



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Roberta Keller.** Her thought for the day—*No matter how good or bad your life is, wake up each morning and be thankful that you still have one.* (**Zig Zigler**)

VISITORS

■ **Guest: Karen Buckster** (a "wanabe" member of the Mill Valley Rotary.)
■ **Visiting Rotarians: Elizabeth Jury** (Tiburon Belvedere); **Judy Wilson** (Tiburon-Belvedere). Elizabeth announced that her club is sponsoring a "Halloween Hoedown" on Oct. 20th from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at the Bay Model Visitors Center. A fun event where

Halloween Hoedown

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
5:30 to 9 p.m.

Bay Model Visitor Center
2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito



► **President Ken and Greeter Roberta visit prior to today's meeting.**

you can meet new friends, do a little square dancing and enjoy good food. Admission is \$20.00. For more details, go to www.telli.com/rotary

ANNIVERSARIES

■ **Club: Kathleen Delehanty** has been a member for 3 years. She enjoyed, as so many others have, manning the booth at the Mountain Play as well as handing out dictionaries to the Mill Valley 3rd Graders.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Vincent Howes** returned from his birthday trip to Sweden where he and **Ulla** experienced very unseasonal cold weather compared

to the rest of Europe. But an extra bonus for him during the trip was to sit next to the woman who was the first to complete the swim from the Farallon Islands to San Francisco.

■ **Jim Simkalo** completed a sailing trip with 7 sailors on board from Sausalito to Drakes Bay. A fun experience to watch whales and other mammals and sea birds.

■ **Jim** also introduced **Jori Felici**, Tam High junior who is about to leave for Spain as a Rotary exchange student. Mill Valley Rotary is sponsoring Jori who will spend a year in Spain with two families. Jori thanked the club for its sponsorship and promised to stay in touch during the year he is spending in Spain. His host club is the Rotary Club of Tres Cantos in District 2201, Spain.



► **Anybody see these guys around the clubhouse? Could they be Pre-K Rotarians?** (Photo by PP Greg Dyer)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bob Canepa** announced that **Russell Burbank**, an Honorary Member, donated \$250.00 to the George Hoyle Fund.
- **Bill Lambrecht** praised the good deeds the Rotary Foundation is achieving with the Global Grants.
- **Richard Simon** reported that the recent blood drive was a huge success with 24 participants.
- Donna D'Acuti passed along the sad message that Past President **Anne Beirne's** brain tumor is inoperable. Donna asked for our support in sending E-mails and cards.
- President **Ken Brooks** reminded us of the upcoming Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival, the District Governor's visit and the Club Assembly Meeting to discuss various topics - everybody is invited.

PROGRAM

■ **Dr. Lane Hirabayashi**, UCLA professor of Asian-American studies, spoke on *Taking a Principled Stand: The Story of Hirabayashi vs. the United States*. The hero of the story was Lane's uncle, **Gordon K. Hirabayashi**, a Japanese American citizen who spent considerable time in prison.

The book of the same title is based on Gordon's diary and letters written while in prison. While attending the University of Washington, Gordon was searching for a spiritual alternative and got involved with the Quaker Community. He became a pacifist and conscientious objector.

In 1942, while still a student of the University of Washington, he defied curfew and mass removal of Japanese Americans on the West Coast. He was subsequently convicted and imprisoned and



► Our Rotary exchange student, Tam High School junior **Jori Felici**, visits with today's speaker **Dr. Lane Hirabayashi**.

later ended up in a Federal penitentiary for more resistance.

When asked how he mustered the courage to stand up to the U.S. government, Gordon quoted three things: The influence of his grandparents, his education and his religion. He had the full support of the Quakers.

Gordon Hirabayashi (1918-2012) was eventually awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in May of 2012 and



served as professor emeritus of sociology at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

NEXT WEEK

■ **Ali Rezaian** will speak on the *Non-Freedom of the Press in Iran*. Ali is the brother of journalist **Jason Rezaian**. Ali will talk about his brother's detention in Iran. Jason is a journalist currently employed as *The Washington Post* bureau chief in Tehran, Iran. On July 22, 2014, Iranian authorities raided the Tehran residence of Jason Rezaian and his wife, [Yeganeh Salehi](#), and took the couple into custody. On October 6, Salehi – who is also a journalist – was released, but Jason remains in custody. The Iranians have not disclosed the reason for his detention, though official comments have "hinted at espionage."

CLUB CALENDAR

September 15: 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.

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 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



Rotary | **WORLD PEACE CONCERT 2015**

Saturday, November 14, 2015
Herbst Theater, San Francisco

for more info and tickets: www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com

► Want more info? www.rotaryworldpeaceconcert.com or call President Ken at 415-686-5707. Ken is looking for a big turnout from Mill Valley Rotary.

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.

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$350.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$550.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

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

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

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