



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **J.R. Hastings** greeted Rotarians and guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance. His thought for the day was a quote from the fictional **Jack Reacher** who's motto for living was to *Plan for the best, prepare for the worst.*

Club members were also greeted by **PP Burnett Tregoning**, who has been filling in as Treasurer while **Stephanie Richardo** is traveling.

PRESIDER

■ **PP Sue Royce** filled in admirably for **President Ken Brooks** who would later participate in the candidate forum.

VISITORS

■ *Guests:* Our guests today included the Candidate's Forum sponsors and participants as well as a very large gathering of interested community members.

BIRTHDAYS

■ **PP Doug Scherf** will celebrate his upcoming birthday with a trip to Gettysburg and a tour of the battle led by a retired US Army General. Doug asked guest and City Council candidate **Sashi McEntee** to lead the club in singing the birthday song. **Sashi** did a wonderful job with that impromptu request, singing on key and with gusto. Rotarians take notice!



► City Council candidates—from left, Ken Brooks, Kirk Knauer, Sashi McEntee and incumbent Stephanie Moulton-Peters. The fifth candidate, Jim Wickham, was unable to attend the forum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Elizabeth Suzuki** lined up next week's program which will be **Sheila Coll**, Park Interpretive Specialist at Mount Tamalpais State Park. Sheila will tell us about the history of the park, specifically the railroad that went from Mill Valley to East Peak and Muir Woods from 1896 to 1930.

■ **PP Sue** reminded the club of our commitment to help with parking at the Fall Arts Festival this coming weekend and sent around a sign-up sheet. If you haven't signed up to help, please contact **President Ken** who is heading up the crew this year. **Sue** had some fun with National "Felt" Hat day and the chapeau worn by **VP Kent Campbell**.

GOOD TIMES

■ **PP Jane Hall** reported on the good time she and **Margareth Tanner** had last Saturday at the Terwilliger Marsh work day. Plenty of fennel to be had by all!

■ **Phil Richardson** celebrated his wedding anniversary with a wonderful dinner at Insalata's.



► **Mill Valley Rotarians** may be interested in a ceremony to be held on **September 21** near the box office at the **Marin Civic Center**. The ceremony, to be attended by several **Marin officials including Rotarians**, will dedicate a **Veterans and Rotary Peace Pole** in the new **Marin Peace Park**. It is scheduled for **11:11 a.m.**

■ **Don Herzog** also celebrated a wedding anniversary (#53!) this past week.

■ Finally, **Sue** called on **PP Kim Jessup**, who always has a Good Time. Sure enough, **Kim** made a financial contribution to recognize a "really good time" with **Elizabeth Suzuki** and **Barbara Hofling** on a trip to Mt. Shasta. **Kim** said it was definitely a Rotary Good Time with the three Rotarians. As a BIG bonus, they saw snow on Mt. Shasta.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ **Club**—Celebrating her 5th year as a member was **Roberta Keller**. Thanks, Roberta, for your many

contributions to Mill Valley Rotary.

NEW MEMBER

■ The club Board of Directors has approved the membership application of **Joanne M. Burns**, formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Kirkland, WA. Joanne is Senior Director for Business Development at Cmed Clinical Services, a company that partners with biopharma companies in support of their clinical research programs. Her classification will be Medical—Clinical Trial Services.

Joanne lives in Mill Valley and has expressed interest in becoming active in publicity, fundraising, community service, international and Service to Seniors projects. **Bill Lambrecht** is her sponsor. Members have seven days in which to comment if they desire to do so.

PROGRAM

■ **PP Bob Canepa** introduced and thanked the League of Women Voters of Marin County for organizing today's City Council Candidate's Forum.

Today's moderator was **Judy Binsacca** and the time keeper was **Anne Layzer**. Both are directors of the LWV and certainly knew how to run the Forum.

The program began with a two minute opening statement by each



CELEBRATING NATIONAL "FELT" HAT DAY

► Looks like it has been an interesting summer for **VP Kent Campbell**. We can't wait to hear some of the stories!

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

candidate: **Ken Brooks, Kirk Knaur, Sashi McEntee, and Stephanie Moulton-Peters.**

Moderator **Binsacca** read a statement from candidate **Jim Wickam** who could not attend due to prior commitments. Questions from the audience were then collected by **PP Bob**. Moderator **Binsacca** gave each candidate one minute to answer.

Questions included traffic, pension benefits, annexation of neighboring areas, partnership between the City and the Chamber of Commerce, and how to preserve the heritage and

ambiance of Mill Valley, among others.

Finally, each candidate made a two minute closing statement. This program was an extremely educational event in getting to know our City Council candidates. **PP Bob** again thanked the League for their sponsorship of the very informative event leading up to this fall's important City Council election.

NEXT WEEK

■ **Sheila Coll**, Park Interpretive Specialist at Mount Tamalpais State Park, will tell us about the history of the park, specifically

I can't wait until I'm old enough to pretend I can't hear.

the railroad that went from Mill Valley to East Peak and Muir Woods in between 1896 and 1930. The railroad is a major contributing factor in why the mountain was able to be preserved as a natural landscape.

ALLIANCE FOR SMILES COMPLETES 5000TH SURGERY

Suzhou City, China -- Congratulations are in order for Alliance for Smiles and its volunteer staff of talented medical personnel. On Sept 10, 2015, the organization completed its 5,000th surgery. The family, a four month old baby boy (Zha Yu Qi) and his parents, Zhao Baixue and Zhu Xing Jian, said they feel so very grateful, and happy.

Tears of joy flowed as **Mill Valley Rotarian Colin Wong** handed their baby back following the surgery.

Zha Yu Qi's story is a love story. It's a tale of a pair of teenagers who met, fell in love and married. They lost a set of twins when the babies died before they were born. And then came Zha Yu Qi. The parents were told before the baby was born that it would have a cleft lip, but that didn't matter. It was a boy, their son and they had hope. The day their son was born it was raining so he is named after the rain.

As a migrant construction worker, father Zhao Baixue is gone for months at a time, but says there is not as much

work during the season of the rain. Mother Zhu Xing Jian said she stays at home to give care to their child, and also to tend to her husband's 90 year old grandmother. They live in a house Zhao Baixue built by himself, using the skills he learned from his own father.

When the lady from the Family Planning Association arrived at their house to tell about the free surgeries, the young couple at first couldn't believe what they were hearing ... a special team of highly trained medical personnel were on their way.

Surgeon Ron Worland, anesthesiologist Iskra Ivanova and OR nurse Victoria Slama tended to the baby's care in the operating room. And for this, the baby and his family will be forever grateful.



Mill Valley Rotarian Colin Wong and Zha Yu Qi.

CLUB CALENDAR

September 29: Joan Murray of *Clean Mill Valley* will be our speaker. She will talk about the organization that is doing great work in town including having 120 merchants enrolled in a program to sweep in front of their businesses, educate their employees and recycle.

October 6: District Governor Leah Lambrecht will visit. Bring a guest and learn all about the exciting work of District 5150, Rotary International.

October 13: President Ken Brooks and President-Elect Kent Campbell will be holding a *Club Assembly*.

October 20: Mill Valley School Superintendent Paul Johnson

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will speak on *Moving Beyond the 21st Century in Education*. The Mill Valley School District will host the Mill Valley Rotary Club on the Middle School campus. This year, every 8th grade student

has a 1:1 iPad. Teachers will demonstrate how instructional technology innovation is helping them to more effectively teach and open up the world of learning even more to students.

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$415.00

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

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$1,050.00

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

2015-16 GOAL:
\$12,000

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$1,730.00

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