



# THE MILL WHEEL



Rotary Club of Mill Valley  
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## PRESIDER

- President **Ken Brooks**.

## GREETER

- **J. R. Hastings** reported the recipe for eternal life – “If you don’t have a goal, you’re dead.” Good to know.

## VISITORS

- *Guests of Rotarians* – **Sophie Felici (Jane Hall), Susan Hall (Don Bowden), Ann Fricker** (wife of speaker **Skip Sandberg**).

## ANNIVERSARIES

- PP **Susan Royce (11/17/09-Elizabeth Suzuki, sponsor)** loved the power of the podium.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Roberta Keller** asked all to sign up today for the holiday lunch Dec. 15 at Piazza d’Angelo and choose fish, chicken or pasta.
- **Dan Hatch** is looking for a few elves to help feed the homeless on Jan. 7. (*See details on page 3*). He also said the international day of environmental reflection is this week.
- PP **Burnett Tregoning** commended our response to the Food Bank barrel, which required a second barrel. Seems Marin has beat out San Francisco in the

number of pounds of food donated.

- PP **Kim Jessup** invited us to join her this Sat. Dec. 5 at **Terwilliger Marsh**, come rain or drought. Work starts at 9:30.
- President **Ken** shared Chamber news – the Dec. 6 *Winterfest* at Lytton Plaza needs volunteers; we will be hosting the Chamber mixer in Feb.

## GOOD TIMES

- **Bob Roberts’** book about his photographer father has been published and he will be speaking about it at Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., in Corte Madera on Dec. 12. Bob is scheduled to talk about *Wish You Were Here* at 4 p.m.



▶ Greeter **J. R. Hastings** welcomes **Joanne Burns** to today’s meeting.

**MORE GOOD TIMES**

■ PP **Susan** passed her instrument exam and flew with her daughter **Amy** to Half Moon Bay where she did not run into **Larry Davis** who was at the Ritz Carlton eating s'mores.

■ PP **Doug Scherf** spent a week in Arizona sport skeet shooting and indoor go-karting where he scored in the 68<sup>th</sup> percentile for all ages. He wants us to be sure to know that he is neither old nor senile.

■ *Bell Ringers* - **Bob Canepa** thanked **Jane Hall** and **Heidi Duckor** for their new **George Hoyle** contributions.

**THAT'S A RAFFLE ?**

■ **Dan Hatch** was the lucky winner of 14 bucks. Let the good times roll.

**CORRECTION**

■ Last week we were in error when we reported that the Tam High Interact Club was planning to send eight students to Nicaragua. Here's the real deal: One of the Interact students is going to Nicaragua soon with her family for a Christmas vacation. While there she will scope out families who could use help and, upon her return she will share that information with the group, who will decide how they can help. Bake sales no doubt are still in the picture, so we'll expect to hear more from Interact advisors **M-A Cardenas** and/or **PP Sue Royce** about this project after the first of the year.

**HEY, THAT'S BIG BUCKS**

■ Just received our copy of the District newsletter *Pacific Currents* in which the winners of

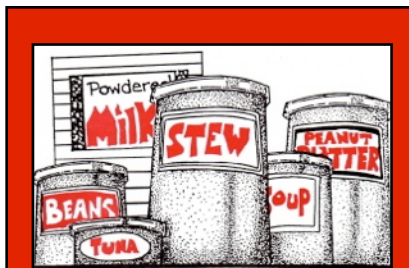


► They're definitely having a good time—PP Sue Royce and her daughter Amy on the way home after flying to Half Moon Bay for lunch.

the 2015 District Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) campaign raffle were listed. Two Mill Valley Rotarians were among the donors receiving Visa Gift Cards—Past Presidents **Sue Royce** (\$250) and **Kim Jessup** (\$200). Over \$210,000 was donated to the Annual Fund as a result of the campaign.

**WE'RE UP THERE**

■ The District 5150 newsletter also noted that Mill Valley ranked among the top three District clubs



► Mill Valley Rotarians, you're doing great! Already one barrel full. Let's make it two. Bring a bagful next week! Again, many thanks!

to date in total giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). At the time of publication, the top three clubs were Marin Evening (\$15,235), Ignacio (\$14,824) and Mill Valley (\$10,431).

**PROGRAM**

■ Local photographer/adventurers **Andrea Johnson** (professional fine arts photographer), **Skip Sandberg** (author of *Steps, Lanes and Paths*) and **Bob Holmes** (*Time, Life, National Geographic*) presented a photo show of their amazing Bhutan adventure.

Bhutan, an ancient kingdom, appears to be medieval but now has cell phones and cars. Trekking at 16,000 feet, they visited monasteries which had served as fortresses, school children singing "Oh My Darling Clementine," religious festivals, sacred mountains, and the one traffic light in the country.

Although Bhutan, which is primarily mountains and valleys, has 6 languages and 36 dialects, English is the common language.

**PROGRAM (Cont'd)**

Although geologists know that the mountains contain billions of dollars of gold, it is not mined because the mountains are sacred. The country prefers to get its wealth from hydro-electric power which it sells to India. Since the country does not allow back packers, those wishing to visit Bhutan must convince the country that they are "quality tourists" like our three amazing photographers.

A number of members inquired about their websites:

**Andrea Johnson:**

[www.andreajohnsonphotography.com](http://www.andreajohnsonphotography.com)

**Bob Holmes:**

[www.robertholmesphotography.com](http://www.robertholmesphotography.com)

**Skip Sandberg:**

[www.robertsandbergphoto.com](http://www.robertsandbergphoto.com)

**NEXT WEEK**

■ Twelve very talented students from the **Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Music group** will be performing for us. Most of these students play with the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra. Invite a guest.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

**December 15: Holiday Luncheon.** We will celebrate the holiday season at *Piazza d'Angelo*



in downtown Mill Valley as we have been doing the past few years. This is a special event. Cost is only \$35 per person, and you'll want to bring a special guest. Call **Roberta Keller** to see if it is possible for you to reserve a spot, even though you have passed the Dec. 1st deadline. Remember, the final donations to the Food Bank and Toys for Tots will be accepted at this event. Be generous!

**December 22 & 29: No Meetings. Happy Holidays!**

**January 5:** Retired Navy pilot **Charley Taylor** will present *Tales of a CAT Officer*. After serving two combat deployments as a fighter pilot aboard the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War, Charley later received orders to serve as a Catapult and Arresting Gear

**JOIN THE EMERGENCY SHELTER TEAM**

❖ The Rotary Club of Mill Valley is slated to host the R.E.S.T. (Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) program on Thursday, January 7th, at the Community Congregational Church, 145 Rock Hill Drive, in Tiburon. Turn left (up hill) at the traffic light at the Tennis Club., Go through one stop sign to the top of the hill where Rock Hill Drive terminates in the CCC parking lot.

**The Tasks are:**

- ◆ **5:00 Set-up** (pulling out air mattresses and setting tables) There are usually 18-20 men we host for the night, plus those of the team who will be eating with them.
- ◆ **5:15 Cooks** (unless you need more that 45 minutes, then come earlier;
- ◆ **6:00 Welcome** and eat with the houseless
- ◆ **6:30 Begin clean up.** Usually we are all finished no later than 8:00 (a 3-min industrial cycle dishwasher is a real asset!). Pots, pans, plates, silverware, etc. are all there and there is a commercial stove.

We need to find a time by January 2nd to plan the menu and food acquisition.

You are welcome to sign up for all the times or just a shift. (I will be there the whole time.) About 3 people are needed for each shift—that would be two besides myself. So far **Doug Scherf** and **Keith Papulias** (who has volunteered to barbecue and provide meat) have expressed a commitment. Spouses and/or responsible children (teenage or older) are welcome to help out as well.

I will be out of town until December 19th. Please let me know by December 22 if you are interested in participating, and I will be in touch about planning a menu, etc.

Whenever I have participated, I have always found it a great experience. Looking forward to seeing who else is willing to join the team!

Many thanks, **Dan Hatch** ([rev.hatch@gmail.com](mailto:rev.hatch@gmail.com))

**CLUB CALENDAR**

Officer back aboard the Big E. Working on a carrier flight deck is often described as the most dangerous environment in aviation. He will share his exciting experiences of "shooting" the jets off the carrier deck and "trapping" them when they landed.

■ January 12: **Eli Adler's** presentation is entitled *Surviving Skokie*. This also the title of his intensely personal documentary film about a band of neo-Nazi thugs that threatened to march in the quiet village of Skokie, Illinois in 1977. At that time about 7,000-8,000 former Holocaust survivors lived in Skokie. They survived the

horrors of the Holocaust and came to America to put the past behind. For decades they kept their awful memories secret, even from their children. Eli will discuss these provocative events, their aftermath, his family's horrific experience of the Shoah, and a journey with his father to confront long-suppressed memories.

■ January 19: *Fletcher Christian, Captain Bligh & The HMS Bounty* will be the subject of **Tony**

**Probst's** talk. Tony is a world traveler and a big collector of historical artifacts. Back in 1789, British sailors in the Pacific mutinied on the HMS Bounty and settled on Tahiti and Pitcairn Island. While the mutineers on Tahiti were later arrested by the British, those on Pitcairn were able to start a community with Tahitian companions. In 1838, the Pitcairn Islands officially became a British territory.



► The box will be in the entry way again next week. Mill Valley fire fighters are collecting new unwrapped toys. Let's support their effort.

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

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$722.00**

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

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$5,415.00**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

**2015-16 GOAL:  
\$12,250**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$10,800.00**

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