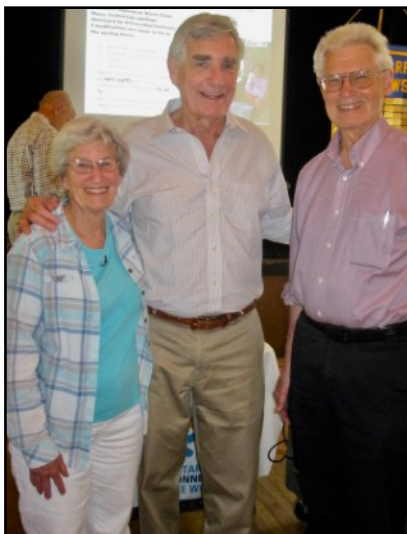
**CELEBRATIONS**

❖ *Birthdays*—Only two were present—**Morgan Pierce** (8/29) and **John Christman** (8/23). Morgan was looking forward to partying at the Coppola Winery with friends, and John saw some fantastic butterflies up at Mt. Lassen. Not certain that John didn't stop by an area winery before spotting the spectacular insects!

**GOOD TIMES**

❖ **Lisán** and **Kent Campbell** are proud of son **Liam** who now is a student at UC-Berkeley's Haas School of Business. Lisán was wearing her new "Cal Mom" T-shirt purchased in Berkeley after helping Liam get settled in his new digs. We're looking forward to seeing Kent's "Cal Dad" shirt!

❖ **Burnett** and **Marilyn Tregoning** attended the *Singers Marin* performance Sunday in Tiburon, and were especially impressed by the view and the singing, especially by that tenor in the back row who was the spitting image of Dr. **John Christman**.



► PP Jane and Bob pose with visiting Rotarian Keith Axtell, a member of the Marin Evening Club.

❖ Speaking of song, **Donna D** is anticipating a Good Time next Sunday at George's Nightclub in San Rafael. Details below.

❖ We have not seen much of PP **Greg Dyer** and his wife **Karyne** who have just returned from a trip to upper New York state. The reason was pretty obvious when he listed all of the places in world that he and Karyne have visited this year. A double bell-ringer for the Service Fund and The Rotary Foundation!

**RAFFLE**

❖ **Kent Campbell**. Wrong marble, bottle of wine.

**PROGRAM**

❖ To do good in the world—that's a major reason for joining Rotary. And, thanks to our visitors from Peru, those attending today's meeting got a first-hand report of how our Puno, Peru Greenhouse Project is positively affecting the lives of the people living there.

**Joaquín de la Piedra**, founder and president of *Kusimayo*, a partner in the Greenhouse Project, was introduced to the club by Immediate Past President **Bob Roberts**, who spearheaded our participation in the Rotary Global Grant Project.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 5-8 pm

**GEORGES**

a little Blues a little Jazz a lot of Fun

authentic Yucantán cuisine

**DONNA D +3**

Steve Malerbi/ drums ~ Rob Fordyce/ bass & vocals ~  
Ed Goldfarb/ piano ~ Donna D'Acuti/ vocals

We never know who will show up... I know I hope it's YOU!

842 4th Street, San Rafael, CA  
georgesnightclub.com

**FREE ENTRY**



**PROGRAM (Cont'd)**

Joaquín, who has an MBA from Boston College, explained that *Kusimayo* means “river of happiness” in Quechua, the local Puno language. His organization’s goal, he said, is to “make a difference in the lives of children, families and the elderly in the rural communities of Puno.”

Working with Kusimayo, Mill Valley and other Rotary clubs, using District Designated Funds

and Rotary International Global Grants, has had a role in the creation of 80 greenhouses that enable Puno families to grow many kinds of vegetables otherwise impossible to produce in the high altitude.

Joaquín calls this “Productive Puno” where families are now able to transform subsistence economies into ones of entrepreneurship.” Families with the greenhouses harvest 60 percent of the crop for their own

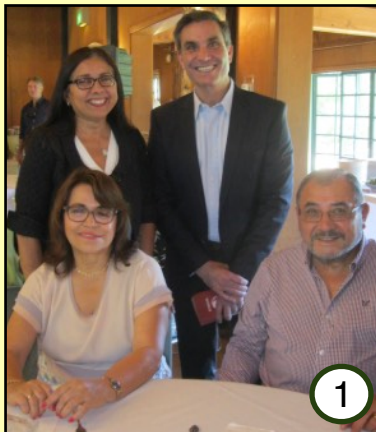
use while taking the remaining 40 percent to the market.

“You have positively affected 80 families. I don’t know how to thank you for that,” enthused Joaquín, who also shared details of other projects initiated and managed by *Kusimayo*.

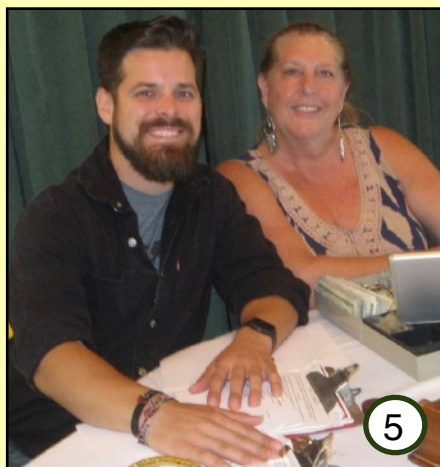
The meeting ended with some words from **Betty Roberts**, who also has been to Puno and worked with Joaquín:

“Rotary’s motto is **Service Above Self**. Joaquín and Laura

**CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS - AUGUST 27, 2019**



► 1) Standing—today’s speaker Joaquín de la Piedra of Kusimayo and visitor Rita Sedano-Garcia from the Mill Valley Citibank branch; seated are Lida and Hildebrando Bustamante, visiting from Peru; 2) Greeter Steve Miller with Lisán Campbell whose son Liam just started classes at UC Berkeley Haas School of Business; 3) Our Peruvian visitors again, this time with PP Kent Campbell and PP Bob Roberts, both of whom have been to Puno, Peru to see the Club Greenhouse Project at work;



4) Betty Roberts reads a “thank you” tribute she composed just for the folks at Kusimayo; 5) Last but not least, Club Treasurer Morgan Pierce and Secretary Dr. John Christman are all smiles after having been recognized for celebrating their birthdays this week.



**PROGRAM (Cont'd)**

exemplify those words. Two people had and still have a dream which they are realizing while continuing to stay small and focused on “forgotten” individuals. They bring to mind Margaret Mead’s words:

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

**NEXT WEEK**

**September 3 (12:15):** Learn about **Drawdown: Marin**, a bold, community-driven campaign to do our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate change impacts. The

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

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

County, with the support and input from the entire community, will work to eliminate fossil fuel use and “drawdown” carbon emissions by designing and implementing solutions in six Focus Areas.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

**September 10 (12:15):** Mayor **Jim Wickham** and City Manager **Jim McCann** will provide the annual report *Mill Valley: State of the City*. Hear the latest news and updates on City initiatives and programs, and meet Mill Valley’s new Chief of Police, **Alan Piombo**. The Mayor and City Manager will cover topics of interest to you, including public safety, traffic, land use, development and infrastructure improvements

**September 17 (12:15):** Master Sommelier **Catherine Fallis**’ talk is titled *Ten Grapes to Know*. Learn what inspired Catherine to begin her career in wine, and about her continuing journey as a consumer advocate.

**POLIO PLUS**

**2019/2020 GOAL:**

**\$1,000**

**JAR TOTAL AS OF TODAY:**

**\$160.00**

**SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)**

**2019-2020 GOAL:**

**\$10,000**

**TOTAL AS OF TODAY:**

**\$7,512.66**

**ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING**

**2019-2020 GOAL:**

**\$11,000**

**TOTAL AS OF TODAY:**

**\$100.00**

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