



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Kim Jessup** told a great one about Adam and Eve and a monkey. If you missed the meeting, come next week so you can ask her about it.

BIRTHDAYS

■ Birthday Boys – **Dan Hatch** had fun in Hong Kong and **Bruce Wrisley** enjoyed Broadway. **Doug Scherf** led the serenade.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ Wedding Anniversary – **Dan Hatch** had quite an October! (see above)

GOOD TIMES

■ **Bell Ringers** – **Bruce Wrisley** REALLY enjoyed Broadway and **Phil Richardson** spent 2 weeks in China. But topping both of them is the five weeks **Ed Marshall** spent cruising from Toronto to Finland, Rome, Capri, Suez, Mali, the Middle East, Uzbekistan, India, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Buffalo and back home to MV. PS – This reporter announced to all assembled that when folks talk over the person who has the floor, she'll just do her best to get the facts right. How'd I do?

NEW MEMBER

■ **Nik Singh** (**Doug Scherf**) was born in Mumbai and transited

through Cincinnati before making it to California. His wife **Nikki** will be his replacement on many of the Tuesdays when he travels for work. He's a pharmacologist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Blood Drive** – This Sat., Oct. 26, will be our blood drive at Scout Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Call **Richard Simon** for info. Thanks to **Jim Simkalo** and **Tracy Cook** for getting the Drive on Facebook. The Mill Valley

Chamber as well as our Parks and Recreation department are promoting the event. Mill Valley is such a great little city!

■ **Food Bank** – **Barbara Hofling** is looking for four folks who can volunteer at the Safeways in Corte Madera and Mill Valley on November 23. Please call Barbara to sign up.

■ **Ken Brooks** prepared a promo piece and **Ed Marshall** wrote an article about the food drive.

■ **District Event** – Tues. Oct 29 at 5:30 in Corte Madera is the



☛ The club's newest member, **Nik Singh**, proudly exhibits his membership certificate while posing with wife **Nikki** and his sponsor, **Doug Scherf**. Welcome to Mill Valley Rotary, **Nik**!

date for a gathering to learn more about the District and how it helps our Club. Call President Susan for info.

MORE GOOD TIMES

- My, we've been a busy group. **Donna D'Acuti's** gig at the Seahorse will be over by now – hope it went well!
- **Einar Asbo** took a trailer to Portland Oregon and enjoyed the Columbia River Gorge.
- **Ray Parlmari** went to a family wedding and then supported the 49ers in Nashville, (4 – 2) over the Tigers. The bride and groom were at the game, too.
- **Dan Hatch's** knee is doing well after surgery.
- **PP Kim** had a blast at the Redwoods 40th anniversary dinner with the Rock of Ages. They raised \$80k!

A Message From the President—Give PRLS a Try!

■ The next Basic PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminars) is scheduled for January 25, 2014. These classes are beginning to sell out. Why you ask? Because the training is phenomenal and the cost is only \$50 for the training, breakfast AND lunch!!

The goal of PRLS, begun in 1993, is to provide a set of training sessions wherein current and future Rotary leaders could learn to become more effective in their leadership roles. The basic PRLS course consists of a one-day event covering five sessions: "Leadership," "Leading a Meeting," "Public Speaking," "Rotary, Your Club and You," and "Communications."

This program was specifically developed to train individuals whose goals include a future leadership position in Rotary. They learn skills that will make them more effective in that role. The instruction was carefully designed to improve individual leadership skills that are broad based and not just Rotary- specific. Participants have found substantial value in the many practical applications of information presented throughout the curriculum.

This PRLS program offers practical training in professional circumstances that can benefit anyone on both a personal and professional level.

If you have any questions or concerns about PRLS, call **Betsy Koefoed** at 650-714-9064 or contact her at ekoefoed@mac.com
Your fearless president (because of PRLS), **Sue :-)**



☛Left: Jane and Carol settle up while Margareth and Dan await their turn. Right: Not sure why Don Herzog felt it necessary to go undercover using Past President Kim's golden locks, but Treasurer Stephanie is apparently willing to go along with the horseplay as long as they both fork over the proper "green" for lunch.

STILL MORE GOOD TIMES

■ **PP Burnett Tregoning's** wonder girl granddaughter **Emily** led UoP to a 4 – 2 victory over UC Davis in field hockey. Two of the goals were Emily's. (I think the Wheel should have a permanent sidebar just for Emily).

■ **Doug Scherf** enjoyed **Dick Spotswood's** talk at the Mill Valley Historical Society. Doug also reminded us of the plethora of really great artists there are in Mill Valley, five of whom just won the Milleys.

■ **President Susan** and **Bill Lambrecht** enjoyed an Alliance for Smiles gathering.

RAFFLE

■ Free lunch for **Einar Asbo**.

PROGRAM

■ Refuse. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Rot. In that order. The message of the day came from **Bea Johnson**, author of the book *Zero Waste Home*, which is available at the Depot. Trading down from a big house to a smaller one, she and her family discovered the benefits of simplicity: less stuff = less clutter = less spending = more free time. Can we be a zero waste Club? Hmmm.....?

NEXT WEEK

■ **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. **P.S. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costume!!** →

FINDING THE HERO IN US

The Annual Fall Blood Drive sponsored by Mill Valley and Tiburon Rotaries was held on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Scout Hall in Mill Valley. Thirty units of whole blood were collected, reports Richard Simon who, along with Tiburon's Charlie Oewel, spearheaded the event.



Photos, clockwise from top: Richard, Barbara & Kim sign up donors. Scouts from Troop 1 get ready for street duty; a mystery monster "attacks."



☛ Some characters from last year—Pres. Sue has challenged the club to come to next Tuesday's meeting in full Halloween regalia. Prizes will be awarded for Best Gal, Best Guy and Most Original.

CLUB CALENDAR

■ **November 5:** *America the Beautiful—A Journey to Freedom.* We will hear a remarkable and inspiring story of escape and survival. At the age of six **Mony Nop** and his family escaped the reign of terror of the Khmer Rouge and the killing fields of Cambodia only to end up in hard scrabble refugee camps in Thailand and the Phillipines. He arrived in

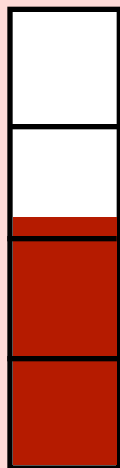
the U.S. at the age of ten and ended up dumpster diving for food. With much hard work, determination, and resourcefulness, he began his journey to success. He eventually became a police officer for 16 years and later went on to be a realtor and a Rotarian.

■ **November 12:** **Oak Dowling** will speak on *Courtroom Drama in the Movies and Theater.*

■ **November 19:** **Jonathan Kathrein** has written a book titled *Surviving the Shark.* He is the shark survivor that marine scientist **John McCosker** talked about in his presentation last April. Jonathan was 16 years old when he was attacked by a shark while he was boogie boarding at Stinson Beach. Jonathan's story of survival is almost miraculous considering that the shark severed three of the four major muscles in his leg. The surgeons stopped counting after doing 400 stitches on his body. He bears a half circle on the front and back of his leg *that resembles the front of a shark's mouth.*

**Velero -
what a rip
off!**

POLIO PLUS CLUB GOAL \$2,000



**JAR COLLECTIONS
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,108.20**

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY

**GOAL
\$12,000**

**YTD:
\$11,540
(96%)**

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING*

2013-2014

**WHEN WILL
WE GO
OVER THE
TOP?**

*** 51 out of 59
members are
Paul Harris
Fellows. Let's
achieve 100%
participation
this year.**

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