



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Ray Palmarini** channeled some **Dalai Lama**: *People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost. And: Remember that sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck.*



► Ray “takes five” from Lew Katcher.

PRESIDER

■ Past President **Susan Royce**, just back from her cross-country air adventure, filled in for **President J. R.** who is in Peru (See photo on page 2).

VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Christian Baerend** was the guest of **Joshua Szarek** (See photo on page 3). Joshua introduced Christian, describing him as a computer whiz who can design a Website to end all Websites.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **PP Susan** noted that a Basic Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar (PRLS) course is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 29, at the San Francisco Recology Center. The seminar consists of six hours of classroom lecture and activities split among five topics:

Fundamentals of Leadership; Leading a Meeting; Rotary, Your Club and You!; Effective Communication; and Public Speaking Essentials. You can register on the District Website (see above) or by emailing the PRLS Director **Michael Ford** at michael@tfos.net. Susan noted that attending PRLS was an exhilarating experience for her.



► The Mill Valley Bocce Bandits—From left: Jordana and Beverlee Sandy; Burnett; Karen Buckter and Burnett's brother, Peter. The heat was oppressive, but the team wasn't although they did manage to win a couple of matches in Sunday's Rotaplant tournament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Jane Hall** is still seeking a home for an incoming Rotary Exchange Student. Call her if you have any suggestions.

■ As noted last week, **Dennis Klein** and the MV Rotary Trails Gang plans to do work at various locations on the last Saturday of every month. They will gather at Four Corners at 1:30 on July 29 to get things rolling. Check with Community Service Director **Trevor Scotto** for details and to let him know you want to participate.

■ *A reminder: Next week's meeting will be the first evening meeting of the year. Same place, new time: 6:15 p.m.*

■ Burnett reminded the club that the new updated membership roster is out and ready for use. If

you haven't already, please pick up your copy at the sign-in table.

BIRTHDAY

■ **Tom McKlveen** (7/22) is today's Birthday Boy. Sounds like he's been celebrating all month with a stint at a rented house out at Stinson Beach arranged by wife **Nancy** where family from Chicago and Mill Valley gathered to honor the "old man." This coming Saturday he plans to attend the Summer of Love Concert. It all added up to a bell-ringer for the Rotary Foundation. **PP Susan** led the club in the singing of the Birthday Song.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Burnett, Karen Buckter**, Burnett's brother **Peter** and **Beverlee Sandy** and her daughter

Jordana braved the heat in San Rafael Sunday to represent the club in the annual Rotaplast Bocce Ball Tournament. They won a couple games and had a lot of fun raising funds for future Rotaplast trips.

■ Europe was the itinerary for **Lee and Margo Kirkpatrick** who spent three weeks seeing the sights. Another bell-ringer!

■ Speaking of bell-ringers, **PP Elizabeth Suzuki** presented one of her own to the Foundation as a result of Sutton Suzuki Architects being recognized by Marin Design Awards "for exceptional work in architecture."

■ And, last but not least, **PP Susan** noted that she is happy to have her feet on the ground after having competed in the national Air Race Classic. She tackled the race as a tribute to her late mother who also was a pilot and had

SUSAN SUBS WHILE THE CLUB BRASS VISITS PERU



► Past President **Susan Royce** fills in behind the podium for **J.R.** while he's in Cusco, Peru, doing some sight-seeing with **Bob Roberts** and **Liam and Kent Campbell**. In the photo above, the intrepid MV Rotary explorers pose in front of the original walls in the center of the city. They soon will be out in the countryside checking out the club's Peru Global Grant Project.

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

competed in the cross-country women pilots event twice with Susan as co-pilot. Susan flew her Piper Cherokee 180 from Gness Field in Novato to Frederick, MD, starting point for the race. From there she and her co-pilot flew to Santa Fe, NM, making eight required stops or fly-bys along the way. The trip back home to Gness Field took her 10 hours while fighting headwinds all the way. Club members gave Susan a rousing round of applause to congratulate her for her extraordinary achievement. She's an "Ace" in our book!

PROGRAM

■ Our old friend **Oak Dowling** returned as our speaker today with a presentation entitled *Anthony Weiner and the Sexting Scandal*. This was the fascinating story of **Anthony Weiner**, a young congressman on the cusp of higher office when a sexting scandal forced a humiliating



► **Joshua Szarek** introduces his guest website wizard **Christian Baerend**.

Marin Design Awards

...And the winner is...



...Sutton Suzuki Architects. The Marin Design Awards honors Ron Sutton and Elizabeth Suzuki with this prestigious recognition for their exceptional work in architecture.

This exciting annual event celebrates creativity and innovative design thriving in Marin County—bringing the design community together to recognize the outstanding achievements being made in the areas of architecture, interior and exterior design, home décor, floral design and fashion.

See award winning architecture at: www.suttonsuzuki.com



► **Past President Elizabeth Suzuki** donated a bell-ringer to the Rotary Foundation as a result of this recent honor. Congratulations, **Elizabeth!**

resignation. Just two years later, he ran for mayor of New York City, betting that his ideas would trump his indiscretions. He was wrong.

The story is pretty weird. The New York Review of Books put it this way when reviewing the documentary film *Weiner*:

The film is baffling and sympathetic, allowing Weiner's manic charm to lull us into amnesia of sleep and then to wake us up to political and emotional reality. This is a film about imperfection in all it's human glory. The man who emerges from the film and the scandals is no



► **Speaker Oak Dowling** banks on high-techer **Peter Straube** to keep things running smoothly.

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

less baffling than before.

That should give you an idea as to how strange this story is. Our question echoes that of **Lawrence O'Donnell** on MSNBC:

"What is wrong with you?"

NEXT WEEK

■ **July 25 (6:15 p.m.): Steve Burchik** will talk about *Compass and a Camera, A Year in Vietnam*. With a compass to direct him in his job as a forward observer and a personal camera to document his experiences—and keep him connected to his creative side—Vietnam veteran Steven Burchik was lucky enough to make it home and years later decided to write about the most challenging year of his life.

Memorial Service for Mary Luehring

■ A memorial service for **Mary** will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 240 Tiburon Blvd., Tiburon, on Friday, August 11 at 5:00 p.m. That date would have been her 100th birthday.

CLUB CALENDAR

August 1: Evening Fellowship. Details to come from **Bob Roberts**.

August 8: **Rod Septka**, Global Studies Mentor and Master Teacher from Mill Valley School District, will interview former student, **Mesgna Neghasi** about his incredible journey from Eritrea, Africa to Mill Valley, California. Their program is entitled *Goodbye Son: Leaving*

My Home to Discover My Destiny.

August 15: Mill Valley Rotarian **Bob Roberts** will tell us about *Rotary Good Times in the Andes of Peru*. This is the tale of four intrepid club members along with a wife, a lady friend and a devoted son who discover hardship and happiness in the Andes of Peru. This is the story of our club's Global Grant and the Peruvians who make it happen.

August 22: Mill Valley Mayor **Jessica Sloan** and Mill Valley City Manager **Jim McCann** will present the traditional *State of the City*.

**We never really grow up;
we only learn how
to act in public.**

**2017-2018
POLIO PLUS**

**CLUB GOAL
TBA**

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,083.23**

**2017-2018
SERVICE FUND
(GEORGE HOYLE)**

**GOAL
TBA**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$100.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

**2017-2018 GOAL:
TBA**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$200.00**

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