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PRESIDER

■ **President Ken** seems to be settling into the role a little more every week, raffle controversy notwithstanding.

GREETER



► **Bruce Wrisley** lays it on pretty thick when the ladies arrive. His Thought for the Day: Get a Shingles shot—if you’ve had Chicken Pox odds are you won’t regret getting the shot.

VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Bill Schmetterer**, was the guest of **PP Jim Simkalo**. **Mary Alice Cardenas** the guest of **Bill Lambrecht**.

BIRTHDAYS

■ Best wishes and many happy returns to **Vince Howes** who celebrates tomorrow. Vince likes

to tell the story of how he was born in L.A. by mistake and rushed to NorCal at the tender age of two months. So he told it. After which **Donna D** paid him tribute with one of her patented versions of the Birthday Song. By the way, looks like Vince’s gift this year is another trip to Sweden with **Ulla**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President Ken** apologized for creating discomfort within the ranks with his announcement last week that the traditional club raffle would follow new parameters in order to save money. Apparently, there will be a “time-out” to rethink the new setup, but



► **Margareth** wasn’t here for the raffle kurfufful last week, so she’s not sure how she won 13 big ones today. But she likes it!



► **The Three Muskrats**—PP **Greg Dyer**, Birthday Boy **Vince Howes** and our Fearless Leader **Ken Brooks**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

as you can see in the photo on page 1, **Margareth** was OK with the new plan. More to come on the raffle and its role at Mill Valley Rotary. Stay tuned!

■ **PP Bob Canepa** reported that the Service Fund Board met last week and decided to offer matching funds to assist members and friends of Mill Valley Rotary who contribute to the Fund. Details in the special report at the top of Page 3.

■ **Serious news from North Carolina: Bill Lambrecht** reported that **Anne Beirne**, Honorary Member and the first female president of the club (1997-98) was scheduled for surgery this Thursday. Anne suffered a seizure earlier in the week and masses were discovered on her brain. (**Editor's Note:** We received word from Anne's son **Bryan Thomas** that she was in and out of surgery pretty quickly this morning (Aug. 20) and "she looks great." Remember, Anne's address is in the roster if you'd like to send a card to her and **Chuck**.)

■ More from **President Ken:** He'll have a signup sheet available next week for those of you who want to attend the World Peace Concert, November 14 in San Francisco. He's looking for a big turnout. More details available at the bottom of page 3.

■ Also, the club sponsored Blood Drive at Tam Junction was a big success. Kudos to organizer and honcho **Richard Simon**.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Colin Wong** and his wife **Silvana** recently cruised the British Isles on the *Royal Princess*. The isles were wonderful, the ship not so much so, Colin reports. Your reporter

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA



Progress reports have been received from three projects in South America, all of which are supported in some fashion by funds contributed by members of Mill Valley Rotary.

At top is a photo of a recently completed waste water system at an orphanage in Ambato, Ecuador. This was a project of the Marin Evening club to which we contributed \$2,000.

At right, a plumbing class is underway at the training center which is a part of the Esmeraldas, Ecuador Microcredit Rotary Global Grant to which we contributed \$21,000.

And at bottom Peace Corps volunteer **Bryan LaRosa** stands next to one of 15 bathrooms that are being constructed in Miramar, Peru. Forty percent of the cost of the project was funded through the Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) to which Mill Valley Rotary contributed \$4,317.85.

Your dollars are doing good work. Keep them coming!



was seated next to him at lunch today and was mighty disappointed that the cruise was unable to stop at Cornwall. Wales is a poor substitute!

■ **Dan Hatch** dropped into Happy Valley Pizza, two blocks above the Zoo on Kapahulu in Waikiki and found two dozen Hawaiians celebrating the birthday of one of their musical leaders. Six of the assembled group had guitars or ukuleles, four of whom had fantastic voices, and were celebrating with a Hawaiian jam session, complete with two hulas, for an hour and a half while he and **Bets** ate dinner 10 feet away.

■ **Don Herzog** spent three weeks in Spain, France and Italy with his sons, daughter-in-law, and grandkids. It was an incredible trip, Don said, and after shepherding eight people through three countries (plus Vatican City), he feels he qualifies as a Master Cat Herder. He's also a bell-ringer!

■ **Burnett** made good on last week's offer to cough up \$5 for the Good Time he had attending the Homestead Village Art Show where **Donna D** exhibited one of her paintings. The show will be

up through October at the Homestead Valley Community Center, 315 Montford Ave., Mill Valley. Check it out.

■ As we all know, **Donna** is a busy gal with her art, her music and her real estate, and last weekend she exhibited in a show on Nob Hill in the City where she sold two pieces. Way to go, gal!

SERVICE FUND BOARD TO MATCH UP TO \$250



GEORGE HOYLE
1910 - 2004

Beginning Sept. 1st, the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund Board will match contributions of up to \$250, the board decided at its recent meeting.

The special matching program will continue to the end of the year and offers members and friends of Mill Valley Rotary an excellent opportunity to reach that \$1,000 donation figure that qualifies for a George Hoyle Fellowship and supports much of the club's annual giving, including such projects as the one in Peru described on the previous page. Service Fund

President **Bob Canepa** announced during Tuesday's meeting that members would soon be contacted by various board members and encouraged to help make 2015-2016 a banner year for the Fund.

PROGRAM

Today's speaker, **Dr. David E. Smith**, award winning founder of the Haight-Ashbury free medical clinics in San Francisco, had a very sobering and important message. Too bad your reporter, who was sitting in the back of the room and has 82-year-old ears to boot, could only hear snippets of his talk.

What I got from his talk was that drug and alcohol addiction among middle-class adolescents is a big problem, and he wants Rotarians to get involved in finding solutions.

In addition to his work at the Haight-Ashbury clinics, Dr. Smith is involved with Muir Wood Adolescent and Family Services, an organization with an outpatient program for boys and girls in San Rafael and a residential program for boys only in Petaluma.

Check out their website www.muirwoodteen.com to see how they approach the problem of teenage addiction.

A promotional poster for the Rotary World Peace Concert 2015. On the left is a blue acoustic guitar. In the center is the Rotary logo (a gear with a star) and the word "Rotary" in blue. To the right is a white dove with its wings spread, flying towards the right. Below the dove, the text reads "WORLD PEACE CONCERT 2015". Underneath that, it says "Saturday, November 14, 2015" and "Herbst Theater, San Francisco". At the bottom, in a blue banner, it says "for more info and tickets: www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com".

► Want more info? www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com or call President Ken at 415-686-5707. Ken is looking for a big turnout from Mill Valley Rotary and will have a signup sheet available next week.

NEXT WEEK

■ Congressman **Jared Huffman** joins us to present an *Update from Congress*. From 2006 to 2012, Huffman was a member of the [California State Assembly](#), representing the [6th district](#). He chaired the Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee and also chaired the Assembly Environmental Caucus. He was elected to the U.S. Congress in November 2012 with more than 70% of the vote. His district covers the North Coast from to the [Oregon](#) border.

CLUB CALENDAR

September 1: Dr. Lane Hirabayashi, UCLA professor of Asian-American studies, will speak on *Taking a Principled Stand: The Story of Hirabayashi*



► **All smiles—PP Jim Simkalo and his guest Bill Schmetterer with Heidi Duckor.**

vs. the United States. He will share with us the incredible civil rights story of his uncle **Gordon Hirabayashi**, one of a handful of Japanese Americans nationwide to defy U.S. government curfew and "evacuation" orders issued in 1942. He was arrested, convicted, and imprisoned for a year, and eventually appealed his case to

the U.S. Supreme Court. Although the Supreme Court upheld his conviction at the time, the fight to overturn it resumed in the 1980s, culminating in his judicial vindication. In 2012 Hirabayashi was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

September 8: Ali Rezaian will speak on the *Non-Freedom of the Press in Iran*. Ali is the brother of journalist **Jason Rezaian**. Ali will talk about his brother's detention in Iran. Jason is a journalist currently employed as The Washington Post bureau chief in Tehran, Iran. On July 22, 2014, Iranian authorities raided the Tehran residence of Jason Rezaian and his wife, [Yeganeh Salehi](#), and took the couple into custody. On October 6, Salehi – who is also a journalist – was released, but Jason Rezaian remains in custody.

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$276.00**

**2015-2016
SERVICE FUND
(GEORGE HOYLE)
GOAL
\$10,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$300.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$730.00**

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