



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Bill Lampl** was the glad-hander today. His Thought for the Day: *Here's hoping that the happiest days of your past are the saddest of your future.*

PRESIDER

■ **President J. R.** at the helm, starting the day off with his usual Kent's Korner story:

When Mozart passed away, he was buried in a churchyard. A few days later, the town drunk was walking through the cemetery and heard a strange noise coming from the area where Mozart was buried. Terrified, he ran and got the priest to come and listen to it.

The priest bent close to the grave and heard some faint, unrecognizable music coming from the grave. Frightened, he ran and got the town magistrate.

When the magistrate arrived, he bent his ear to the grave, listened for a moment, and said, “Ah, yes, that's Mozart's Ninth Symphony, and it's being played backwards.” He listened a while longer and said, “There's the Eighth Symphony, and it's backwards, too. Most puzzling.”

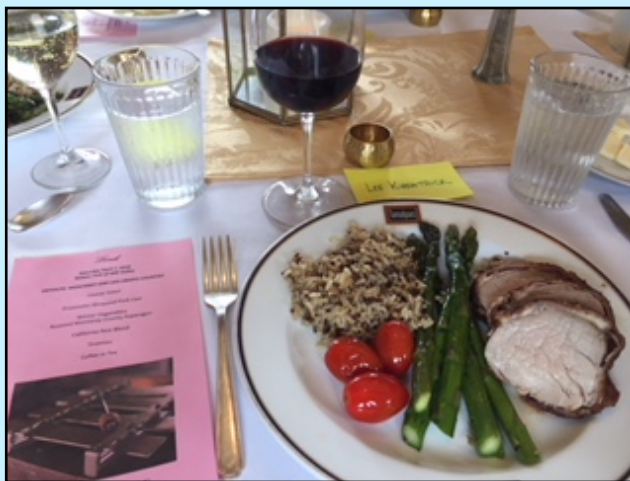
So the magistrate kept listening.

“There's the Seventh...the Sixth...the Fifth!”

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► There seemed to be an inordinate amount of smooching and hugging going on during the trip, especially between the club's higher ups! Something in the air? Maybe the food, which was superb!



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PRESIDER (Cont'd)

Suddenly the realization of what was happening dawned on the magistrate; he stood up and announced to the crowd that had gathered in the cemetery:

"My fellow citizens, there's nothing to worry about. It's just Mozart decomposing."

VISITORS

■ **Don Bowden** brought his fellow Redwoods resident **John Liebman** to today's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our website is getting some new wrinkles, reported **Kent Campbell**. Check it out. Also, Kent will be cluing us all in to the ins and outs of social media at next month's evening meeting, May 10.
- Among several other scheduled events, **President J. R.** reminded members that a work party is scheduled this coming Saturday morning at Terwilliger Marsh.
- **Burnett** reported that the Career Day the club is sponsoring at San

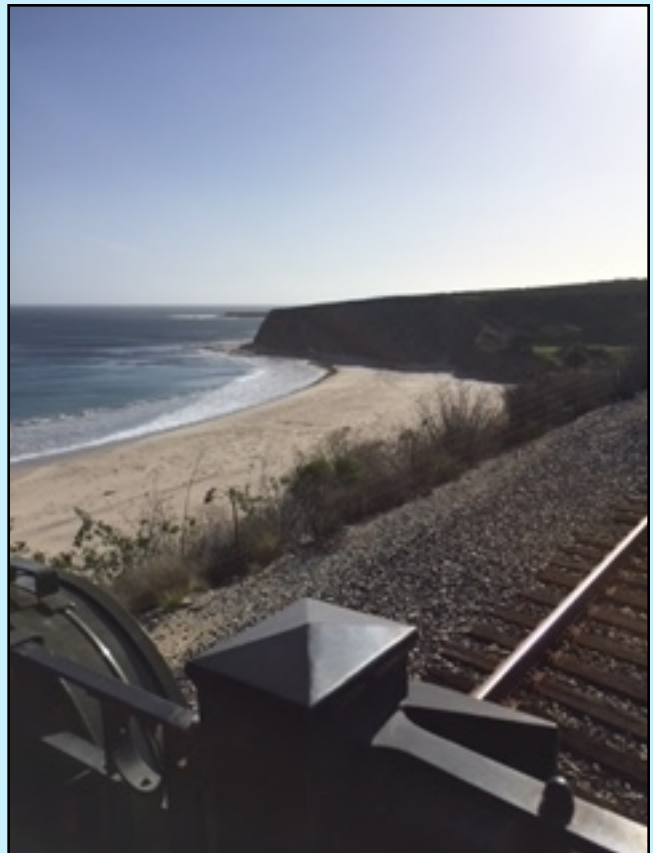
Andreas High School in Larkspur on May 10 is shaping up to be a special event. Several club members will be participating.

■ Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen** reminded members that there is still time to get your 2017-2018 donation to him. He's not only hoping to make this year's goal, but to also achieve 100 percent participation by club members. Any check in any amount will be greatly appreciated. You can give it Tom or to Morgan. Just make it payable to The Rotary Foundation.

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► Bucolic vistas were the norm during the ride to and back from Santa Barbara. The scene at Jack London Square in Oakland? That was another matter with Doug, Peter and Lee looking a little anxious as they wait for the Mill Valley Rotary railcar to be coupled to the Coast Daylight.



Photos by Bob Roberts, Lee Kirkpatrick, Kent Campbell and Ed Marshall

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- New member **Pete O'Keefe** wanted everyone to know about the Lifestyle Options in Later Retirement seminar scheduled for Thursday, April 26 at the Corte Madera Town Center. Get details at 414-987-8636.
- **Bill Lampl** reminded club members that next Monday's performance by the Mill Valley Middle School Bluegrass Club at

Sweetwater Music Hall in Mill Valley will benefit KIDDO. The show starts at 6:30. Go to sweetwatermusichall for more details.

- **Donna D** is performing at The Panama Hotel on May 24, planning to feature a "Stormy Night." She also will be hosting visitors at her home during Marin Open Studios May 5 and 6 and May 12 and 13. She will be showing her art from 10 to 6.

CELEBRATIONS

- *Club Anniversary:* **Peter Straube** (4/17/07). His favorite MV Rotary moment: working at the Mt. Play booth.
- *Wedding Anniversary:* **Carl and Ginger Lippenberger** are celebrating 37 years.
- *Birthdays:* **Lee Kirkpatrick** (4/9); **Don Herzog** (4/14); **Burnett Tregoning** (4/20).

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► Dick outlines the rules to the travelers who are about to break every one of them. At least Linda Scherf got a snapshot of the trip's host.



► Who's picking up the tab? Uncle Dick or Uncle Peter? Either way, all passengers report that all of the food served was excellent.



► Steve Miller flashes an "A-OK" sign after being rescued from the main Amtrak train and joining his Rotary buddies in the vintage car.



► Doug Scherf getting some fresh air on the rear platform. Or, was he banished to this spot for some reason? Guess we'll never know.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Steve Miller** had such a good time traveling to Santa Barbara popped for a bell-ringer for the Service Fund. He was especially pleased to be “rescued” from the Coast Daylight by his buddies riding in the Spotswood Special.

■ **Vince Howes** tossed in a 1/4 bell-ringer since it rained every day he and Ulla spent recently in Hawaii. Don’t tell the local tourist bureau!

■ **Kent Campbell** is really proud of son **Liam** even though Liam had to purchase a dress to attend Spring Break festivities in Florida. When the young man returned home (exhausted, we presume!) he learned that he had just been elected president of the Associated Students of College of Marin.

RAFFLE

■ **Bob Canepa**—4-Way Test coin.

PROGRAM

■ **Roberto Calandro**, a postdoctoral scholar in the Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research Laboratory at UC Berkeley, said he would not get into a self-driving car for another five years. Sounds like excellent advice to this editor!

The field of robotics is exciting with many fascinating advances and Roberto did an excellent job filling us in on the state of the art as it now exists.

NEW MEMBER

■ The board of directors has approved the membership application of **Anthony Trias**. Anthony is a financial planner at Stonebridge Financial, San Rafael. He lives in Mill Valley with his wife **Lorabel** and their



► **Greeter Bill Lampl of KIDDO welcomes new member John Christman to today's meeting.**

two young children—**Aiden** (6) and **Avery** (4). His sponsor is **Bill Lambrecht**, and his Rotary Classification will be *Financial-Financial Planner*. Members have seven days in which to comment to the club secretary in writing.

NEXT WEEK

April 24 (12:15): Club “Vision” Assembly. Want to have a say



► **Today's speaker, Roberto Calandro, poses between two robots disguised as Program Chair Bob Canepa and PP Greg Dyer.**

about the future of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley? Be sure to attend this important session.

CLUB CALENDAR

April 21: Spring spruce up at *Rotary Corner* down at Terwilliger Marsh in front of the Mill Valley Community Center. Work starts at 9:30 and ends at noon. Wear your gloves and bring your clippers. Coffee and assorted “goodies” at break time!

May 1 (12:15): Beatles expert Tony Broadbent will be our speaker. His presentation is titled *The Beatles. Here, There, and Everywhere. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*. Tony will talk about the early days of The Beatles: From *Be-Bop-A-Lula* to *Beatlemania*, with reference to the two books he’s written about the times. The novel: *The One After 9:09 - A Mystery With A Backbeat*. And the non-fiction book: *The Beatles in Liverpool, Hamburg, London - People,*

CLUB CALENDAR

Venues, Events That Shaped Their Music.

May 3: Foundation Dinner. See District website for details.

May 4-6: District Conference. See District website for details.

May 8 (6:15): Social Media Workshop led by Past President **Kent Campbell.**

May 10: Career Day at San Andreas High School in Larkspur.

May 12: Letter Carriers Food Drive.

May 15: Anna Lecat will discuss *Surviving and Thriving from Ukraine through China to Mill Valley.* Anna will share her inspiring story of growing up in a

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

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?

Jewish family in Ukraine at the end of the Cold War and through the decline and fall of the Soviet Union, moving to China, and learning how to do business in China, and finally moving to the United States, establishing two successful businesses here and living with family in Mill Valley. Anna is a repeat entrepreneur, CEO and Founder of Les Lunes, a

men and women's fashion label based in San Francisco, Paris, and Shanghai. Lecat

specializes in retail and sustainable manufacturing having previously lived and worked in China for 18 years. She speaks fluent Mandarin and feels at home on the streets of Shanghai, in the mountains of Northern California and exploring the Paris theater district.



HOSPITAL BLOOPERS

The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.

2017-2018 POLIO PLUS

CLUB GOAL
\$2,500.00

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$1,850.97

2017-2018 SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

GOAL
\$10,000

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$7,011.20

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2017-2018 GOAL:
\$18,000.00

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$11,920.00

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