



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## GREETER

■ **PP Pieter Bogaards** greeted Rotarians and guests and led the Pledge of Allegiance. In light of the recent attacks in Paris, he looked at quotes relating to war. The one he felt most appropriate to the current situation was from Charles de Secondat (Montesquieu): *"Religious wars are not caused by the fact that there is more than one religion, but by the spirit of intolerance....the spread of which can only be regarded as the total eclipse of human reason."*

## PRESIDER

■ **President Ken Brooks** called the meeting to order and noted the good attendance today

## VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarians:* **Claudia Frost** of the Rotary Club of



► **Doug and his guest, former Mill Valley Rotarian Ron Davis.** (Photo by Ed Marshall)



► **The Food Bank Barrel is available at the clubhouse and awaiting your generous contribution. Bring a bagful next week! Many thanks!**

Brunswick, ME. Claudia is a past president of her club and currently serves as Assistant District Governor of RI District 7780, Maine and New Hampshire. **Scott Kotarba** of our neighboring Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere.

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **PP Doug Scherf** introduced **Ron Davis**. Ron is a former Mill Valley Rotarian and teacher and principal at a Mill Valley elementary. If Ron can adjust his schedule taking care of his grandchildren on Tuesdays, he would like to resume his membership here.

■ **Einar Asbo** introduced his wife **Liv**.

## BIRTHDAYS

■ **Suzanne Irwin-Wells** is celebrating her birthday somewhere other than at Rotary. **Don Bowden** is stretching his

birthday out by dining at 5 restaurants in 5 days. When **President Ken** mentioned singing the birthday song, our Rotarian guest, **Claudia**, jumped up, went to the piano, and played a rousing accompaniment to our singing. Wow, that piano really got the group on key and in unison. Thanks, Claudia, for making us sound so good!

## ANNIVERSARIES

■ Celebrating Rotary anniversaries this week are **PP Ed Marshall** (30 years!) and **President Ken** (4 years). Congratulations to both of these fine Rotarians, and thanks for everything you do for our club and Rotary.



► **PP Ed and President Ken celebrated Rotary anniversaries this week.** (Photo by Stephanie Ricardo)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **PP Doug Scherf** called our attention to brochures on the tables regarding Marin Villages. This non-profit enables our elderly neighbors to remain in their homes as long as possible by providing volunteer help with daily needs. Doug urged us to contact the organization to discuss very worthwhile volunteer opportunities. *(Editor's Note: Burnett and Marilyn Tregoning are members of Marin Villages and are active in their local village—Homestead Village. Either one of them will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the program).*

■ **President Ken** stood in for **Bill Lambrecht** in reporting on the Rotary Peace Concert held last Thursday. Our club had over 20 in attendance at the Herbst Theater, a beautiful concert space and site of the signing of the UN Charter. The event was an opportunity to introduce Rotary to the non-rotarians in attendance.

■ **Stephanie Ricardo** spoke on behalf of **Roberta Keller** to remind the club of the upcoming Holiday Lunch on Tuesday December 15 at Piazza D'Angelo. Cost is \$35.00. Please let Roberta know of your plans and number of guests.

■ **President Ken** spoke on behalf of **Burnett Tregoning** (he's working for Rotary even when he's not at the meeting!). The upcoming Blood Drive is Saturday at Walgreen's. Best time to arrive is around noon. Burnett also needs help at the Food Bank on Saturday from 10:00 to 3:00 to help unload vehicles participating in the upcoming Boy Scout Food Drive.

■ **Dan Hatch** is our club Peace Ambassador. Dan suggested that we reach out to our Muslim friends and acquaintances to let them know that we understand that it is the radical fringe that is

## Supporting the Community — MV Rotary Gives Local Scout an Assist with his Eagle Project

by **Ethan Frankel, Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America, Mill Valley**

For my Eagle Scout Project, we built a chicken run in Marin City to benefit the MLK Jr. Academy (a K-8 school). In addition to benefitting the school, it also benefits a non-profit program run by the gardener/teacher at the school (Catherine Wolfers), called the Conscious Kitchen, that provides needy children with free health food options for lunch and breakfast.

By building a chicken run, we built a home for the three chickens that they will bring in to teach the kids about how to maintain and care for animals as well as provide the garden with eggs.

We also improved the garden by weeding (removing blackberry brambles, thistle, and dandelions), reorganizing the shed and areas surrounding the shed, and relocating a persimmon tree.

I had over 40 volunteers from my troop, Troop 1 (Mill Valley), and over 220 man hours involved. Personally, it took lots of time and planning and preparation, but I was happy and proud to have finished the project. The chicken run was beautiful, the garden looks amazing, and all of that hard work certainly paid off.

Thank you, Mill Valley Rotary, for your financial support of this project.



► Left: Troop 1 crew busy at work on Ethan's Eagle Scout project. Below: a proud Ethan Frankel poses in front of the completed chicken run with his mother, Lily, his younger brother, Elliott and his father, Alan.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

responsible for the terrorist events and reminded us that Peace is our District Governor's theme for the year. Dan also noted that December 6, midway through the Global Environmental Conference in Paris, has been designated as a day of Environmental Reflection. That day would be an appropriate time to think about our environment and our impact upon it.

■ **PP Bob Canepa** announced that next week would be a members day, with **Dan Hatch** and **J.R. Hastings** presenting some

little known facts about themselves. Don't miss a program that is always enlightening.

■ **President Ken** reminded the Club of the Food Barrel which will be at our meetings the next couple of week's to receive our donations of canned and boxed

**WANT TO HELP AT THE FOOD BANK?** The Boy Scouts will be collecting food Saturday, Nov. 21, and the Marin Food Bank in Ignacio has asked us to help unload it when it is delivered. We'll be working from 10 AM to 3 PM and will get a BBQ lunch and plenty of good vibes for our effort. Call or email Burnett to volunteer: 415-388-2113; [casparkid@aol.com](mailto:casparkid@aol.com)

food items. Also, the Rotary Club of Mission San Rafael is selling poinsettias until November 24th. This is their big fund raiser, and Ken has the ordering details.

## RAFFLE

■ The raffle has been resurrected and **Heidi Duckor** was back on duty selling the lucky raffle tickets. The new rules: the winner receives 50% of the daily sales and the Club receives 50%. Today's winner was our Rotary guest and pianist, **Claudia**. She promptly put her winnings (\$17.00) in the Polio Plus jar. Thank you, Claudia!

## GOOD TIMES

■ **Donna D'Acuti** was still flying high after her gig a week ago at *The Sweetwater*. It was a dream of a lifetime for Donna, and a lot of fun besides. Several Rotarians were in attendance (**Ken, Jean, Don, Barbara** and **Burnett** and **Marilyn**, to name a few), which



► **Greeter PP Pieter** with **Stephanie** and **PP Bob**. (Photo by Ed Marshall)



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# Mill Valley Rotary

# BLOOD DRIVE

## Saturday, November 21, 2015

## 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Bloodmobile at Walgreen's  
227 Shoreline Highway, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Visit [www.bloodheroes.com](http://www.bloodheroes.com)

Click "locate blood drive" and enter sponsor code:  
**Rotaries**, or call  
**Richard Simon** at **415-295-9600**  
to schedule your life-saving appointment.

All donors will be entered in a raffle to win  
a \$25 Walgreen's Gift Card!



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[www.bloodcenters.org](http://www.bloodcenters.org)  
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## MORE GOOD TIMES

made the evening even more special.

■ **PP Jim Simkalo** spent four days in 10 degree cold and 18" deep snow looking for an elk to bag. Jim and his friends came away empty handed, which was a disappointment to him but possibly not to animal rights activists. Jim's good news was that while he was gone he closed escrow on a new home in Sausalito. That was a Bell Ringer for the Service Fund from Jim.

■ **PP Bob Canepa** had four good times for the Service Fund to announce. **Jean Batman** contributed \$250.00, **Steve Miller** added \$200 to his contributions which earned him a George Hoyle Fellowship, **Peter Straube** added \$125.00 to his account and also became a George Hoyle Fellow, and **Phil Richardson** contributed \$250.00. All of these contributions were matched by the Service Fund. PP Ken gave the bell a workout with four



► Visiting Rotarian Claudia Frost sits at the head table with President Ken and Jean Batman. (Photo by Ed Marshall)

hearty rings. With a little time left, Pieter, Dan, and Donna shared some good (and some bad) jokes with the club.

## PROGRAM

■ **PP Bob Canepa** introduced **Greg Slick**, a fine art and commercial photographer from

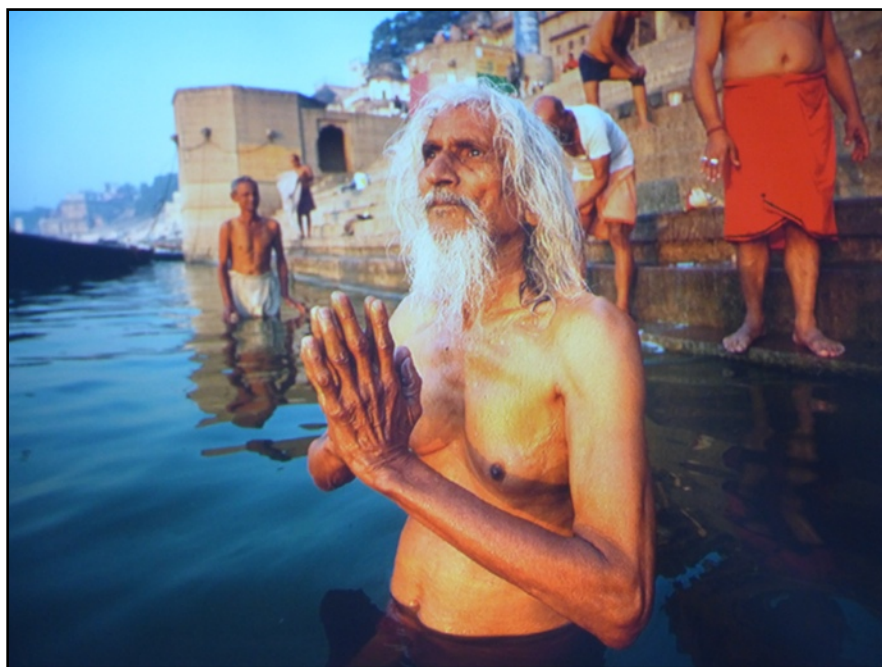
Sausalito. Greg has been photographing since age 10. He has worked in movies and documentaries for commercial and fashion industries but his photographic portraits from around the world are what he is drawn to. He attempts to take in the humanity his subjects show in challenging circumstances and their happiness in very difficult situations. He feels that photo journalism is a very powerful medium that he can use to benefit help others. In particular, he is involved in helping to improve the Turmi medical clinic located in the Omo Valley in Ethiopia. His photos were both beautiful and moving, and beyond description. Go to [www.gregslick.com](http://www.gregslick.com) for a small sample of his work.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**November 21: Blood Drive.**

**November 21: Work at the Food Bank, 10 AM to 3 PM, lunch included**

**November 24: Member's Program.** (*Hastings vs. Hatch—don't miss this!*)



► A sample of Greg Slick's exotic photography seen today by Mill Valley Rotarians and their guests.



## CLUB CALENDAR

**December 1:** Andrea Johnson, Robert Holmes and Skip Sandberg will present *Three Views of Bhutan*. They are renowned photographers, and they will be traveling to Bhutan to do a collaborative photographic portfolio of this beautiful country.

**December 8:** 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.

**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



► Donna Just keeps on belting 'em out—one Good Time after another!

is only \$35 per person, and you'll want to bring a special guest. Call **Roberta Keller** for information and to reserve a spot for you and your guest. Deadline for reservations: December 1st. Get yours in ASAP. Remember,

donations to the Food Bank and Toys for Tots will be accepted at this event.

**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 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.

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

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$666.00**

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

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$3,675.00**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING**

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

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

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