



THE MILL WHEEL



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PRESIDER

- President **Ken Brooks**.

GREETER

- **Jean Batman AKA Eleanor Roosevelt**: *A woman is like a tea bag. It's only when she's in hot water that you realize how strong she is.* Earl Grey anyone?

VISITORS

- *Guests* – **Joanne Burns**, former Rotarian, Kirkland WA (**Bill Lambrecht**), **Mary Alice** and **Moira Brennan** (Tracy).

BIRTHDAYS

- **Ed Marshall** (July 27), **Tom McKlveen** (July 22) and **Margareth Tanner** (July 25).
Something akin to a birthday song ensued.

ANNIVERSARIES

- *Wedding* – **Steve Miller** (**Judith**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Elections* - **President Ken** is running for (another) office! We will soon be able to vote for him for Mill Valley City Council. On the other hand, another Rotarian



► Greeter Jean welcomes Phil to today's meeting.

has declined a chance for political power – **PP Kim Jessup** for Homestead Valley Sanitary District Commissioner.



► **New club mascot**—“Willie” Simkalo gets lots of lovin’.

Apparently she has too much poop at home.

- **Willie Simkalo**, Salem Oregon, has thrown his hat into the ring for top dog as Club Mascot. Stay tuned for the first debate, pending the appearance of other possible contenders. Apparently City ordinance rules out runs by local dog catchers.

- *Investigation* – More concerns have been raised about the possible corruption of our marbles which (according to the accusation) have different sizes, giving the raffle winners with the longest fingers an unfair advantage. Gumshoes take note: Results of any nefarious wrongdoings will be presented to the board in secret session, pending the outcome of the investigation.

- **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) scholarships await for two high school students to attend the program April 8-10, 2016. **President Ken** urges us to promote this great opportunity to high school students.

- *Our Blood Drive* is set for Thursday, August 6, at Walgreens 1:00-6:00. Contact **Richard Simon** for sign up details, or just show up at Tam Junction.

- Do you play bocce ball? Do you like barbecue and hanging out with fun people? Contact **PP Burnett Tregoning** for info about the upcoming Rotaplast Bocce Tournament, to be held in San Rafael on Sunday, August 23. No experience necessary.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Phil Richardson** survived the worst three weeks of his life, thanks to his wife, **Barbara**, and a cheery get well card from Club members.

■ **Bob Roberts** and his wife **Betty** brought back a list of clubs and possible projects in Peru where they had worked with the Peace Corps.

■ **Ray Palmarini** had a good time at last week's meeting when he found the red marble.

■ **J. R. Hastings** accepted a fishing trip invite from **Doug Scherf** whose calendar was confused. Later on, J. R. attended a Wealth Council symposium in San Diego and relaxed all the way down and back, thanks to Amtrak's Vistadome. J. R. offered \$300 to the Foundation if President Ken chipped in \$20 himself. Offer accepted!

PROGRAM

■ **Phil Cutti**, co-founder of Headlands Brewing Company, board member of San Francisco Brewers Guild and former scientist and pro-baseball player, has turned his scientific acumen



► **Trading recipes? Vince engages our speaker in pretty serious conversation following the program. Perhaps he's placing a big order!**



► **Cross-Fit devotees revel in their thinness- guest Mary Alice with Tracy and Bill. The question is: Did they sample the program goodies?**

into a home run with his "Big-Ass" cans of really awesome beer for non-pretentious, regular folks. Headlands is a contract brewer that uses other brewers' facilities in making ales and lagers.

Using cans instead of breakable glass, the brewery is planet-friendly because cans are easier and lighter to transport, very enviro-friendly, more flavorful as oxygen and light affect the beer in glass bottles, and can be packed for camping trips and hikes.

Phil conducted a taste testing for the Club, featuring Pt. Bonita, a traditional Bohemian pilsner, Group G, a Belgian ale and wildly fermented, and Hill 88 (second tallest hill in the Headlands and site of the former Nike Missile launching pad).

The trend-setting, thought leaders at the right back table voted, as follows:

First place winner - Pt. Bonita with four votes, second place winner Group G, with two votes and last, and frankly, least - Hill 88.

One trend-setter who typically refuses to enter any Rotary voting booth, declined to vote, and another hated them all. Since you asked, this reporter only liked Pt. Bonita but liked it a lot.

N. B.: In case you were wondering, Headlands beer is not activated by pee and spit (ask the Aztecs for explanation).

Maybe this is the source of the British slang for drunk, "pissed," as well as "piss-off" (use your imagination.)

NEXT WEEK

■ **August 4: No Meeting.** The City is not redoing the floors, but the clubhouse is not available anyway. Those wishing to attend the meeting of San Francisco #2 on this date should meet at the golf clubhouse parking lot at 11 AM to arrange to carpool over to the city. Lunch at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel will cost you \$25. Special speaker that day will be Past President of Rotary Intl **Rick King**. Call **President Ken** if you have questions.



► **Hey, Mikie— Peter likes it!**

CLUB CALENDAR

■ **August 6: Club Blood Drive.** **Richard Simon** has signup sheet.

■ **August 11: Jos Hill**, Executive Director of Olazul, will talk on *Fighting Coastal Poverty and Building a Sustainable*

MORE CLUB CALENDAR

Community. Jos leads Olazul's efforts to develop win-win solutions for coastal communities that revitalize local economies and support healthy marine ecosystems.

■ **August 11:** Rotary Club of Central Marin presents *Argo* at the Lark Theatre in Larkspur. We are invited to join them (\$25 each) for a lively evening viewing the Academy Award winning film followed by a discussion with Mideast expert **Dr. Gigi Gokcek**, Professor of Political Science at Dominican University. For details and reservations: rotary5150.org, or call **Jennifer Leathers** at 415-453-1448



► **Remember last week's flag flap? Pieter says this is as close as he can get to The Netherlands banner with the material at hand.**

■ 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. He will share with us his experiences with the social changes of the Haight Ashbury and the flower children, with stories of politicians, musicians

COMMITTEE:
A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

and professional sport teams in San Francisco.

August 23: Bocce Ball for Rotaplast. See or call **Burnett** (415-388-2113) for details.

August 25: 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 congressional district covers the North Coast from the [Golden Gate Bridge](#) to the [Oregon](#) border.

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$199.00

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

2015-16 GOAL:
\$12,000

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

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