



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## PRESIDER

- President **Ken Brooks**.

## GREETER

- **Carl Lippenberger** offered a great suggestion to add to the four-way test: “true friend, when you make a fool of yourself, never thinks it’s permanent.”

## VISITORS

- *Guests of Rotarians* – Boy Scout of the Year **Eli Ferrell** and his mother **Devora Ferrell (Jim Simkalo)**; **Wesley Caddell (Cedar Rapids, Ohio)**; **Kirk Knauer (Doug Scherf)**, former Maine-ite **Richard Sandafer (Kent Campbell)**.

## BIRTHDAYS

- **Joanne Burns** celebrated with her 95-year old WW2 vet – her AUNT!

## ANNIVERSARIES

- *Club* – **Carl Lippenberger**, a Mountain Play fan, celebrated 15 years with the Club.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Susan Royce** invited us to attend the Chamber Mixer at the Clubhouse, Feb. 17 at 5:30. Please bring the appetizer of your choice and be sure to comb your

hair as **Richard Rider** will be taking a group photo.

- **Dan Hatch** thanked *Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (REST)* program volunteers who worked with the Community Congregational Church in Tiburon last Thursday to feed and house 20 homeless men. Team members included **Kim Jessup** and her family **Anne** and **Luke**, **Dennis Klein**, **Ken Brooks**, **Doug Scherf**, **Elizabeth Suzuki**, **Jane Hall**, **Keith Papulias** and **Burnett Tregoning**. Chef Papulias got a standing ovation from the guests for his tri-tip, as did Kim for her

salads, Jane for her cornbread and Elizabeth for her homemade cookies. (See pictures on page 2). The Club gave \$500 to the St. Vincent De Paul Society in San Rafael, which works with more than 40 local congregations to provide shelter for up to 20 women and 40 men on a nightly basis during the winter months. The Mill Valley REST team did such an outstanding job that **Dan** was inspired to donate 50 bucks to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund (**George Hoyle**).

- **Bob Roberts** reported that a student who participated in 10,000



► PP **Jim Simkalo** and **Einar Asbo** pose with Mill Valley Boy Scout **Eli Ferrell**, during today’s meeting. Eli, member of Troop One in Mill Valley, hopes to become a Rotary Exchange Student and has his sights set on Norway or Spain. (Photo by Suzanne Irwin-Wells)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Degrees was accepted to 12 universities and got a \$22,000 scholarship. 10KD is a recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Club.

■ **Cyndi Moore** invited us to participate in the dictionary project this Friday (i.e. today). Don't worry. There will be another opportunity to distribute them to the 5 lucky schools.

■ Kiddo Prez **Bill Lampl** passed around two hand-made thank you cards from the third-graders at Park and Old Mill.

■ PP **Bob Canepa** recently spoke about North Korea at Dominican University. This reporter anticipates audience members will run to their travel agents to book tours to the Asian holiday destination.

■ **Dennis Klein** invited us to attend the Mill Valley Affordable Housing committee meeting, January 27.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ PP **Greg Dyer**, sporting cardinal red, *might* have let slip that he is a Stanford alum and his alma mater won the Rose Bowl and is #3 in the rankings. He coughed up a twenty, which is 300% more than it was in days of yore.

■ **Don Bowden** mentioned he is an alum of Claremont Graduate School which is much less liberal in the awarding of school t-shirts which only go to the chess club.

■ PP **Susan Royce** took the T-Bird she bought from **Roberta Keller** to the t-bird doc for a little check-up. Ask her for details of the exam.

## PROGRAM

■ Documentarian **Blair Gershorn** subbing for his partner **Eli Adler**, who was originally scheduled to talk but could not make it, shared

## SERVING THE HOUSELESS AT CCC IN TIBURON



► **Top:** Luke, Jane, Anne and Doug help event super Sue Tracy inflate and place mattresses. **Above left:** Chef Keith lays some Pappy's seasoning on the tri-tips. **Above right:** Jane tries some sleight-of-hand to nab one of Elizabeth's homemade cookies before dinner. **Below left:** Kim adds a magic elixir to one of two yummy salads she produced. **Below right:** Keith does a fantastic job with the tri-tips despite the oversight of Dennis and Ken.





## PROGRAM (Cont'd)

photos and the stories from their award-winning film, “*Surviving Skokie*,” about neo-Nazis effort to march in the town which had many Holocaust survivors living there after the end of the war. **Eli**’s father, born in Poland, was 16 when the war ended and the only member of his family to survive. He explained to his son that Jews had to survive twice – first the camps and then when they arrived in Chicago. The neo-Nazis ended up marching in Chicago, not Skokie. **Eli**’s father, now 85, lives in Denver. **Eli** and **Blair** are taking their film to Paris and Berlin for showings.

## NEXT WEEK

■ **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. This should be a fascinating program.

## CLUB CALENDAR

■ **January 26: Michael Barrington**’s presentation has the intriguing title *The Bishop Wears No Drawers*. This is also the title of his book, which is about his own true harrowing survival tale, adventures and challenges as a Catholic missionary priest in war torn Nigeria for 10 years.

■ **February 2: Oak Dowling**’s presentation is entitled *Al Capone — One of the Most Notorious Gangsters in History*. Capone was an American gangster who attained fame during the Prohibition era as the co-founder and boss of the Chicago Outfit. His seven-year reign as crime boss ended when he was 33 years old. Capone is one of the most notorious American gangsters of the 20th century and has been the subject of numerous articles, books, and films. His personality and character have been used in fiction as a model for crime lords and criminal masterminds ever since his death. The stereotypical image of a mobster wearing a blue pinstriped suit and tilted fedora is based on photos of Capone.

■ **February 9: Robert Heller**’s presentation is entitled *The Unlikely Governor*. This is also the title of his book. In a true American odyssey, Belvedere resident Robert Heller chronicles his journey from the caves and cellars of war-ravaged Germany to the United States and his rise as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and President and CEO of VISA U.S.A. His humorous and candid memoir concludes with an insider’s observations of what transpires in America’s boardrooms.

■ **February 16:** Our very own **Bob Roberts** will present *Wish You Were Here*, which is also the title of his book. Bob will be

## MV PRES-ELECT STANDS OUT IN THE CROWD



► **Above:** Mill Valley Rotary President-Elect Kent Campbell practices crowd control at last weekend’s Pre-PETS training in San Francisco. Leading from the rear, Kent promises an interesting year for MV Rotarians in 2016-2017. At right, District Governor-Elect Jeri Fujimoto, Rotary Club of San Carlos, addresses the PE trainees. She is scheduled to visit our club next July. (Photos by Gene Duffy, past President of Marin Evening Rotary).



talking about the fascinating life and work of his father **Mike Roberts**, which spanned more than 50 years. A self-taught pioneer in the development of color photography and printing, Mike was known as America's Postcard King. His fascination with horseless carriages and carousels led to close personal friendships with **Bill Harrah** and **Walt Disney**.

■ **February 17:** We sponsor the Monthly Chamber Mixer at the Clubhouse. See PP **Susan Royce** for details.

► Last week PP Jane Hall was serving the homeless in Tiburon; this week she's building houses in Thailand. What a Rotarian!



► Past President Jane, 2nd from right in the front row, joins her house-building colleagues in Thailand.

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

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$823.00**

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

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$6,065.00**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

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

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$11,800.00**

# ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2015-2016



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