



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Don Bowden** laid a little Pope Francis on us: *Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another.*

VISITORS

■ **Karen Buckter**, who attended for the third time, and **Lauri Harper**, guest of **Suzanne Irwin-Wells**.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ *Club:* Congratulations to **Steve Miller** who has been proud to be a Rotarian for 24 years. Steve joined Mill Valley Rotary on September 27, 1991 and has been a stalwart ever since. Thanks, Steve for the energy and the good work you have brought to the club and to Rotary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Foundation Chair **Bob Roberts** noted that it is “self-addressed return envelope” time and he passed them out to those in attendance. The trick is for MV Rotarians to write a check payable to The Rotary Foundation and then mail it to Bob using the envelope. His goal is to have each one of us contribute this Rotary

year so the slogan “Every Rotarian Every Year” rings true.

■ Program Chair **Bob Canepa** reminded the club that our October 20 meeting will be held at the Mill Valley Middle School. He circulated a signup sheet and emphasized that he needed your commitment to attend prior to October 13.

■ **President Ken** noted that next week’s meeting is special, too, with the spotlight on District Governor **Leah Lambrecht**. Past President **Greg Dyer** reminded the club that we have a distinguished “First Spouse” as a member of our club. With that, Greg walked over

to where **Bill Lambrecht** was seated and gave him a big pat on the back to cheers and applause.

■ The raffle may not be dead after all. **President Ken** announced that the subject was likely to be on the agenda of the Club Assembly to be held October 13. The Chief also reported that he was playing with the idea of having a quiz related to subject matter in *The Rotarian*. Might pay to read it a little more thoroughly!

■ Internet savvy President-Elect **Kent Campbell** suggested that members who have business or personal websites send a link to him at kentcampbell@me.com, or



► Dan Hatch gets a royal welcome from greeter Don Bowden.

to our webmaster, **Einar Asbo** at einar.asbo@gmail.com so it can be linked to our web site. Questions? Ask **Kent** and/or **Einar**.

POLIO PLUS REPORT

■ The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on September 25 that Nigeria is now polio-free and has been officially removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic, according to a report in the September 25 *Rotary Weekly*. It's been 14 months since any cases of polio caused by the wild virus have been detected there.

With Nigeria's historic achievement, polio remains

endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. That means transmission of the virus has never been stopped there.

Nigeria was the last country in Africa where polio was endemic. [The continent celebrated its own first full year without the disease on 11 August](#). Once three years have passed without a case in WHO's entire African region, officials will certify polio eradicated there.

"Rotary congratulates Nigeria on its tremendous accomplishment in stopping polio," says RI President **K.R. Ravindran**. "On behalf of the entire Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we thank volunteers, health workers, and parents in communities across Nigeria for

their tireless commitment to ensuring every last child is protected against this devastating disease.

"In the months ahead, their dedication will remain as important as ever, as we work to keep Nigeria polio-free and to eliminate polio from its final strongholds in Pakistan and Afghanistan."

GOOD TIMES

■ **Dan Hatch** spent vacation time in Michigan, shopping in farmers' markets, dipping in Lake Michigan and doing the jig at an Irish Folk Festival in Muskegon. Gotta be a bell-ringer!

ESMERALDAS PROVINCE MICROCREDIT PROJECT UPDATE

❖ I'm pleased to report that the microcredit project in the Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador that your club is supporting is going nicely. Microcredit loans averaging \$400 have now been given to 250 people to support their small businesses. Our partner club in Ecuador, RC Quito Occidente, expects that the full complement of 320 loans will be in place by the end of October.

The Rotary training program we established is also going well. The accompanying photos were taken during the class in plumbing that was recently completed. A class in electricity is scheduled soon. These classes are helping improve business and employment opportunities for people in this very poor region of Ecuador. The Quito Occidente Rotary Club has also made six trips to the Esmeraldas Province (a six hour car trip) to provide training to our loan recipients in business planning and development.

Thank you again for your help in providing these opportunities to some of the poorest people in Latin America.

Keith Axtell, Rotary Club of Marin Evening, Member, District 5150 Microcredit Committee



MORE GOOD TIMES

■ Past President **Dick Spotswood** recently returned from the island of Manhattan. Apparently no Irish folk dancing in Central Park, but plenty of plays to see on Broadway. Upon his return, he had the honor of presiding at the debate conducted by candidates for the MV City Council. Dick said the candidates conducted themselves admirably, including you know who.

■ Past President **Bob Canepa**, currently president of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley Service Fund, was all smiles when he thanked the latest contributors: **Roberta Keller, Steve Miller, Elizabeth Suzuki and Dick Spotswood.**

■ **Ike Silberman** recently visited the Tetons and Old Faithful. He was pleased to report that the latter is still perking.

PROGRAM

■ What is *Clean Mill Valley* and why should you care? Mill Valleyans **Joan Murray** and **Jill Young** stopped by today to give us some answers.

Principal spokesperson Murray explained that the organization, founded in 2012, is expanding fast



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as it zeroes in on the town's litter and figures ways to get rid of it. Organizations originally participating include The Outdoor Art Club, Mill Valley Streamkeepers, the **Rotary Club of Mill Valley**, the Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center and Bloomathon.

These organizations have joined together with citizens committed to protecting our environment to educate the public about litter's impact and sponsor and conduct cleanups (*see notice below!*).

A new partner group—Greenwood School students—has



► **Clean Mill Valley** leaders **Joan Murray (left)** and **Jill Young** were featured speakers.

Clean Up with *Clean Mill Valley*

❖ You are invited to join *Clean Mill Valley* **Monday, October 5th at 9:00am** for their next cleanup. Meet at the Starbucks near the Safeway; some will work from **East Blithedale to Miller Avenue along Camino Alto**. Others will start at **Miller** and the groups will meet somewhere along the way. Depending on the amount of trash there is, they plan to scour the creek banks behind the medical building near the Safeway and those near The Redwoods. The targeted area will be expanded if there are enough people to do so. Bring garden gloves.

Clean Mill Valley can provide disposable gloves, biliously-colored safety vests, extra pickers and lots of bags. For further information, contact **Joan Murray** at joan@cleanmv.org or call **(415) 388-3614**.

recruited 120 local merchants to clean up the areas outside their shops. You'll find the merchants' names on cleanmv.org.

Clean Mill Valley is a "grass roots" organization of dedicated citizens that appears destined to have a favorable impact on Mill Valley and the surrounding area. Join up!

NEXT WEEK

■ **October 6:** District Governor **Leah Lambrecht** will visit. Bring a guest and learn all about the

exciting work of District 5150, Rotary International.

CLUB CALENDAR

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.



► That's big bucks—Mill Valley Rotary's favorite retired (?) dentist, Colin Wong, is shown accepting a 500,000 yuan check presented to Alliance for Smiles by the Shanghai Ciguang Skin Health Foundation to advance AfS's Cleft Lip & Palate comprehensive treatment in China. (From Colin's Facebook page).

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$456.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,980.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,730.00**

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