



# THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley  
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## GREETER

■ **PP Dick Spotswood** welcomed us with the Pledge of Allegiance. His *Thought for the Day* resulted from a recent visit to San Luis Obispo. Dick quoted from a speech given there by **President Theodore Roosevelt** in 1903. To paraphrase, TR implored us to improve our heritage and hand it off in better shape than it was received.

## PRESIDER

■ **Ken Brooks**, who is looking more at home every week behind the Mill Valley Rotary speaker’s podium.

## VISITORS

■ **PP Doug Scherf** introduced two Rotary Club of Mill Valley Past Presidents: **Leon (Lee) Smith** (1979-1980) reminisced about building the bridge in Boyle Park, and **Keith Wedmore** (1999-2000), who thanked the club for helping him assimilate into the community.

■ **Bill Lambrecht** introduced visiting Rotarian **Tom Sutton** of the San Rafael Harbor Club. Tom is our District 5150 Assistant Foundation Chair.

■ **Vince Howes** introduced his wife, **Ulla**, an ESL teacher. **PP Richard Rider** introduced **Peggy Davis**, wife of **Larry Davis**, who

could not attend today. Both Ulla and Peggy were interested in hearing today’s speaker.

## BIRTHDAYS

■ No current MV Rotarians were celebrating this week, but our guest **Lee Smith** turned 89 on July 10th. As a result, the Polio Plus jar received a bell-ringer!

## ANNIVERSARIES

■ Nothing to report this week!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President Ken** announced that on August 4th our use of the

## SPECIAL VISITORS TODAY—TWO PAST PRESIDENTS COME TO LUNCH



► It was a special day at Mill Valley Rotary today with the appearance of former member and Past President **Keith Wedmore** (shown at left with Dick and Richard) and Honorary Member and Past President **Leon (Lee) Smith** (At right with Bruce and Doug). Thanks for the visit, guys!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

clubhouse will be trumped by others. In lieu of the meeting that week, Ken suggested that we attend the Rotary Club of San Francisco (SF#2) that day. They will have a special program given by past Rotary International President **Rick King**. Ken suggested carpooling from the clubhouse parking lot at 11:00. The meeting is at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel and cost is \$40.00. Our club will not have an official meeting that week.

■ **PP Burnett Tregoning** announced and sent around a sign up sheet for the Annual Rotaplast Bocce Ball Tournament at San Rafael on Sunday August 23. This event supports Rotaplast, a great cause. President Ken this year promised to bring along a ringer, and we will be gunning to win the event after finishing a close second to San Francisco in the past.

■ **President Ken** announced that one idea from the monthly Marin President's meeting is to post District club activities in *The Mill Wheel*. Watch this space.

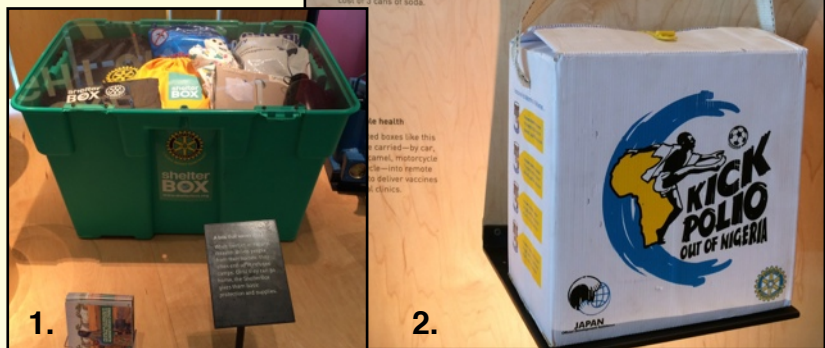
■ **PP Bob Canepa** announced next week's program will be **Dr. Naureen Shaikh** who will discuss Polio Eradication Progress. Dr. Shaikh has been deeply involved in the effort to eradicate polio. She will share with us some of her recent experiences in her home country of Pakistan and will also discuss Rotary's eradication efforts.

■ **President Ken** announced that **Jean Batman**, her daughter and a friend will attend the District 5150 Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar (PRLS) this coming Saturday.

■ **President Ken's** announcement that today is Bastille Day and then waving the Dutch flag caused **PP Pieter Bogaards** to rise to a point of correction. After much

## GATES CENTER SPOTLIGHTS ROTARY EFFORTS

► During their recent trip to Seattle Greg and Karyn Dyer visited the Gates Foundation Visitor Center where Greg snapped these photos of exhibits showing Rotary International projects: 1) ShelterBox; 2) Polio Eradication.



discussion and a cell phone Google, the proper French flag was found and properly waved.

## GOOD TIMES

■ *Rotary Good Times:* **PP Jane Hall** had a good time at today's Board meeting. She complimented **President Ken** on the meeting. Ken mentioned that the location of the board meeting has been moved from Scout Hall due to the upcoming renovations in that building. The dates remain the same (2nd Tuesday of each month) but the location and time will be the back room at the clubhouse from 10:15 to 11:45. Ken assured the Club that board actions taken would not be a reflection of the new meeting locale.

■ A final note from our Prez reminded the Club of the Cuba trip September 16-28. Only two openings left. Cost is \$3,000 plus transportation to Tampa. This is not an official Rotary trip, but it is

sponsored by a Rotarian. Call Ken for more information.

■ *Personal Good Times:* Visiting MV Rotarian **Lee Smith** bragged about becoming a great grandparent twice over last month. Lee contributed a bell ringer to the Polio Plus jar.

■ **PP Dick Spotswood** noted that he had joined the Bank of Marin Advisory Board.

■ **PP Elizabeth Suzuki** reported her participation last weekend in the Avon 39 mile walk. And, yes, she completed all 39 miles. In addition to being a wonderfully inspiring event, her team raised over \$200,000! The oncologist who has been working with Elizabeth's friend received a research grant of \$300,000.00 as a result of the walk. Elizabeth contributed a bell-ringer to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund (George Hoyle) in celebration of the successful event. However, it is Elizabeth who deserves club kudos for participating in such a worthwhile event.

**RAFFLE**

■ **Ray Palmarini**, frequent raffle winner (you can't win if you don't play) won a free lunch.

**PROGRAM**

■ The pressure is on for *The Mill Wheel* staff!

**Arlene Miller**, "The Grammar Diva," presented a fun, interesting and thought provoking program on grammar, vocabulary and their use and misuse.

She noted the difference between formal grammar used in letters and documents and conversational grammar which we use every day. She also noted that grammar is changing over time, which is really the way language evolves.

New words come from changes in society and from dialects becoming adopted into the general vocabulary. A new language is developing from text messaging; the emoji is a hieroglyphic form of language.

Arlene ended her presentation with a long list of pet peeves with which many members agreed. Many interesting and lively questions from the members were asked. **PP Ed Marshall** ended the meeting on a high note (low note?) by asking Arlene to describe the difference between "hanged" and "hung."

**NEXT WEEK**

■ **Dr. Naureen Shaikh** will discuss *Polio Progress*.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

■ **July 28:** The title of **Phil Cutti's** talk will be *Brewing Up Success*. Learn how a scientist from Stanford/NASA and a lobbyist from DC launched a brewery in six months and are building their brand one beer at a time. *Enjoy a beer tasting* along

THOSE WHO JUMP OFF  
A BRIDGE IN PARIS ARE  
IN SEINE.

with stories of where they've been, where they are and where they hope to go.

■ **August 4: No Meeting.** The City is redoing the floors. See Announcements (P. 2).

■ **August 11: Jos Hill**, Executive Director of Olazul, will talk on *Fighting Coastal Poverty and Building a Sustainable Community*. Jos leads Olazul's efforts to develop win-win solutions for coastal communities that revitalize local economies and support healthy marine ecosystems.

■ **August 18: Dr. David Smith** will tell us about *The Haight Ashbury and the Summer of Love*. Dr. Smith founded the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic in 1967 and is an expert in the field of addiction.

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

JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
**\$142.00**

ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING

2015-16 GOAL:  
**\$12,000**

TOTAL  
FOR 2014-2015:  
**\$12,386**

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