



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Burnett** had the honor today, offering the following as his Thought for the Day: *May you be the person your pet believes you to be.*

PRESIDER

❖ **President Bob**’s back in the saddle after returning from Peru where he, **Kent** and **Braedan** checked out the greenhouses. Expect a full report soon.

VISITORS

❖ The boss’s boss, **Betty Roberts**, and their neighbor, **Ann Shaw**, attended today’s meeting.

NEW MEMBER

❖ **Ken Campbell** (no relation to **Kent**, as far as we know!) was welcomed into membership during a brief ceremony conducted by **President Bob** and Ken’s sponsor, **Bob Canepa**. A native of Edinburgh, Scotland, Ken is a neighbor of Bob’s, has lived in Mill Valley since 1974, and has spent four decades producing sports documentaries. (**Editor’s Note:** *Maybe we can get him to do one on the club’s outstanding Bocce Ball Team!*) Ken now has his red badge and is looking forward to meeting his fellow members and getting active in the affairs of the club.

SERVICE FUND

❖ Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund President Emeritus **Bob Canepa** made his final formal Service Fund report. Bob has retired after serving many years as Service Fund president, and has been succeeded by **Lew Katcher**.

Bob introduced Service Fund board members present and reported that the Endowment Fund currently has a balance of over \$1,137,000. He noted that the fund was the source of much of the club’s giving over the years.

He announced the Service Fund’s 2018-19 campaign goal of \$10,000, and encouraged everybody (members, spouses,

relatives, friends) to become a George Hoyle Fellow by contributing \$1,000 to the Service Fund this year. The board is making it easy for us to do, Bob announced, by offering to match any contribution up to \$250. This special inducement expires on December 31, 2018, so don’t wait too long to get that checkbook out.

Bob also made a pitch for members to become Service Fund Benefactors by adding a codicil to their will directing \$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund upon their death. There are 13 currently. He’d like to see more, and **Carl Lippenberger** and **J. R. Hastings** will be happy to help with the codicil at no charge.

The club owes Bob Canepa a huge THANKS! for his service.



► MV Rotary Hikers on the trail to Corte Madera. From left: Margareth, Larry, Doug and Stephanie. (Photo by Peggy Davis)

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays:* **John Christman** (8/23); **Anthony Trias** (8/25); **Morgan Pierce** (8/29). Dr. John celebrated with sushi with his girlfriend in addition to tossing out the first pitch at the *Pacifics* game (see below). Those two events made for a "great weekend" and resulted in a bell-ringer for the Service Fund. Anthony's celebration included "beach balls and volleyballs," and Morgan was looking forward to a "Girls' Day" tomorrow. **Jan Schiff** led the club in the singing of the Birthday Song.

❖ *Club Anniversaries:* **Kim Jessup** (8/24) and **Kathleen Delehanty** (8/28). Kim, who served as club president in 2010-11, was pretty much obligated to recall that one of her "favorite Mill Valley Rotary moments" was ramming a piece of rebar through a MMWD pipe during construction by the club of the steps off Marion Ave., much to



► **New member Ken Campbell poses with his red badge and his sponsor, Bob Canepa. Welcome aboard, Ken!**

the surprise of everybody. Kim did say that she "loved being president" as well. Kathleen likes working at the Mt. Play booth every year. We thank you, Kim and Kathleen, for your service to the community and the world through Rotary.

GOOD TIMES

❖ Saved for next week so today's speaker would have ample time to

tell his story about the Sonoma/Napa County Fire Storm.

RAFFLE

❖ **Carol Schrupf** was ready to claim that \$245 pot, but she grabbed the wrong marble and ended up with the consolation prize—a musty old deck of Rotary themed playing cards.

PROGRAM

❖ Mill Valley Fire Chief **Tom Welch** asked us a lot of questions regarding our readiness should a major fire attack Mill Valley.

Are you ready? Lessons Learned from the Sonoma/Napa County Fire Storm was the title of his timely talk, during which he shared personal stories relative to fire department response during the 2017 fire storm that raged through his neighborhood near Coffey Park in Santa Rosa.

The presentation was a riveting narrative highlighting the

MILL VALLEY ROTARY ROOTS FOR THE PACIFICS

► **Sunday, August 26, was Mill Valley Rotary Day at Albert Field in San Rafael as members of the club gathered to watch the *Pacifics* beat the Napa Silverados, 6-3. Tossing out the first pitch was MV Rotarian Dr. John Christman shown here about ready to launch his famous "chiropractic" curveball and receiving**

congratulations from *Pacifics* pitcher Billy Damon for getting his pitch close to home plate. (Photos by Kent Campbell)



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need for neighborhood cohesiveness and preparedness including advance planning for evacuation should the same type of firestorm rip through our neighborhoods.

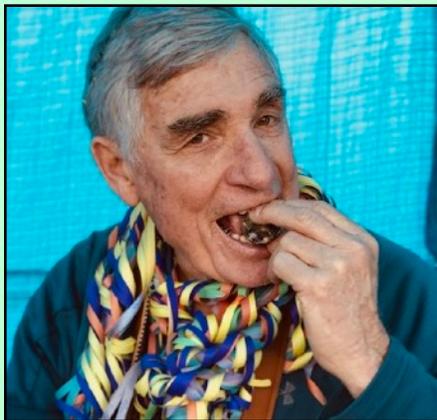
The Mill Valley fire chief gave a firsthand account of waking up in the middle of the night to the smell of smoke and

realizing that “we have to get everybody out alive.” He explained that before the fire there were 21 houses on his street. After, only seven. Neighbors helping neighbors is critical to successfully surviving a fire such as the one that roared down his street.

The Chief discussed vegetation management plans recently adopted by the City of Mill Valley, suggesting that

residents keep certain plants (acacia, bamboo, cypress and juniper) at least 30-ft. from the house.

Part of being prepared, according to Chief Welch, is taking advantage of emergency alert systems such as Alert Marin (sign up at alertmarin.org). He also said that we could call him any time to invite him to come out to our neighborhood to tell his important story.



MORE NEWS FROM PUNO, PERU



► More photos from Past President Kent Campbell: Clockwise from upper left—President Bob samples a high altitude staple, a potato which reminded him of his long-time stint with the Peace Corps in Peru; Bob and Braedan distribute blankets to help ward off the debilitating effects of the freezing Andean nights; Bob enjoys a boat trip to the floating islands of Lake Titicaca—there are almost 90 islands made entirely of reeds; and, these two happy ladies were recipients of greenhouses, which they said “changed their lives.”



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For help on how to become "fire safe," city residents can go to www.cityofmillvalley.org/fire while those of us living in the 94941 county areas surrounding the city should check out www.southernmarinfire.org.

NEXT WEEK

September 4 (12:15): David Kunhardt will present *What Can Be Done About Climate Change?* He will provide an illustrated update of the verified scientific realities of climate change, then will engage us in a deeper discussion of the most effective personal, local, national and international actions and



► **Mill Valley Fire Chief Tom Welch poses with President Bob after giving a sobering talk at today's meeting.**

solutions to abate it. He will cover the County's Drawdown: Marin campaign, plus state, national and international policy

developments, including the best means of putting a price on carbon. Questions and discussion will be welcomed.

CLUB CALENDAR

September 8 (9:30-12:00) Work Party at Rotary Corner on Terwilliger Marsh. Wear your gloves and bring your clippers and come on down to the Mill Valley Rec Center.

September 11 (12:15): Mill Valley Mayor **Stephanie Moulton-Peters** and Mill Valley City Manager **Jim McCann** will present the *State of the City*.

September 18 (12:15): The women's chorus *Wings of Song*, flagship chorus of the northern California choral family *Singers*

☆☆☆ **JUST ONE MORE LAST CHANCE!** ☆☆☆

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1. Choose your slogan (Choose one)

- Solving Problems. Having Fun/MillValleyRotary.org
- Fun. Friendship. Service/MillValleyRotary.org
- Helping Globally and Locally/MillValleyRotary.org
- Service Above Self/MillValleyRotary.org
- People Helping People/MillValleyRotary.org

2. Choose your colors (Choose one)

- Black w/Gold Letters
- Blue w/Gold Letters
- Gold w/Blue Letters
- Silver w/Black Letters

3. Your Name _____

(Print, complete and give to Ed Marshall at next week's meeting)

CLUB CALENDAR

Marin, will perform *Everyone Can Sing*. **Jan Pedersen Schiff** will present a brief performance by their members. As part of the presentation, she will demonstrate how she is able to get a professional sound from these women who have little to no background in singing – but just love to sing! *Wings of Song* has been making beautiful music for audiences north of San Francisco for over 25 years.

September 25 (12:15): District Governor **Jayne Hulbert** visits.

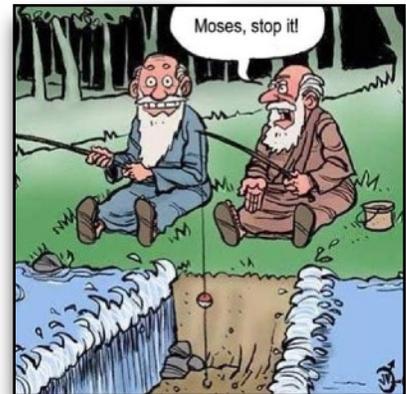
October 2 (12:15): **Trubee Schock's** presentation is titled:

**The Four-Way Test
of the things we
think, say or do**

1. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
2. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
3. Is it the **TRUTH**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

The Milley Awards - The Art of Recognition. For 30 years, since 1988, the Milley Awards have honored Mill Valley's iconic creative institutions and people. The Milleys reflect the history of Mill Valley by celebrating the

creativity of our painters and designers, writers, musicians and performers. Trubee's talk will cover the Milleys' history, nomination and judging process (critical to its success and reputation), accomplishments and future.



POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**

\$104.00

**SERVICE FUND
(GEORGE HOYLE)**

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**

\$1,075.00

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**

\$1,175.00

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