



# THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley  
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## PRESIDER

- President **Ken Brooks**

## GREETER

Greeter – **Kathleen Delehanty**, after viewing the buffet table, "I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food."

## VISITORS

- *Guests of Rotarians*– **Bob Sonnenberg**, **Bob Fithian** and **Gigi Cogcek** (Dominican University) and **Langley**, the dog (**Bob Canepa**), and **Debra Green** (**President Ken**).



- Our newest member, **Mary-Alice (M-A) Cardenas** of Reverse Mortgage Funding, shown with her sponsor **Bill Lambrecht**, makes sure **President Ken** spells his name correctly as he autographs her membership roster.

## BIRTHDAYS

- **Bill Lambrecht** and **Heidi Duckor** serenaded PP **Bob Canepa**.

## ANNIVERSARIES

- *Wedding* – **Jean Batman** safaried with a few giraffes (as well as her hubby) for her 25<sup>th</sup> at Safari West in Sonoma.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco on Oct. 11 seeks two Rotarians to carry our club banner at the event.
- Parking lot honchos are needed for the Fall Arts Festival Sept. 19-20. Look for the sign-up sheet at the next meeting.
- **Bob Canepa** invited us to meet and greet the MV City Council candidates Sept. 15 in a political debate.
- **Debra Green** thanked the club for \$500 in support of the UN International Day of Peace Sept. 21 which includes a local celebration at noon with a flash mob in the MC Community Center middle school field. This very special day is being celebrated around the world.

## MARIJUANA & YOUTH

- **Dr. David Smith**, our speaker last August 18, has called our

attention to an upcoming Marin 4-20 Marijuana & Youth Conference scheduled for Thursday, September 17, at the Marin County Office of Education, 1111 Las Gallinas Ave., San Rafael. The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. RSVP to:

[mark@Families4SaferSchools.org](mailto:mark@Families4SaferSchools.org)

## GOOD TIMES

- **Bob Canepa** celebrated two \$250 checks from **Don Bowden** and **Mel Matsumoto** for the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund (George Hoyle).
- **Greg Dyer** and **Steve Miller** confessed that a celebrated university in Palo Alto did not have much to celebrate in its



- Today's speaker **Ali Rezaian** answers questions after his talk about his brother **Jason's** incarceration in Iran.

**MORE GOOD TIMES**

recent football game at Northwestern any more than **Greg** and **Steve** did in their recent golfing escapades.

■ Potential Good Time – **Bruce Wisley** told the club that someone can have a good time if they purchase his two trips to the Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Festival. Please contact **Bruce** for the details.

**NEW MEMBER**

■ **Mary Alice Cardenas** (“MA”) has joined our mighty band. She is a dual citizen of the US and Spain (can we meet in Barcelona?), specializes in reverse mortgages and enjoys life with her son and a poodle (neither of whom attended the welcoming ceremony).

**RAFFLE ??????**

■ The back right table, known throughout the Club as having the most brilliant (according to them) – and loquacious - members, has



► **Bob Canepa’s** guests today included former MV Rotarian **Bob Sonnenberg**, shown at center with his companion **Langley**, and **Bob Fithian**.



► **Mill Valley Rotarians may be interested in a ceremony to be held on September 21 near the box office at the Marin Civic Center. The ceremony, to be attended by several Marin officials including Rotarians, will dedicate a Veterans and Rotary Peace Pole in the new Marin Peace Park. The ceremony is scheduled for 11:11 a.m.**

yet another conspiracy theory about the raffle. Where IS the raffle? Multiple choice answers are on offer: a) hiding with **Waldo** in a book in the MV children’s library; on the Moon with **Elvis**; somewhere in cement with **Jimmy Hoffa**; hanging around Area 51 with strange, tiny people; or somewhere sequestered in **Donald Trump’s** hair. Please submit your answers to this reporter and whenever anybody figures out the answer, you may – or may not – be the winner of a prize, yet to be determined.

**PROGRAM**

■ **Ali Rezaian**, brother of imprisoned *Washington Post* journalist **Jason Rezaian**, told the story of his work in Iran that for some unknown reason landed him in a Tehran jail for the past 413 – and still counting – days.

Although **Jason** is a WashPo credentialed reporter in Iran focusing on social issues and not

foreign policy, the Iranian government arrested him. He was charged last December for an unknown crime although no verdict was announced. There was only one attorney in Iran who was willing to take the case who met with Jason only once.

**Ali** has met with **Barack Obama** and **Ban Ki Moon** trying to help win his release. In addition, a US Marine has been imprisoned in Iran for more than 1,000 days and there are three other Americans held there.

**Ali** is working with Reporters without Borders, Amnesty International, the UN and the US House and Senate. He is attending the UN General Assembly this fall and goes on to the Human Rights Commission in Geneva. For more information and ways to help, log on to [change.org/freejason](http://change.org/freejason).

**NEXT WEEK**

■ Rotary Club of Mill Valley will host a **Mill Valley City Council Candidate Forum**, with the League of Women Voters providing a moderator and time keeper.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

**September 22: Sheila Coll**, Park Interpretive Specialist at Mount Tamalpais State Park, will tell us about the history of the park, specifically the railroad that went from Mill Valley to East Peak and Muir Woods in between 1896 and 1930. The railroad is a major

**If you don't swear while driving then you're not paying attention to the road at all.**

**CLUB CALENDAR**

contributing factor in why the mountain was able to be preserved as a natural landscape.

**September 29:** Joan Murray of *Clean Mill Valley* will be our speaker. She will talk about the organization that is doing great work in town including having 120 merchants enrolled in a program to sweep in front of their businesses, educate their employees and recycle.

**October 6:** District Governor Leah Lambrecht will visit. Bring a guest and learn all about the exciting work of District 5150, Rotary International.

**October 13:** President Ken Brooks and President-Elect Kent Campbell will be holding a *Club Assembly*.

**Rotary** | **WORLD PEACE CONCERT 2015**

Saturday, November 14, 2015  
Herbst Theater, San Francisco

for more info and tickets: [www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com](http://www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com)

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**October 20:** Mill Valley School Superintendent Paul Johnson will speak on *Moving Beyond the 21st Century in Education*. The Mill Valley School District will host the Mill Valley Rotary Club on the Middle School campus.

This year, every 8th grade student has a :1 iPad. Teachers will demonstrate how instructional technology innovation is helping them to more effectively teach and open up the world of learning even more to students.

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

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$375.00**

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

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$1,050.00**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

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

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$1,730.00**

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