



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Ken Brooks** in honor of election day, reminded us that artists are the real architects of change, not political leaders.

PRESIDER

■ President **Susan Royce**. Come see her in action at the last board meeting on June 9.

VISITING ROTARIANS

■ **Neyde Brilho**, from District 4570 in Rio de Janeiro-Leblon, and **Mike Green**, from Mission San Rafael, who was offering raffle tickets as a quick way to make a buck, in benefit of some great kids.

BIRTHDAYS

■ **Peter Straube** was serenaded by **Bob Canepa** and the choir (which could benefit from a quick tutorial).



☛ Visiting Rotarian Neyde Brilho says hello to Roberta Keller.



☛ Birthday boy Peter Straube readies himself for the mellifluous melody of the Birthday Song led by Bob Canepa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ \$3500! **Bob Roberts** thanked his mighty Mountain Play squad including **Peter Straube**, **Howard Harker**, **Kent Campbell's** son **Liam**, **Stephanie Powell**, **Dennis Klein**, the **Scouts**, **Don Herzog's** daughter in law, son **Ryan** and his friend **Josh**.

■ Auction items will be available at the Installation Dinner at the Golf Club House on June 27 but it would be great if folks purchased them before. Checks for auction items should be made payable to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund with the notation that the funds are for Scout Hall.

■ Sign up for the Mountain Play on the website. If you're lucky, you might get leis (**Editor's Note**:

this comment by **Kent Campbell** was much funnier heard than seen!).

GOOD TIMES

■ **Bell Ringers** – Lots of action on the roads: **Jim Simkalo** got new wheels – a sweet Mercedes Benz. **Bruce Wrisley's** red Tesla got a little too up close and personal with a member of the California Highway Patrol, who did not give him a ticket.

■ **Doug Scherf** added a couple more US states to his scrapbook, with only 5 to go. He especially enjoyed Arkansas Springs.

■ **Dan Hatch** can now drive his stickshift!

■ **Ed Marshall** has donated a ride in his sailboat as a Rotary auction item and President **Sue** is happy to

MORE GOOD TIMES

report that the boat is very sea and auction worthy.

■ **Greg Dyer** had a blast playing golf three times on his birthday but, for some reason, neglected to report his scores. Hmm...

RAFFLE

■ **Doug Scherf** gets to come back for a free blue plate special.

PROGRAM

■ **Oak Dowling**, a native Chicagoan and lawyer and law professor, outlined the fascinating and sobering case against **Julius and Ethel Rosenberg**, both convicted and executed for espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union.

A defining moment in the Cold War, the story included betrayal, perjury, Cold War zeitgeist, code books, code names – Verona and Antenna, and innocent person being electrocuted for a crime she



☛ **Ken's normally a gentle guy—but when he disagrees with you, look out! Actually, speaker Oak Dowling really wasn't in any danger. Ken was simply making his point—energetically, it appears!**

did not commit. The prosecutor **Roy Cohn** was talking to the

judge, the ACLU defense attorney was spying for the prosecution, and the FBI was spying on the defense attorneys.

Oak explained that the attraction to the communal society promise of the Soviet Union came from the Great Depression during which there was no “safety net” and people starved to death due to 30% unemployment.

Oak left us with a few words, “The past is prelude. And I leave you with two words, **Edward Snowden.**”

NEXT WEEK

■ **Alan Olson** will be our speaker on June 10th. His presentation is entitled *Building a Ship Building Community*. Alan is the Executive Director of Educational Tall Ship. He will share with us the exciting project of building a historic wooden ship named *Matthew Turner* in Sausalito. This ship will be an educational platform for



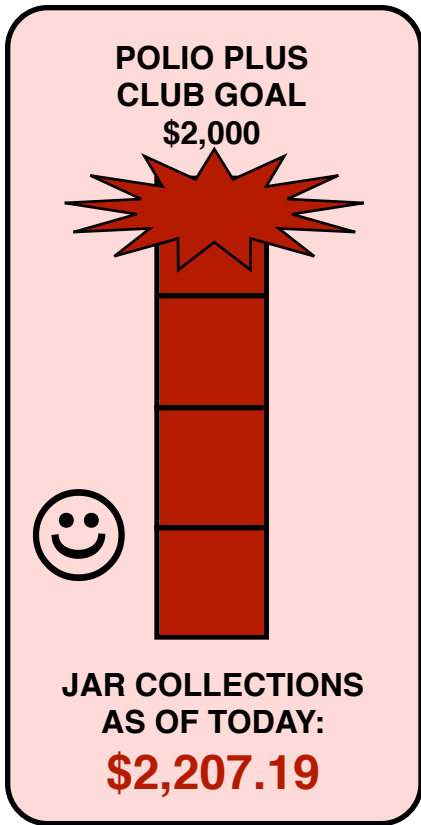
☛ **Suzanne with Mike Green, member at Mission San Rafael.**

youth of all ages to experience the thrill of sailing and the ecology and natural history of SF Bay and coastal waters.

CLUB CALENDAR

June 13: *Raise the Roof* Fundraiser - **CANCELLED.**

June 17: Mill Valley author **Joyce Kleiner**'s presentation is entitled *Legendary Locals of Mill*



Valley. Her new book—with the same title—tells the stories of just some of the many people whose contributions or experiences have played a role in making modern Mill Valley what it is. The book covers a broad range of people, starting with Chief Marin of the Coastal Miwoks, and continuing through the entire 20th century. Joyce will tell some of these tales, as well as describe her own journey in seeking out these stories.

June 24: No Meeting.

June 27: *Installation Dinner and Grand Debunking*—a fabulous celebration for the entire club.

July 1: *Member's Program.*

July 8: **Dr. Gray Brechlin** will discuss *The Living New Deal*. He will focus on the accomplishments of President **Franklin D. Roosevelt**'s New Deal programs of the 1930s. There are numerous local New Deal projects, including Mead Theater at Tam High and Mill Valley City Hall. **John Boettiger**—FDR's grandson—will also be joining us as a guest for lunch.

CAN VEGETARIANS EAT ANIMAL CRACKERS?



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