



THE MILL WHEEL



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INSTALLATION HIJINX

■ Members and friends of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley gathered together at the Outdoor Art Club on June 15 to celebrate the year about to end and the new one that gets underway on July 1.

Kudos to current club president **J. R. Hastings** for presiding over an exciting, productive year, one

in which several members traveled to Peru to see firsthand the greenhouses we helped build high in the Andes. And “welcome aboard” to incoming president **Bob Roberts** who was one of the people instrumental in developing that very same program.

The evening’s festivities—organized by Past President **Elizabeth Suzuki** with assistance from **Barbara Hofling** and Past

President **Kim Jessup**—started with refreshments served in the Outdoor Art Club’s patio area.

Moving into the club for dinner, Rotarians introduced themselves and their “dates,” enjoyed a delicious meal and then sat back and got ready for the Installation Hijinx. Master of Ceremonies Past President **Dick Spotswood** very quickly lost control of things as

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IT’S DINNER TIME!

We’ll let the photos on this page and pages to follow—taken by Nancy McKlveen, Lee Kirkpatrick and Burnett Tregoning—tell the story of a wonderful evening of celebration. It was a great show and a fun event with gifts and accolades galore. The “debunking” skit (right) had Kent and Lee (Don’t call him Shirley!) flying J.R.’s airplane through all sorts of difficult “weather,” much to the delight of Mill Valley Rotarians.



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the kick-off skit “honoring” **President J. R.**—a “Flight of Fancy” created by Past President **Kent Campbell** and **Lee Kirkpatrick**, and performed by them and Kent’s son **Braedan**, soon had everybody in stitches.

J.R. thanked his board and committee heads for their work this year, and Bob introduced his 2018-2019 board by handing out *chullos*—woolen caps worn by the Incas in Peru—to each of his board members.

It’s been a great year and we’re looking forward to another one starting July 1st.

MEA CULPA

Editor’s Note: You’ll notice that there are no photos of members enjoying margaritas at *The Cantina Social* held June 19. Please blame that on the computer’s brand new OS, which has been a bigger challenge than expected. We’ll try to get the new system under control by next week, and if you were at *The Cantina*, your picture just may show up in *The Mill Wheel*.

NEXT WEEK

June 26 (12:15): New Members Program. Last regular meeting of the year.

CLUB CALENDAR

July 3 (12:15): July 3 (12:15): Mill Valley Rotarian **Bob Canepa**’s topic will be *North Korea: The Hermit Kingdom*. The focus of his talk is on the history, politics and everyday life in a totalitarian society and the Kim Family Dynasty (**Kim Il Sung**, **Kim Jong-Il**, and **Kim Jong-**

STILL MORE INSTALLATION DINNER PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



... AND MORE TO COME NEXT WEEK

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Un). Bob will discuss some of the disparities regarding life expectancy, infant mortality rates, GDP, exports, military size, military budgets between North and South Korea. His slides include the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea, the Joint Security Area, an

Invasion Tunnel, the USS Pueblo, Revolutionary billboards, the Bridge of No Return, the massive mausoleum of Kim Il Sung & Kim Jong-Il, the Arirang Mass Games, Pyongyang and most importantly the North Korean people. He will also share his harrowing experience of almost being arrested for "illegal interaction" (aka spying) in North Korea. He has been to 104

countries around the world, and this was far and away the most fascinating and bizarre of all his travel experiences. He visited the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia in 1968 when the Cold War was intense. He narrowly escaped from Czechoslovakia before the Soviet troops and tanks invaded that summer. He visited Vietnam in

MILL VALLEY INTERACT CLUBS GO TO FAMILY HOUSE



We made a difference
at Family House!

► Kudos to the Interact Clubs at Tam High and the Middle School for their recent support of Family House, the organization that provides temporary housing to families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at the University of California San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospital.

For their final community service event of the year, the Mill Valley Interactors decided to support Family House. They raised money via bake sales to buy the food, then helped cook it, and went to Family House in the City on June 7 to serve it and do crafts with the children.

The photo above is Family House's way of thanking the Mill Valley Interact Clubs for their service. Pictured are (from left) Eloise Weir, Sabina Safavi, Delilah Dehan, Jackie Hernandez, Sophia Harkins, James Meezan, Avery Emison, Isabella Uhlhorn-Thornton, Madeline Uhlhorn-Thornton and Sky Theodosopoulos.

"We hope this will be the beginning of an ongoing relationship with Family House," their Mill Valley Rotary Advisor Emily Uhlhorn said.

CLUB CALENDAR

2007, China in 2011 and all 15 of the former Soviet republics which are now independent countries. None of these countries can even remotely compare to the totalitarianism and mind control that exists in North Korea today.

July 10: TBA

July 17 (12:15): Our very own highly acclaimed Songstress **Donna D'Acuti** and Accordion Maestro **Lorenzo Luchessi** as our program on July 24th. They will be performing *An International Musical Medley—Around the World in 30 Minutes*

July 31 (12:15): Mill Valley Rotarian **Sue Royce** will present *Pioneers of Flight – The First Powder Puff Derby in 1929*. An

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

accomplished aviatrix herself, Sue will discuss the history of women in air racing. She will begin with the 20 women who defied convention by taking to the skies and racing across the country in 1929 for the 1st Women's National Air Derby, later tagged the Powder Puff Derby. With just a compass and road map to guide them, these brave pilots navigated

from Santa Monica to Cleveland, Ohio encountering rough weather, mechanical failures and rumors of sabotage. Fast forward to 1976, Sue will share her experience flying from Sacramento to Wilmington, DE with her mother, **Beth Fuhrman**, in the last Powder Puff Derby and also the Angel Derby in 1978 from Dallas to Freeport, Bahamas. She will finish up her presentation with the Air Race Classic (formerly the Powder Puff Derby) which she competed in last year, for fun, for the amazing experience once again and also in memory of her mother who passed away one month before the race. Sue flew her single engine Cherokee 180 from Novato, CA to Frederick, MD for the start of the race, which started in Frederick and ended in Santa Fe, NM.

2017-2018 POLIO PLUS

CLUB GOAL
\$2,500.00

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$2,528.33

2017-2018 SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

GOAL
\$10,000

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$7,111.20

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2017-2018 GOAL:
\$18,000.00

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$13,539.00

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