



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## GREETER

■ **Karen Buckter**, after leading the pledge to the flag, offered this Thought for the Evening: *To be bitter is to attribute intent and personality to the formless, infinite, unchanging and unchangeable void. We drift on a chartless, resistless sea. Let us sing when we can, and forget the rest.* — **H. P. Lovecraft.**

## PRESIDER

■ **President J. R.** at the helm this evening armed with a couple of *Kent's Corner* stories, one of which we share now:

*An old man named Burnett who loves to fish was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, “Pick me up.”*

*Burnett looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice again say, “Pick me up.”*

*Burnett looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.*

*Burnett said, “Are you talking to me?”*

*The frog said, “Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up. Then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll then give you more sexual pleasure than you ever could have dreamed of.*

*Burnett looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it*

*up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket.*

*The frog said, “What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will give you sexual pleasures like you have never had.”*

*Burnett opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, Naah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog.”* (Editor's note: TRUE!)



► **Karen welcomes Steve even though he pilfered a dessert at the buffet before dinner.**

## VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians*—**Betty Roberts (Bob)** and **Laddia Hastings (J. R.)**.

## CELEBRATIONS

■ *Birthday*—**Jane Hall (5/2)**. **Donna D** provided the vocal, even though Jane insisted that she does not celebrate birthdays unless they mark a major milestone in her life.

Think she's planning to live forever?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President J. R.** urged the various Fellowship Challenge teams to get going, and make their plans to get together and have fun.

## GOOD TIMES

■ New member **Anthony Trias** had a ball rappelling down the canyon walls of Zion National Park recently with his brothers. Put it on your “Bucket List,” he suggests.

■ **Ray Palmarini** and **Cheryl** traveled up to Medford to attend his daughter's baby shower. Lots of family there and they enjoyed the visit. Ray also suggested club members stop by 156 Lovell Ave. to check out Cheryl's art this weekend during Open Studios. P.S.—While you're at it, visit **Donna D's** studio as well.

■ **Lisán Campbell** recently returned from Florida where she visited with family, including her father whom she had not seen for 33 years. A special trip indeed.

■ Funny hats were part of the decor at a party attended recently by **Jean Batman** and hubby **Alex Choulos** at a Pt. Reyes lodge. How a picture of them looking really silly ended up in **Kent's** presentation about social media, we're not sure. But the odds are good that someone posted it on *Facebook*.

## RAFFLE

■ Finally, someone got the red marble. Congratulations to **Ray Palmarini**—\$470.00!

## PROGRAM

■ We had a ball learning the ins and outs of social media. Past President **Kent Campbell** taught us Facebook Basics, including how to use their privacy controls. **Jean Batman** take note!

## NEXT WEEK

■ **May 15: Anna Lecat** will discuss *Surviving and Thriving from Ukraine through China to Mill Valley*. Anna will share her inspiring story of growing up in a Jewish family in Ukraine at the end of the Cold War and through the decline and fall of the Soviet Union, moving to China, and learning how to do business in China, and finally moving to the

United States, establishing two successful businesses here and living with family in Mill Valley.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**May 12: Letter Carriers Food Drive.**

**May 20: Mt. Play Booth.**

**May 22 (12:15): Keith Phillips** will present *Leaving No One Behind: a Mill Valley Effort to Recover America's War Dead*. There are 83,000 Missing in Action (MIAs) service personnel from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. A Military History buff, Keith first developed an interest in the MIAs when in New Guinea a local tribal chief asked him to bring home some American remains in his village. From that starting point began a sense of mission to re-energize the country's efforts to locate and recover the remains, and through

Project Homecoming to assist families in their efforts. During his time with us Keith will speak to the "facts and figures" associated with the missing, speak to their presence in Marin County and worldwide and discuss the combination of science, international goodwill and serendipity that all play a role in return of the missing.

**May 27: Mt. Play Booth.**

**May 29 (12:15):** Film editor and film maker **Tim Amyx** will present *Movies in Marin and San Francisco*. The movie palaces of yesteryear, and the modern movie theaters of Marin. These historical (both old time, and modern) anecdotes will be shared by the former Mill Valley Historical Society President. Movie theaters have often been as important as schools and churches in the growing and socializing of small towns. Learn about where Mill Valley moviegoers went before not only the Sequoia theater, but

## JAN PEDERSEN SCHIFF CONDUCTS ON THE BIG STAGE—CARNEGIE HALL



► Above, new member Jan Pedersen Schiff of Singers Marin conducts choirs at Carnegie Hall in New York City on April 28. Forty-six singers from Singers Marin made the trip and were joined by two high school choruses from New Jersey for a total of 140 voices singing "*Frostiana*," *Seven Country Songs* by Randall Thompson. The orchestra was the New England Symphonic Ensemble. "It was an honor to conduct from the podium where so many famous conductors have stood," notes Jan.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

also before the Hub. How many movie theaters were there in San Rafael in the 1920s? Remember the two drive-in theaters of Marin? What happened to them? What movies have been filmed and produced in and around Marin? Of course, **George Lucas** has become Marin's most famous movie maker. But, did you know there is a connection to the early days of silent movies and **Charlie Chaplin? John Korty? Frances Coppola?** Pixar filmmakers? Learn this and much more.

**June 3: Mt. Play Booth.**

**June 5 (12:15):** Austrian exchange student **Felix Filzwieser** will talk about "AAA." Not the Triple A you know, but Felix,

*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?**

the Amiable, Austrian and Advocate for Rotary. He will be speaking about his homeland, family, school, and life in Austria. He will share with us his journey and experiences as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student living in Marin.

**June 8: Marin Shakespeare Fellowship.** Check with **J. R.** for details.

**June 9 & 10: Mt. Play Booth.**

**June 12: No Meeting.**

**June 15: Installation Dinner** at the Outdoor Art Club, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Cost \$100/person. **Note:** *This is a mandatory event*, so it makes sense to make every effort to attend. Invitations have been sent. Please make your check payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley and give it to **Morgan** or **Elizabeth Suzuki** as soon as possible.

**June 17: Mt. Play Booth.**

**June 19 (5:30):** Social at *The Cantina.*

**June 26 (12:15):** Last regular meeting of the year.

**You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.**

**2017-2018  
POLIO PLUS**

**CLUB GOAL  
\$2,500.00**

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$1,920.97**

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

**GOAL  
\$10,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$7,011.20**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

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

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$12,345.00**

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