



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Jane Hall.** She quoted **Eleanor Roosevelt**, one of her favorite people—*You must do the things you cannot do.*

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

■ **Nikki Singh** (wife of prospective member **Nik Singh** and guest of **Doug Scherf**).

VISITING ROTARIANS

■ **Gary Ferber** (Sausalito)

BIRTHDAYS

■ **Barbara Hofling** (Sept. 26th).
■ Honorary Member **Russ Burbank** (Sept. 26th).
Both were absent, so we will make a big effort with the Birthday Song when they return.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ **Wedding: Tracy Cook** (15 years). She and **Scott** will take a trip to Las Vegas, stay at the Venetian, play poker and pretend they are in Italy!
■ **Club: Jim McCullough** (1 year). **Steve Miller** (22 years). Steve has enjoyed most the camaraderie and friendships he has made with fellow Rotarians.



Club members attending today’s meeting pose for Sausalito photographer (and Rotarian!) Gary Ferber who shot this “official” Rotary Club of Mill Valley portrait. The club street banner will be flying over East Blithedale sometime late in October. Look for it!

GOOD TIMES

- **Roberta Keller's** husband **Bob** returned home after 60 days in rehab, and is doing well.
- **Greg Dyer** discovered that his beach as well as his path in Maui made a full page ad in the inflight magazine of United Airlines.
- **Lee Kirkpatrick** cycled 8,700 feet up Abbot's pass.
- **Robert Brownstein** asked for an XX-large T-shirt from the Mill Valley Arts Festival, but only an X-large was available. He was overjoyed to find out that it fit just fine!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

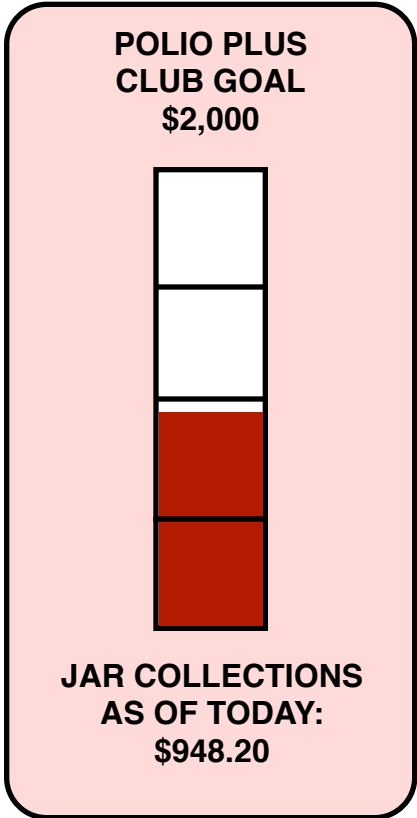
- **Dennis Klein** announced that the parking for the MVFAF went very well and smooth, although Saturday got rained out. **Heidi Duckor** and **Margareth Tanner** did a good job manning the Rotary booth, inviting several prospective members to the club luncheon.
- **Doug Scherf** announced that the proceeds of the raffle tickets for the Rotary Foundation are showing good results. Already \$9,585 is collected and our annual goal is \$12,000. Richard Simon announced the upcoming blood drive at Scout Hall on Oct. 26th.

RAFFLE

- **Kathleen Delehanty** won a free lunch and unfortunately missed the \$370 she could have won today.

PROGRAM

- Highlighted today was a report about the 2013 Group Study Exchange Program by tour leader **Kevin Casey** from the Rotary Club of Pacifica. Kevin has been a



Rotarian since 1997. He was president of the Rotary Club of Pacifica in 2005-06, and was the first of his club to be reelected as

president again in 2007-08. His favorite accomplishment as president is the club's project of annually hand delivering children's dictionaries to each and every one of 300-400 third graders in Pacifica.

Kevin and four other non Rotarians visited and learned about Finland together as a team and also made individual field trips. In spite of a temperature of 17 degrees below Fahrenheit they were able to make many interesting discoveries. Lots of bicycles were parked along the streets, but no locks attached. Everybody pays to belong to a church, but they seldom go to the services. Cut down birch trees were stacked along the roadside, but nobody took them to make a profit from their sale.

Schools and universities are free for everybody. All speak very good English which they pick up from watching American television programs. A normal class in school lasts for 45 minutes, followed by a 15 minute



Today's speaker **Kevin Casey** of Pacifica Rotary, leader of the District's GSE Team to Finland, poses with President **Sue** and **Vince Howes**.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

break. Teachers in the group noticed that the students are more focused.

Finland has a population of 7.15 million and 40,000 islands, mostly inhabited by one family. The country was under Russian rule until 1920 with architecture similar to St. Petersburg, but since has developed its own style for houses with plain and functional interiors. Some of their favorite winter sports are ice fishing, driving a snowmobile, curling and cross country skiing.

After the presentation all club members were invited to pose in front of the Rotary banner and photographer **Gary Ferber** coaxed us all into a big smile! ■

NEXT WEEK

■ A speaker from the Asian Art Museum will update us on the goings-on at the museum.

CLUB CALENDAR

■ **October 8:** The folks from District 5150 RYLA will make a presentation. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is one of the groups that our club supports.

■ **October 15:** Our own **Bill Lambrecht** will talk about the Rotary Microcredit matching grant in Bogota, Colombia.

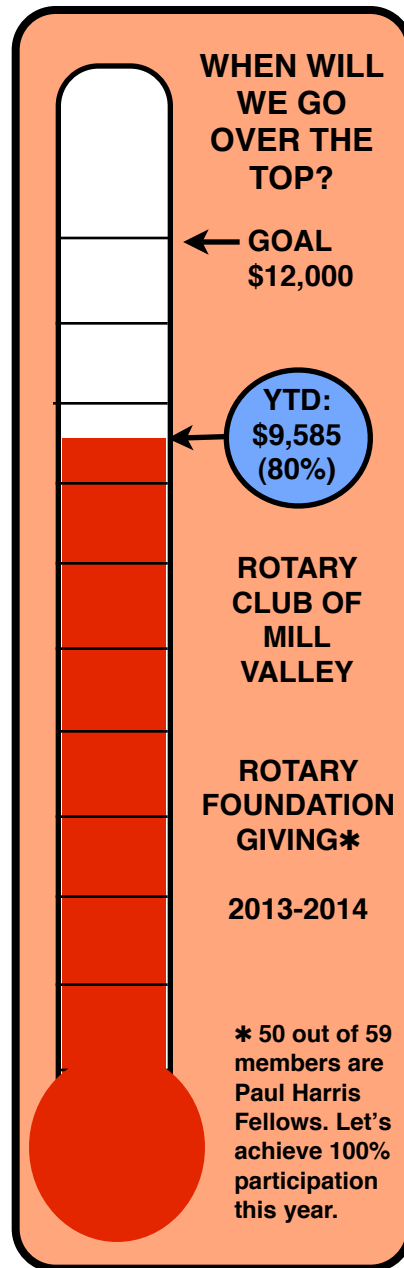
■ **October 22:** Mill Valley's own **Bea Johnson**, who writes the popular *ZeroWaste* blog and is the author of *ZeroWaste Home* will tell us how she manages to generate less than a quart of garbage a year.

■ **October 26:** Southern Marin Rotary Blood Drive at Mill Valley's Scout Hall. Check with **Richard Simon** for details.

■ **October 29:** **Charles Carey** will speak on *The Road to Peace or War*. He served as a communication/information specialist at Rand, which at that time was a think tank offering research and analysis to the US armed forces. He later worked as a special assistant to the Director of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency during the 1970s and early 1980s during the Nixon-Ford-Carter administrations.

FOUNDATION REMINDER

- Raffle tickets for the Rotary Foundation fund raiser must be submitted by early October.
- Either deliver them to **Bill Lambrecht** at lunch or mail them to **Doug Scherf** at 755 Bay Road, Mill Valley 94941.



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