



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Keith Papulias** semi-quoted **Albert Einstein**—“*There is no original thought.*” So, Keith added with tongue in cheek, don’t expect him to come up with one!

PRESIDER

■ **President Ken** showed us how to run a meeting with a missing clock. Guess the Parks & Rec department took it down to catch up with Daylight Savings and forgot to put it back up. Hope to have it back next week!

VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarians:* **Pablo Castro**, member at Mission San Rafael and Assistant District Governor paid us a visit today, not only to say hello but to remind us that the Club Assembly is coming up next Saturday and that the annual District Conference is scheduled to be held in San Francisco, April 30-May 1. Visit the District web site www.rotary5150.org and sign up today.

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Judith Lauren (Jane Hall)**, **Rocky Schatz (Bob Canepa)** and **Ulla Howes (boss of Vince)**.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ *Wedding:* **Doug and Linda Scherf** have been celebrating their 53rd all over the place. They have

been to Arizona to celebrate with family and are about to leave for Carmel for further celebrations. Say hello to **Clint** for us, Doug!

■ *Club:* Club secretary **Ray Palmarini** celebrated his fifth as a member of MV Rotary. No, he did not “take the Fifth” when asked about his favorite Rotary experiences. Ray put the Mt. Play booth and the Club Assembly at the top of his list.

The guy who probably should have “taken the Fifth” was **Vince Howes**, who celebrates his 30th

year on 3/18! Over that time, Vince has experienced many special thrills at MV Rotary. One such highlight was Western Night many years ago when he showed up with his horse. He also likes to make up at different clubs around the world—Sweden and Hawaii being his favorite haunts.

Last but not least, newcomer **Tom McKlveen** who transferred his membership from a club in Iowa two years ago. **Howard Harker** was his sponsor. Tom has been active ever since joining and



► Greeter Keith Papulias gets a grip on PP Doug Scherf.

ANNIVERSARIES (Cont)

currently serves as a reporter for this august publication. That fact and a quarter will get him 20 minutes on a parking meter in downtown Mill Valley!

BIRTHDAYS

■ We celebrated a week late but with the usual gusto as **Carol Schrumpf** marked another birthday (3/7). Carol spent her special holiday with family, including four grandchildren.

DICTIONARIES

■ Two down three to go. Dictionaries were delivered to Strawberry School by **President Ken, Steve Miller and Peter Mason**, reported project manager **Cyndi Moore**. Cyndi noted that she needs help for next week's delivery to Edna Maguire 3rd Graders, scheduled for 1:15 on Wednesday, March 23. Call her at 415-987-1324 if you can help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ The *Rotary Means Business* session at The Cantina restaurant is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23. Come on by after work and meet some Rotary colleagues from other parts of Marin.

■ Mill Valley *Volunteer Day* is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. Rotary will have a table downtown in the square, from 10 to 2, at which **President Ken** plans to spend lots of time. We're sure he'd like some help, so give him a buzz if you can pitch in. This is an excellent opportunity to tell the public what Rotary is and what it does.

■ Foundation Chair **Bob Roberts** will soon announce a matching funds program to entice more year-end contributions toward

your Paul Harris Fellow. Stayed tuned.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Dan Hatch** finally sold that property of his in Massachusetts. The result: a bell-ringer for the Service Fund.

PROGRAM

■ One of our favorite story tellers, **Oak Dowling**, returned to talk about *Bernard L. Madoff and the Largest Financial Fraud in History*.

Madoff committed the largest financial fraud in history with losses totaling over \$65 billion. In 2008 he was sentenced to 150 years in Federal prison. In the mid-1960s, Bernard Madoff tapped money at exclusive country clubs with the promise of steady guaranteed returns on their investments. He then set his sights



► **Speaker Oak Dowling tells the Bernie Madoff story.**

on Europe and Latin America, brokering deals with powerful hedge fund managers and feeder funds from Buenos Aires to Geneva. Next it was charities and union retirement funds. Billions of



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dollars were channeled to Madoff's investment firm, and his feeders became fabulously wealthy.

The competition wondered how the man could produce such steady returns in good times and bad.

There were allegations that Madoff was front-running or operating a Ponzi scheme, which the SEC investigated several times over the last two decades. But Madoff remained untouched until December 11, 2008, when he admitted it was all one big lie.

NEXT WEEK

■ **March 22: Jack Hunt** will be our speaker. His presentation: *Collector & Classic Cars*. Jack is the owner of Jack L. Hunt Automotive in San Rafael. He is

an automotive expert and collector.

CLUB CALENDAR

March 23: Rotary Means Business will be hosted by Mill Valley Rotary at The Cantina restaurant. This is the first time we will have sponsored this networking event, which attracts Rotary colleagues from various parts of Marin.

March 29: The Liars Club strikes again! **Elizabeth Suzuki, Suzanne Irwin-Wells, Dick Spotswood** and **Leo Yang** will do their best to befuddle, trick, confuse and fool us with their clever distortions and manipulations of the truth.

April 5: Wildlife conservationist **Chris Austria** (www.ChrisAustria.com) will

speak on *Wildlife of Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda and Chimpanzees of Ngamba Island Sanctuary*. Chris will take us on a photographic-video tour to some of the beautiful national parks in East Africa, and you will learn about wildlife conservation strategies to preserve endangered species. Chris will also take you on a trip to Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Founded in 1998 by **Dr. Jane Goodall** and a group of founding trustees, Ngamba Island is home to 48 chimpanzees that have been rescued from the illegal wildlife trade. They live on 95 acres of natural forest habitat located on Lake Victoria.

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(GEORGE HOYLE)
GOAL
\$10,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$6,340.00**

**ROTARY
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GIVING**

**2015-16 GOAL:
\$14,000**

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