



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## GREETER

■ Past President **Susan Royce** offered two Thoughts for the Day: *Courage is being afraid and saddling up anyway; and It is often the bend in the road that makes life really worth the drive.*

## PRESIDER

■ **President J. R.** wondered if anyone in today's audience knew how many months of the year had 29 days. Somebody spoiled the fun with a loud "ALL!" just before this reporter was going to come in with February!

## VISITORS

■ A goodly number with many attending to learn about the club's Peru project:

■ **Visiting Rotarians:** **Deborah Wolf**, Marin Evening; **Al Webster**, Rotary Club of Lafayette, who recently moved to Kentfield and is checking out Marin clubs.

■ **Guests of Rotarians:** **John Schrupf (Carol)**; **Marilyn Tregoning (Burnett)**; **Rocio Nanez**, a native of Peru who is now teaching at Santa Rosa Junior College (**Bob & Betty Roberts**); and **Liam Campbell (Kent)**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Paid your dues yet? Club secretary **Ray Palmarini** announced that the invoices for



► **Greeter Susan Royce welcomes Betty Roberts who is appropriately decked out for today's Peruvian program.**

2017-2018 are now in the hands of all members. The board of directors looks forward to receiving your check soon.

■ PP **Jane Hall** was pleased to report that PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** has volunteered to host one of the three young ladies from the Congo during part of the upcoming school year. Only two to go, so call Jane if you or someone you know can host one of the other girls.

■ Community Service director **Trevor Scott** wants you to know that we'll be planting Redwood trees behind the Café of Life (465 Miller Ave.) Saturday, Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m. Shovels and compost will be provided.

■ Trevor also reminds you that the next work day at Terwillger Marsh is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your pruner and wear your gloves. Give Trevor a call to let him know you'll participate.



► **Distinguished visitors all: From left, Rocio Nanez, Deborah Wolf; Betty Roberts; and Liam Campbell.**

## CELEBRATIONS

■ **Club Anniversary:** **Heidi Duckor** celebrated 22 years as a Mill Valley Rotarian on August 1! Her favorite Rotary Moment—the entire year of 1997-98 during the presidency of the late **Anne Beirne**, our first female president.

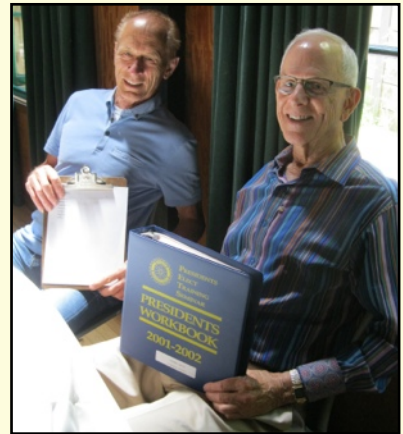
■ **Wedding Anniversaries:** **Lew** and **Peggy Katcher** journeyed to Pacific Grove to do some cycling at the seashore to celebrate their anniversary. Didn't get how many years. **Bob** and **Betty Roberts** will mark 54 years next week. According to Bob, they have no specific plans to celebrate, they'll just let "things evolve." Speaking of evolution, did we hear correctly that PP **Greg Dyer** and **Steve Miller** have been married for 37 years? That really was news to all of the club! We believe the facts are that either Greg has been married to **Karyne**, or Steve has been married to **Judith** for 37 years, but having no time for follow up we'll have to wait until next week to get things straightened out.

## GOOD TIMES

■ Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen** has just completed District Foundation Training. "Worthwhile and inspiring," he reports.

## FINE THOSE GUYS!

► Some "Fake News" from last week—**Lee Kirkpatrick** and **Doug Scherf** pose with the items that cost them \$5 each. Thanks to President J. R., **Lee** had to pay a fine to retrieve his clipboard and **Doug** the same to get his 2001-2002 **President's Manual**. At last, **Doug** knows how to negotiate those presidential years!



■ Immediate Past President **Kent Campbell** addressed the San Francisco Evening club on his favorite subject, "Fake News." Aside from the parking problem, it was a great gig, and Kent thanked our Program Chair **Bob Canepa** for giving him a good rating when he first introduced the subject at one of our meetings.

■ **Don Bowden** no longer resides among the trees in Blithedale Canyon, having moved into his new digs at The Redwoods. Though he may miss the trees, he is being warmly received at The Redwoods, "the next best place in town."

■ PP **Greg Dyer** and wife **Karyne** are doing a lot of traveling this summer, so it's little wonder that we are having trouble getting his anniversaries straight.

Greg noted for the record that he has accumulated 45 years as a member of MV Rotary, having joined in May 2, 1972. That in itself deserves recognition in "Good Times" but listen to this: Greg recently made a hole-in-one at 160 yards! Too bad the bar was closed! Congratulations, Greg, on the hole-in-one and the 45 years of service to our community and the world through Rotary.

■ PP **Richard Rider** vacationed at Lake Tahoe where he heard a **Huey Lewis** concert. The next day he was in Pebble Beach where he "shot a hole-in-four on a par 3."

## RAFFLE

■ Can't blame **Einar Asbo** for getting excited when his number came up, but that darn red marble just keeps on being elusive. The pot now stands at \$769.

## SERVICE FUND

■ PP **Bob Canepa**, current president of the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund, announced the start of a special drive to get everybody in the club on board as a sustaining **George Hoyle** member. After introducing the rest of the 2017-18 board (**Judy Geiger**; **J. R. Hastings**; **Carl Lippenberger**; PP **Richard Rider**; and PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**,

## From the BBC: Plants Help in the Fight Against Polio

► We think you will be interested in the link below from the BBC, which was emailed to us a few days ago by PP **Greg Dyer**. It features an article about a close relative to the tobacco plant that has been turned into a polio vaccine "factory." Just click on the link to read this interesting news in the fight to eradicate polio.

[http://www.bbc.com/news/health-40925343?utm\\_source=MIT+Technology+Review&utm\\_campaign=bac54ade6a-The\\_Download&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_997ed6f472-bac54ade6a-153688565](http://www.bbc.com/news/health-40925343?utm_source=MIT+Technology+Review&utm_campaign=bac54ade6a-The_Download&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_997ed6f472-bac54ade6a-153688565)



## SERVICE FUND (Cont'd)

Bob announced that donations of up to \$250 will be matched by the fund, so you can receive up to \$500 credit toward a George Hoyle Fellowship. Response was

immediate by **Elizabeth** (\$100); **Barbara Hofling** (\$250) and **Jane Hall** (\$250). That's a lot of bell-ringers. Thanks, ladies! Remember, Bob noted, all it takes to be a Sustaining Member is a contribution of as little as \$5 to the Service Fund.

## MV ROTARY SOCIETY

■ **President J. R.** urged members to consider joining the recently organized *Mill Valley Rotary Society*, where your annual pledge . . . **Continued on Page 5**

## PROGRAM

### BUILDING GREENHOUSES IN PERU'S HIGH ANDES

■ President-elect **Bob Roberts** and immediate past president **Kent Campbell**, recently returned from an on-site visit to the Altiplano of Puno, Peru, brought us up to date on the construction and effectiveness of greenhouses being built in the High Andes north of Lake Titicaca, thanks to a Rotary Global Grant arranged by the Rotary Club of Los Altos and our club in cooperation with the RC of El Rimac in Lima.

The Rotary Club of Mill Valley—joined by a host of other clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area who contributed Designated District Funds (DDF) to the project—raised



► **Above: J. R. likes it! Right: Liam and Lima Rotarian Bustamante Hildebrando.**



\$93,000 to build 35 greenhouses high in the mountains of Peru to help bring people there from a subsistence level existence to a market oriented one.

Partnering with two Peruvian nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), Kusimayo and the Instituto de Alternativa Agraria, the program enables people in

**DDF?**  
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the mountains to grow food for themselves, solving childhood anemia problems along the way, and sell the remainder in local markets for income.

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► **Right: Dan Hatch inspects "exotic" fruit. Below, from left, Kent and Betty go to school; working the "pile"; Bob gets a dancing lesson.**





### PROGRAM (Cont'd)

Bob and Kent were accompanied last month on the trip to Peru by **President J. R. Hastings** and his friend **Anna Marie**, Kent's son **Liam**, Bob's wife **Betty** and **Dan Hatch**.

During his presentation, Bob singled out Past President **Doug Scherf**, whose recent stint as Foundation Chair helped build up our club's DDF, and our current International Director **Bill Lambrecht** for their contributions to the project.

The two Peruvian NGOs and the Rotary Club of El Rimac in Lima work directly with the local communities where the greenhouses are being built by individual families.

Kusimayo works directly with the people seeing that all the rules are being obeyed. The Institute de Alternativa Agraria provides equipment and technical know-how.

To qualify to build one of the 16-ft. by 65-ft. adobe greenhouses, a family must have water available, be able to make the bricks needed, and then build the greenhouse. Bob noted that of the 22 greenhouses constructed to date only one has failed.

Kent's professional quality video wrapped up the program. In it he thanked the following Rotary clubs for their participation in this important overseas project:

Los Altos; Santa Clara; Los Altos Sunset; Novato; Terra



Linda; Marin Evening; San Rafael Harbor; Pacifica; Peninsula Sunrise; San Francisco Evening; Tiburon/Belvedere and Central Marin.

Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/zAFeSYnAsG4>

► **Above: Is Betty Roberts offering to trade for that neat hat? Below: Liam Campbell gets a greenhouse tour.**





of \$1,000 is evenly divided among the Service Fund and the Rotary Foundation. Ask him for details.

### NEXT WEEK

**August 22:** Mill Valley Vice Mayor **Stephanie Moulton-Peters** and Mill Valley City Manager **Jim McCann** will present the traditional *State of the City*. They should be able to answer your questions about the progress of the Miller Avenue makeover, plus others.

### CLUB CALENDAR

**August 26:** Plant Redwood trees at 465 Miller. 1:30 to 3:00. Shovels and compost provided. Check with **Trevor Scotto**.

**August 27:** *Celebrating Women Doing Good in the World* brunch

### Our Intrepid Speakers

► While PE Bob Roberts hurriedly adjusts his audio visual equipment, PP Kent tells one of his famous stories, the moral of which was don't push the outhouse over if your dad is in it. What you can't learn at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley!



at the Julia Morgan Ballroom, Merchants Exchange in San Francisco. All the details can be found on the District 5150 website ([www.rotary5150.org](http://www.rotary5150.org)).

**August 29:** Gil Sanborn, the civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for Pacific North/Sierras, will discuss *The Battle For Mosul, Iraq*. He will detail

## SAYING GOODBYE TO MARY LUEHRING

► Several Mill Valley Rotarians attended last Friday's memorial service for Mary Luehring, and Honorary Member of the club and widow of the late Dale Luehring, president of the club in 1986-87 and District Governor of District 5150 in 1991-92. Among the many Rotary artifacts displayed at the service by Mary's daughter, Shirley Kirby, was Mary's Paul Harris medal, which has been returned to the club since everyone in the family already has one. Photos, starting at right, Mary's District 5150 badge; attendees from the club at the service (Howard and Margot Harker, Bill Lambrecht, and Marilyn and Burnett Tregoning—photo by Jane Hall); and Mary with PP Doug Scherf last year when she attended Mill Valley Rotary to celebrate her 99th birthday.



## CLUB CALENDAR

U.S. Army support to Iraqi Forces in the fight to defeat ISIS in Mosul. Included in his presentation will be a prerecorded call-in by the commander leading 82nd Airborne troops in Mosul from his battlefield HQ.

**September 5:** District Governor **Ron Gin** will be our speaker.

**September 6:** *New Kids Coffee*. Details to come.

**September 9:** Work party at Rotary Corner on Terwilliger Marsh, 9:30 to 11:30. Bring gloves and pruners. Check with **Trevor Scotto**.

**October 24:** **John Geoghegan's** presentation is entitled *West Coast Sub Attacks During WWII*. The California coast was swarming with Japanese submarines in the

## DDF?

You have often heard that a portion of your contribution to The Rotary Foundation comes back to our Club to use on projects of our choice. How does that work and what is DDF? 50% of our Club members' contributions to The Rotary Foundation become available to our Club, after three years, as District Designated Funds. Just as the name implies, these funds are distributed back to individual clubs which may be used for local "District Grants" such as dictionaries, or they may be used for "Global Grants" like our project in Peru. If DDF is used for a Global Grant, The Rotary Foundation matches our Club's share of DDF, dollar for dollar, effectively giving us all of our money back. This is not the case for District Grants. Please help our Club make a difference in the world. Please make a generous contribution to The Rotary Foundation—**Tom McKlveen**, Foundation Chair.

weeks immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Between December 10, 1941 and October 1942, nine Japanese submarines sunk a dozen merchant ships between Vancouver and San Diego as well as shelling the California coast on more than one

occasion—episodes little remembered today.

*I used to be  
indecisive. Now I'm  
not sure.*

**2017-2018  
POLIO PLUS**

**CLUB GOAL  
TBA**

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$1,157.73**

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

**GOAL  
\$10,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$800.00**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

**2017-2018 GOAL:  
TBA**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$300.00**

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