



THE MILL WHEEL



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PRESIDER

■ **Susan Royce**, looking as radiant and stylish as ever.

GREETER

■ **Bob Roberts**. He spoke in Spanish (he has lived many years in South America) and the translation is as follows: *To all my dignified friends of the M.V. Rotary Club on behalf of your president I wish you a warm welcome.*

VISITING ROTARIANS

■ **Scott Norris**, a banker from Brownsburg, Indiana (a suburb of Indianapolis), was in town visiting family and came by for lunch and a visit.

BIRTHDAYS

■ **Jim Simkalo (10/21)**—He and **Karen** plan to celebrate at the Buckeye Roadhouse.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ **Wedding: Jim Simkalo**. Jim and **Karen** (27 years on October 11) are planning to spend a romantic get together in Calistoga, enjoying good food and wine.

■ **Wedding: Kent and Lisan Campbell** (October 21). Their long and happy union has produced two sons, ages 15 and 13.



☛ Above: Meet new member Denise Foster. Below: Heidi hustles raffle tickets.



■ **Elizabeth Suzuki** and husband **Steve** have been married for 34 years, her oldest son is 24 and she got married in a Buddhist Temple in Mountain View.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Burnett Tregoning** and wife **Marilyn** went to the New Almaden Quicksilver Mine south of San Jose to enjoy their annual lunch of Cornish pasties. A traditional feast of the miners in Cornwall, a delicious combination of meat folded into a pie crust.

■ **Kim Jessup** enjoyed pulling weeds and sowing seeds at the Terwilliger Marsh, with the help of **Jane Hall** and **Peter Mason**, last Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Jane Hall** announced that 26 kids will get a free meal at Tam High once a month,

■ **Ken Brooks** reported that discussions at the recent board meeting continued to focus on the possibility of establishing a new corporate category of membership. No decision made and the discussion continues.

■ **Richard Simon** is looking for a good turnout on October 26 at Scout Hall for the annual Fall Blood Drive. See or call him to make an appointment.

■ **President Sue** reminded the club that this coming Sunday, October 20, is the last chance to have a fun day at the District's Foundation event in Foster City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Cont'd

You can use the District web site for information and to make a reservation.

NEW MEMBER

■ **Denise Foster** was welcomed as the newest member of Mill Valley Rotary during ceremonies conducted by Membership Chair **Ken Brooks** and **President Sue**. Denise received her red badge and her membership certificate, and a folder with useful information. She moved to Marin in July and is eager to make new friends and meet new people. A former CPA, she now works from her home and has an online stationary business.

RAFFLE

■ **Doug Scherf** won a free lunch.



Visiting Rotarian Scott Norris, a banker from Brownsburg, Indiana, poses with Heidi and President Sue. Photo by Vince Howes

PROGRAM

■ The speaker today was our own **Bill Lambrecht**. His topic—a visit in February 2013 to Bogota, Colombia. Bill represented the club during a Microcredit Program amongst the needy.

In some areas there is no water or electricity. 5 Million people are displaced, approximately one-tenth of the total population and the result of 10 years of Civil War.

Bogota has an existing Rotary Club of approximately 20 motivated members with four projects already in place.

Loans are for a time period of 4 months and handed out to individual groups. A sum between \$50-\$300 is given out to small start up businesses, with a result of 97-100% repayment.

The project will be spreading out to other needy areas, partially supported by global grants.

To sum it up: Microcredit is a hand-up, not a hand-out!

NEXT WEEK

■ Mill Valley's own **Bea Johnson**, who writes the popular ZeroWaste



☛ Today's speaker—World Community Service Director **Bill Lambrecht** (left)—shared his experiences last February when he traveled to Bogota, Colombia to participate in a Rotary sponsored microcredit program. The two photos above were part of his PowerPoint presentation: At left, Marina received a loan to establish a small neighborhood shop (cat not included!); at right, Past District 5150 Governor **Holly Axtell** visits a day school started by the young lady at center after she obtained a small loan. Mill Valley Rotary contributed a sizable amount to this program and plans to do the same with a microcredit program planned for next year in Ecuador. Bill will be happy to share the details.

blog and is the author of *ZeroWaste Home* will tell us how she manages to generate less than a quart of garbage a year.

CLUB CALENDAR

■ **October 26:** Southern Marin Rotary Blood Drive at Mill Valley's Scout Hall.

■ **October 29:** Charles Carey will speak on *The Road to Peace or War*. He served as a

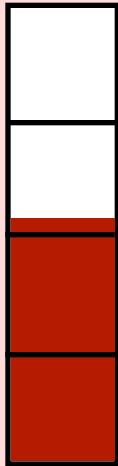
communication/information specialist at Rand, which at that time was a think tank offering research and analysis to the US armed forces. He later worked as a special assistant to the Director of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

■ **November 5:** *America the Beautiful—A Journey to Freedom*. Hear a remarkable and inspiring story of escape and survival. At the age of six **Mony Nop** and his family escaped the reign of terror of the Khmer Rouge and the killing fields of Cambodia only to end up in hard-scrabble refugee camps. He arrived in the U.S. at the age of ten and ended up dumpster diving for food. With much hard work, determination, and resourcefulness, he began his journey to success, eventually becoming a Rotarian.

■ **November 12:** Oak Dowling will speak on *Courtroom Drama in the Movies and Theater*.

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some fog, but I
mist.

POLIO PLUS CLUB GOAL \$2,000



JAR COLLECTIONS
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,074.20

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY

GOAL
\$12,000

YTD:
\$11,540
(96%)

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2013-2014

WHEN WILL
WE GO
OVER THE
TOP?

* 51 out of 59
members are
Paul Harris
Fellows. Let's
achieve 100%
participation
this year.

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