



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Steve Miller** greeted Rotarians, led The Pledge of Allegiance and shared two thoughts for the day: *“The point of living and of being an optimist, is to be foolish enough to believe the best is yet to come,”* from **Peter Ustinov**, and *“About the time we can make the ends meet, somebody moves the ends,”* from **Herbert Hoover**. Not exactly uplifting, but certainly a lot of truth in both of those quotes.

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■ President **Ken Brooks** welcomed club members.

BIRTHDAYS

■ Ken attempted to celebrate **Jean Batman**’s birthday for the second week, but since she was not at the meeting, it will have to be next week. Third time is a charm next week? Ken tried to recognize Greg Dyer as well, but we were also missing Greg today.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ **Club:** Our esteemed Treasurer, **Stephanie Ricardo**, hit a 5 year milestone on this exact date. Stephanie knew **Suzanne Irwin-Wells** in a French class. When Stephanie mentioned that she wanted to get more involved in volunteer work here in Mill

Valley, Suzanne suggested Rotary, and the rest is history. Her favorite Rotary memory was attending a Rotary Club meeting in Paris where she put her French language skills to work by making remarks to that Club in French. Stephanie also related to us the wonderful food and wine served at that meeting. Thanks, Stephanie, for all you do as our Club Treasurer.

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■ The *Mountain Play* was topic #1. **Lisan Campbell** reported sales of \$1,750, the majority of which was hot coffee and cocoa. There was a great team up on Mt Tamalpais Sunday captained by **J. R. Hastings**—**Peter Mason**, **Richard Rider**, **Carl Lippenberger**, **Don Herzog**, **Howard Harker**, **Dennis Klein**, **Lisán**, **Phil Richardson**,



► **Greeter Steve Miller welcomes Bob Canepa’s return to MV Rotary following his tour of Eastern Europe.**

DEADLINE FOR ROSTER CHANGES JUNE 1, 2016

Richard’s twin boys, **Scout James**, **Scout Christian**, and **Scout Michael**—shivering through a cold and foggy day. Everything was under control except for the weather. But even under those dire circumstances, when the coffee ran out your Rotary Team sold ice cream to the freezing masses. Isn’t there a saying about selling ice cream to Eskimos? One team member, **J.R. Hastings**, reported a few were missing today’s meeting due to frostbite!

■ Topic #2 was the upcoming Memorial Day parade. PP **Sue Royce** and **JR** will be driving their classic cars in the parade with our **President Ken** riding and waving, just like the Queen! Sue is making banners for the cars and other Rotarians are asked to join in walking alongside the cars. Meet either at the pancake breakfast at 8:30 or at the start of the parade at Old Mill School at 10:15. Wear those Rotary T-shirts!

■ Topic #3: Our Installation Dinner will be held at 6:00 on Friday June 17th at the Outdoor Art Club. Although it is a mandatory event, it is always a great evening not to be missed. Please send your check made out to Rotary Club of MV for

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\$100.00, plus \$100.00 for any guest, to Roberta Keller at 500 Hillside.

■ Topic #4: June 1st is the cutoff date for any changes to the roster. Send your changes to PP Burnett Tregoning casparkid@aol.com

PROGRAM

■ PP Bob Canepa introduced today's program *The Amazing Handkerchief: Chronicler of History, Heroism, Romance, Fashion, and Art through the Age*. Ann Mahony, is a speaker, author, and collector of all things associated with handkerchiefs. Ann's collection consists of over 5000 handkerchiefs!

Handkerchiefs began as fashion statements and a status symbol, and have even figured in literature such as Shakespeare's *Othello*.

Because of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday she focused her program on handkerchiefs in the two World Wars.

Examples included handkerchiefs given to soldiers by their sweethearts to take with them into battle, handkerchiefs worn by women at home to signify that they had a loved one serving in the wars and handkerchiefs brought home by soldiers as souvenirs.

Ann considers these pages from history. Every handkerchief has a story to tell. It was another excellent program, and as Ken said, don't judge a program by its title. Ann's website is www.HandkerchiefHeroes.com.

NEXT WEEK

May 31: Dr. Richard Head will discuss *The Complex Chemistry of Our Cells in Health and Disease and How to Improve It*. Richard



► Speaker Ann Mahony and her "hanky" attract the attention of two "gentlemen" Rotarians—Richard and J.R.

is a retired Radiologist who spent many years imaging the body and brain. For the past seven years he has learned many of the amazing breakthroughs that allow us to finally understand our health and disease. He began to see the newest discoveries about how our cellular chemistry works and the importance of the genes in our cells. He has been able to see, over the past few years, the research science findings go quickly from the lab into the clinics. We are now seeing breakthroughs that will enable us to control many disease processes. His talk will outline the important components of our cells' function and how evidence with diet and exercise promotes the cell's normal functions and what you can do everyday to use this information.

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May 29: Mountain Play.

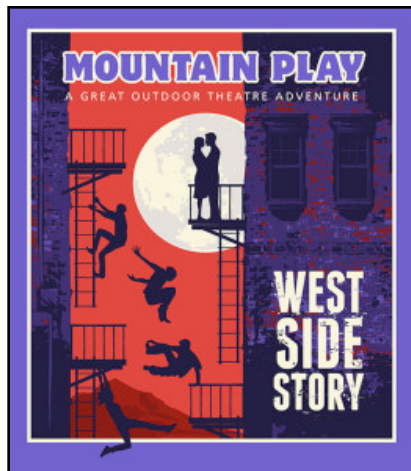
May 30: Memorial Day. Parade assembles at Old Mill School at 10:30 a.m. Be in it or watch it from your favorite vantage point downtown or along Miller Ave.

June 5: Mountain Play.

June 7: Carlo Brayda's presentation is entitled *"Destruction of a Peaceful Nation: Mussolini's Story of Treachery and Deceit in the Conquest and Colonization of Ethiopia in the 1930s."* At the time of the European colonization and conquest of Africa, Italy was falling short of its imperialistic ambitions. **Benito Mussolini**, Italy's Prime Minister, then

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Dictator, was trying to re-establish its national pride after its First World War disappointments, and its failed first attempt at invading Ethiopia in 1896, when its army was obliterated. In a desperate attempt to achieve victory, Italy unleashed its chemical weapon of mass destruction on military and civilian targets alike in utter defiance of the Geneva protocol. Carlo's grandfather—**General Nassibu Zamanuel**—was one of Mussolini's foremost Ethiopian adversaries who perished from mustard gas after putting up a valiant defense. General Nassibu is also remembered for having penned His Majesty, Ethiopian Emperor **Haile Selassie's** powerful speech to the League of Nations in 1936.



June 11 & 12: Mountain Play.

June 17: Installation Dinner, Outdoor Art Club. (No meeting at the clubhouse this week). Checks (\$100 per person) to **Roberta Keller**, made payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley.

June 19: Mountain Play.

June 21: Member's Program.

June 28: Tony Probst will tell us about the *Titanic & Her Artifacts*. Tony is a world traveler and a big collector of historical artifacts. RMS Titanic was a British passenger liner that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean in the early morning of April 15, 1912 after colliding with an iceberg during her maiden voyage from Southampton, UK, to New York City. The sinking resulted in the loss of more than 1,500 passengers and crew, making it one of the deadliest commercial peacetime maritime disasters in modern history.

SUDAFED

Brought litigation against a government official

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,864.00**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$6,540.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$13,405.00**

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