



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## PRESIDER

■ **President Ken** opened the meeting by stating that this was his first NORMAL Rotary meeting. He immediately and rhetorically asked, What is normal?

## GREETER

■ This issue of *The Mill Wheel* is chiefly intended for those unlucky enough not to have attended this normal meeting. Try as he wanted to, **President Ken** presided over a meeting with an un-normal three speakers, discussing the pre-1915 Mount Tam flying adventures, a mysterious memorial plaque, and the simultaneous deaths of two famous pilots on the same day on opposite sides of our country.

If that wasn't enough to have during a normal meeting, our club was graced with having our famed jazz singer and talented oil painter, **Donna D**, as our Greeter.

Members, visiting Rotarians, and guests, not to mention the three



► Normal...are you kidding?

speakers, were graciously welcomed to our club by our greeter. Soon after that, they were met by the club's effervescent two-time Past President **Burnett Tregoning**, as he was filling in for our treasurer and makes it almost a pleasure to hand over our money.

## THE INVOCATION

■ Donna's Invocation: *I've learned that people will forget what you said, what you did, but not how you made them feel.....exercise 20 minutes daily, write down everything you eat and drink, meditate 5 minutes a day, sing focused 10 minutes a day, list 3 things a day you are grateful for, stretch.*

## COULDN'T HEAR IT ALL

■ This chronicler of **President Ken's** first normal meeting could not be at all places to witness every intriguing conversation during the time of fellowship.

## KUDOS TO SETUP MEN

■ Kudos to the two **Peters** (**Mason** and **Straube**) who operate the audiovisual system. Today, one of the three guest speakers could not get the slide projection remote control working. Immediately, **Peter Mason** stood up and successfully managed to get the remote clicker up and running. The two Peters, plus

**Howard Harker**, week in and week out set up the flags, podium, name-tags and the audiovisual system then take it all down quietly and seemingly effortlessly. When the system breaks down and with all eyes of the club on them, they get it working again. They routinely make the system work under this merciless pressure. Their tireless work is much appreciated by this chronicler.

## BIRTHDAYS

■ Three Mill Valley Rotarians were up for their birthday celebration today. Unfortunately, only one—Past President **Doug Scherf**—was present. Notwithstanding, **President Ken** asked the members to sing the traditional Birthday Song, but a little louder than normal so that the absent Rotarians might hear. ■ **Greeter Donna** brought one of her beautiful paintings of birch



► Is our greeter wearing a good-looking hat, or what?

### HOW AN ARTIST THINKS

trees and offered it for sale to the members for a special Rotary price of 12. When your chronicler look puzzled, she said \$1,200. When questioned what the normal retail price would be, she replied 1440 or just 1500. It was suggested that perhaps 1492 would be more memorable. A question by one of our newer members, **Tom McKlveen**, to the artist is worth mentioning: "How do artists price their artwork?" he queried. The answer from Donna could be the basis of a full presentation at a future meeting, perhaps including an auction of some of her beautiful paintings, or at least an exhibition.

### WHAT, NO RAFFLE?

■ Today's meeting was punctuated by a member holding three raffle tickets, who gently reminded **President Ken** that the raffle had not yet taken place. **President Ken**, the soul of patience, paused briefly before saying that the raffle had been terminated weeks ago.

### THE CHICKENS REVOLT

■ All this Fellowship, and our president's first normal meeting had hardly begun. Part of the fellowship included an intense discussion on chicken molting in Novato.

It seems at this time of year chickens lose their feathers and in some cases actually pull their own feathers out. Apparently during this molting time egg laying is minimized. The net result is that those addicted to fresh eggs are left in a state of withdrawal. The Fellowship part of this first "normal" meeting had concluded.

■ **Bill Lambrecht** introduced his guest, **Karen Buckter**, who has visited our club years before and

### VISITORS

seems now ready to apply for membership. As luck would have it, this was a normal meeting and the members have not frightened her away.

### BIRTHDAYS...AGAIN?

■ Birthdays were announced: Honorary Member **Russell Burbank**, husband of the late **Marguerite Burbank**, who was a past president of our club. While Russell is not a regularly attending member of our Mill Valley club he has made substantial financial contribution to our causes and is at this time on an 800 mile Spirit Walk in Japan.

Your chronicler was lucky enough to discuss this Spirit Walk with Russell at the last installation dinner. It is hoped that the club can talk Russell into coming and speaking to us, sharing his insights at the end of his spirit walk.

Also missing for her birthday was **Barbara Hofling**, longtime coordinator of the Mountain Play.

### ANNIVERSARIES

■ Three club anniversaries were also celebrated. Unfortunately, all three Rotarians were not present to accept the club's appreciation and gratitude for their years of service.



► There's that gal again — with one of her woody creations.

The three are **Barbara Hofling**, **Dennis Klein**, and **Steve Miller**.

### FINES ARE FINE

■ Apparently, our president and his Rotary board are still discussing the appropriate amount of the fine for a Rotary anniversary. It goes without saying that members should be fined for all the pleasure, fellowship and good times they experience. Perhaps a fine starting at \$30, and for every year of Rotary service one dollar would be subtracted from the fine. So that on the first year the fine would be \$29. By decree, birthday fines are fixed at \$20, for now.

### GOOD TIMES

■ Some Rotarians had a good time this weekend at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival. The overall consensus was that it was unusually hot. **President Ken** chastised himself for being a "bad leader," in that only he, **Peter Mason**, **Joanne Burns** and **Dennis Klein** showed up on Saturday to help with exhibitor parking. Amazingly, **Steve Miller**, who was not scheduled to work at the Festival parking extravaganza, came and worked in the sweltering heat for three hours after he finished at the gym. Steve epitomizes the *Service Above Self* goal that many Rotarians strive for. Over the years, Steve has volunteered for such overseas work as the Alliance for Smiles project with **Colin Wong** in China and Project Amigo in Colima, Mexico. The Sunday parking volunteers included only our **President Ken** and **Jean Batman**. ■ **Greeter Donna** offered a Good Time she had last Sunday, factually stating that it was 217 in the shade and Rotarian **Kent Campbell** gave her his parking space at the festival. She bought a

**MORE GOOD TIMES**

magnificent blue hat that she had to refinance her house to pay for. See photo on page one!

■ **President Ken** related his emotional story of being so disappointed on Monday, showing up for a Peace Event at Middle School 10 minutes early and finding the parking lot empty, seeing no one there and feeling very lonely. Minutes later to his astonishment the Middle School students came out en masse supporting worldwide peace.

**President Ken's** rendition was an emotional moment.

■ Past President **Susan Royce** shared a good time she had with longtime Rotary member, engineering geologist and experienced pilot **Don Herzog**. As the co-pilot on an Angel Flight, she and Don flew a 17-year-old woman who was in need of medical treatment from her home in Mendota near Fresno to Stanford Hospital. Flying “under the radar” over San Jose’s Mineta Airport and Moffett Field was particularly exciting for Susan. Apparently, both Susan and Don have been doing this for years and epitomize Rotary’s *Service Above Self* values.



► When Stanford beats USC, PP Greg Dyer celebrates. Anybody check to see how many times he transited the chow line?

■ As if that were not enough for **Don Herzog** in his spare time, he almost single-handedly rebuilt a retaining wall on Mount Tam that had been deteriorated. Apparently, Don and a few of his friends spent the sweltering Saturday and Sunday hauling about 10,000 pounds of retaining wall material to the building site. Don is an avid

bicyclist and a supporter of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition.

■ Past president **Jim Simkalo** had a good time during a recent New York City trip. He loves New York. His good time had to do with the discovery that the plane he was flying on was on its first baptism flight (and landed alive).

■ President-elect **Kent Campbell** confessed that he has spent the last three months camping with a fifth wheel, wife, children and dog, visiting such places as Yellowstone and Zion. He claimed that before he ended his three-month adventure he FedEx'd his children back home and spent the last week at Burning Man.

■ Past President **Gregory Dyer** had a good time because Cal beat Texas, but mostly because his revered Stanford Cardinal lowered the boom on USC. Greg wore a politically correct cardinal football shirt.

■ Past President **Susan Royce** of Angel Flight fame confessed to yet another Rotary Good Time.

► Want more info? [www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com](http://www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com) or call President Ken at 415-686-5707.

### STILL MORE GTs

The Mill Valley Rotary Interact coordinator is now new member **Mary Alice Cardenas**. Heretofore the Interact Club at Tamalpais High School met on Tuesdays, our traditional meeting day, which precluded the Interact coordinator from attending both meetings.

The good news is that the Interact Club has moved from Tuesday to Friday so that Mary Alice, known more familiarly as M-A, can attend our regular Tuesday club meetings. Traditionally,

Mill Valley Rotary has provided pizza as an inducement for the Interact Club meetings. Apparently, this free pizza has been a great success to induce high school students to join the Mill Valley Rotary Interact.

The Interact group has been active with their own fundraisers and members have also come to our Tuesday regular Rotary meetings on occasion.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Bill Lambrecht** reminded the club that on October 20 Tuesday there will be a Western Halloween social from 5:30 to 9:00 PM at the Bay Model. Bill was looking for volunteers to help set up the event. Four clubs in southern Marin are involved: Tiburon, Belvedere, Sausalito and of course, Mill Valley. Bill will

### MEET OUR NEWEST CRUSADING REPORTER

**The only club President to serve 1.5 years, Ed Marshall has added another feather to his Rotary cap, serving as this week's reporter and photographer. Thanks, Ed.**



► At least PP Jim seemed happy to give up his cash to our faux treasurer. Don't worry, folks. Stephanie's back next week!

provide more information and a sign-up sheet at future meetings.

■ **President Ken** announced that on October 3, there will be a Beatles-style symphony at the Lagoon at the Marin County Civic Center.

■ **Roberta Keller** has announced that on Tuesday, December 15, there will be a holiday lunch at D'Angelo's from 12 to 1:30 PM. This is a non-mandatory event and the price is \$35 per person. She is encouraging all who wish to attend, especially those with guests, to notify her and make a commitment.

■ **Bill Lambrecht** made an announcement regarding our October 6 regular Mill Valley Rotary meeting. The club will be honored to have a very special guest, District 5150 Governor **Leah Lambrecht**. Members should notify the president of extra guests they may wish to

bring so that the caterer can provide extra food, and more tables can be set up. This is also an opportunity for our members to bring potential new members. What better chance for potential members and guests to find out about Rotary International—all the good it does in the world, all the good projects that our district is involved in?

There may be an update of the international conference recently held in Brazil. Your chronicler has been to two international conferences and has enjoyed them both thoroughly. I encourage any who have not done so to attend so that you can see firsthand the international part of Rotary International. Let's plan to give our District Governor **Leah Lambrecht** a warm welcome.

■ After that is our October 13 meeting which will reveal the financial intricacies of our club.

Traditionally, our Mill Valley Rotary Club has held a Club Assembly once a year to acquaint the members with the structure and finances of our club. Come and see the transparency!

**PROGRAM**

■ Past President **Elizabeth Suzuki** introduced our three speakers. **Sheila Coll**, park interpretive specialist for Mount Tam State Park with the department of Parks and Recreation of the state of California. Her e-mail is [sheila.coll@parks.ca.gov](mailto:sheila.coll@parks.ca.gov). Her telephone number is 415-388-3653. A second speaker was **Amy Palmer**, [amypalmer84@aol.com](mailto:amypalmer84@aol.com). She is with the friends of Mount Tam. The presentation by **Arlin Weinberger** stated that there are

three weekly hikes with interpretive guides sponsored by the Friends of Mount Tam. In addition, they host an astronomy night to look at the stars and spoke extensively about the May 30, 1915 Memorial plaque.

**NEXT WEEK**

**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.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

**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*.

**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 1:1 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. This should be a fascinating meeting. Hope to see you there!

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

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$431.00**

**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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