



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## GREETER

■ **Don Herzog** greeted Rotarians and guests and led The Pledge of Allegiance. His thought for the day was appropriate for our Candidates' Forum and civic involvement: *All it takes for the forces of evil to win is for the forces of good to do nothing. Just because you can't do a lot, you can still do something.*

## PRESIDER

■ **President Ken Brooks** welcomed club members and the many guests attending today's meeting. **Ken** gave a brief overview of Rotary International, its mission and purpose, and a short history of the club. He touched on some of the volunteer work that the club was currently involved in, including the dictionary project for third graders, the fund raising at the Mountain Play, and maintaining a section of Terwilliger Marsh.

❖ *In an aside to the Rotarians, he noted that the work morning at the Marsh scheduled for last week would be made up on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Editor's Note: The weatherman predicts a super weed-pulling atmosphere. Hope to see you there!*

In the interest of time and the candidates' forum, **Ken** dispensed



► The incumbent **Kate Sears** with Greeter **Don Herzog**.

with birthdays, anniversaries, and other announcements.

## CORRECTION

■ It's not often that the staff of the *Mill Wheel* admits to an error of any sort, but it has been pointed



► The challenger **Susan Kirsch** with **Roberta Keller**.

out to us that we made a slight goof when reporting last week's speaker **Chris Austria**'s email address. We said: [chimpconversation@gmail.com](mailto:chimpconversation@gmail.com). It should have been [chimpconservation@gmail.com](mailto:chimpconservation@gmail.com). Guess we proved how moving a few letters around in a word can change its meaning in a significant way. Sorry about that, **Chris**! For those of you who missed that meeting, check out these websites for a fascinating look at **Chris**'s work with chimps in Africa: <http://www.ngambaisland.org/> [www.safariwest.com/lectureschedule](http://www.safariwest.com/lectureschedule)

## PROGRAM

■ **PP Bob Canepa** introduced and thanked the League of Women Voters of Marin County for organizing today's Marin County Third District Supervisor Candidates' Forum.

Today's moderator was **Veda Florez** and the time keeper was **Linda Deer**. Both are directors of the LWV and experienced in presiding over Forums.

The program began with a three minute opening statement by each candidate: challenger **Susan Kirsch** of Mill Valley and incumbent supervisor **Kate Sears** of Sausalito.

Their opening statements introduced themselves to the audience by giving their backgrounds and qualifications for the supervisor's office.

## PROGRAM (Cont'd)

The moderator then received and read questions from the audience. Each candidate was given 90 seconds to answer the question. The order of answering alternated.

Sixteen excellent questions were presented, touching on topics such as the Alto Tunnel, traffic and development (particularly in Strawberry), sea level rise and shoreline protection, rent control, homeless issues, housing, pensions, pesticide use in open spaces, and unions.

Finally, each candidate made a three minute closing statement in which they summed up the main themes of their candidacy.

The forum provided much information about the candidates and the issues in Marin.

**Veda Florez** thanked the candidates and the club for hosting the forum. She reminded the audience that May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day to register for this year's county elections, to be held of June 7<sup>th</sup> and to access the League of Women Voters website at [marinlwv.org](http://marinlwv.org) for more election information.

**President Ken** added his thanks before adjourning the very successful meeting.

## DOMINICAN FORUM

■ **Dr. Gigi Gokcek**, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Studies at Dominican University of California, has asked us to inform Mill Valley Rotarians about their program to inspire young voters to get to the polls.

The Commission on Presidential Debates has charged Dominican to launch an initiative to mobilize the youth population to become more politically active in the upcoming election (and the electoral



► Chamber co-director Paula Reynolds surrounded by Rotarians Don Bowden, Don Herzog and Past President Ed Marshall.



► Do you think Stephanie and President Ken might be asking J.R. to pay a surcharge?



process). Read all about it at <http://www.politicalsciencenow.com/dominican-university-of-california-hosts-the-first-collegedebate16-forum/>

## NEXT WEEK

**April 19:** Retired British General **Rod Macdonald** will speak on *Misunderstanding the Middle East*. He will cover the formation of the Middle East from 1914 along with the difference between Middle Eastern and Western societies based on his experiences of more than 14 years working in the region. He believes that not having this knowledge creates misunderstanding which can drive poor decision making both at the political and business level. Prior to this he led British forces in active service in Northern Ireland during multiple tours in the 1970s and later saw combat in the Falklands War.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**April 26: Ludo Braja**, our club's exchange student at Tam High, will be our speaker. She will be sharing with us her experiences living and studying here.

**May 1:** At the San Francisco Peace Conference hosted by Rotary District 5150, **Ramu Damodaran** will speak about issues of world peace. As the United Nations Deputy Director of Public Information, Ramu will enlighten and engage us on the myriad of challenges and solutions currently being worked

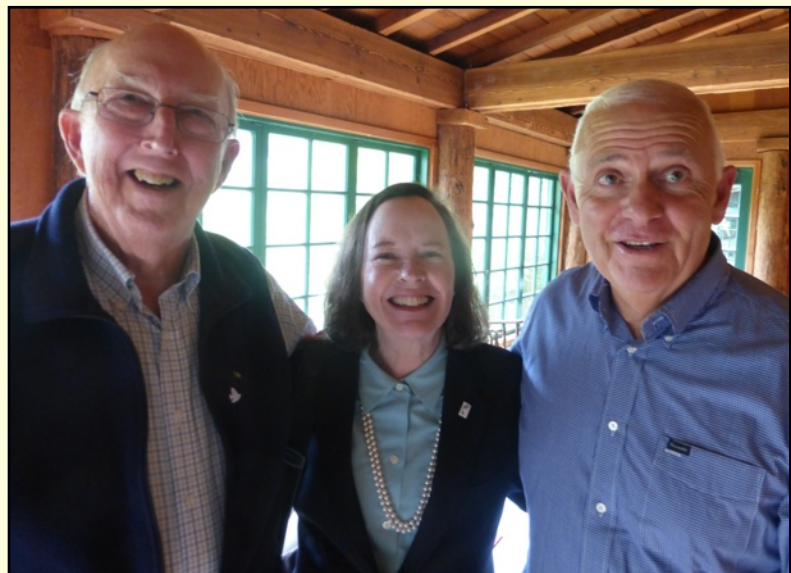


► **Ramu Damodaran.**

## MORE PIX FROM TUESDAY'S ELECTION FORUM



► **Top:** Challenger Susan Kirsch offers her ideas while Supervisor Kate Sears awaits her turn. **Top left:** Kirsch & Scherf. **Top right:** Richardson & Sears. **Below:** Burnett and Bob with Maureen Parton, Supervisor Sears' assistant. Photos by PP Ed Marshall. Thanks, Ed!



## CLUB CALENDAR

on by the UN. To register for the SF Peace Conference, go to [www.SFPeaceCon.org](http://www.SFPeaceCon.org)

**May 3: Cooper Quinton** will teach us *Cyber Self-Defense for Beginners*. Surfing the web or even just owning a computer might seem like a dangerous proposition. One could have the impression that the internet is teeming with identity thieves, con artists, spies, creeps, and criminals. In this talk Cooper will show you the five simple things that cyber-security professionals do to protect themselves online. Best of all, you can do these things yourself, at home, right now and never again fear your computer.

**May 10: Allely Albert** is a recently returned Peace Corps

Volunteer originally from Mill Valley. She graduated from Willamette University in Salem, OR, where she studied French and American Studies. Allely was admitted into the Peace Corps and began her service in Cameroon in September 2013. She lived in a remote village in the South West Region of Cameroon in Central Africa for over two years conducting health education. Allely spearheaded a variety of health campaigns while she was there, ranging from nutrition to epilepsy to water sanitation.

**May 24: Ann Mahony** will present *The Amazing Handkerchief: Chronicler of History, Heroism, Romance, Fashion, and Art through the Ages*. The handkerchief is with us in large and small moments of life – wrapping a child's cut finger,

catching a bride's tears of joy, worn over a soldier's heart into battle. Their history dates back to 1000 BC, and they were originally reserved for kings and nobility. **In the month of May, when we honor our servicemen on Memorial Day, we'll view silk handkerchiefs from WWI, handkerchiefs printed with escape maps and tide tables from WWII, and more. Come discover what stories and memories are hidden in the folds of a treasured handkerchief.** Ann Mahony is a historian of vintage artifacts and has a handkerchief collection of 5,000+, including several over a century old.

**If I agreed with you,  
we'd both be wrong.**

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

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$1,547.00**

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

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

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING  
2015-16 GOAL:  
\$14,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$12,850.00**

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