



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## HOLIDAY HUGS

- Everybody on their own as hugs and handshakes helped create a Holiday Spirit. In keeping with tradition, **President Ken** led the pledge to the flag.
- Introducing visitors took some time due the capacity crowd, but spouses, significant others and

friends of Rotarians all got their time in the spotlight. We had two special visitors—**Ludovica Braja**, our Rotary Exchange student from Italy, and visiting Rotarian **John Bottari** from the Rotary Club of San Rafael Harbor.

- Past District Governor and current District 5150 Foundation Chair, **John** came to the party to

recognize **Bill Lambrecht**, Mill Valley Rotary’s World Community Service director, and his wife **Leah**, our current District Governor (who was unable to attend because of a pesky flu bug), for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Bill and Leah have contributed over \$25,000 to the foundation, making them Major Donors – Level 2.

## THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



► Top, from left to right: M-A Cardenas and PP Jim Simkalo with big smiles for the camera; Liv and Einar Asbo also looking pretty happy; Keith Papulius and Joanne Burns bumping heads. Bottom, left to right: PP Sue with Robin Keller; PP Ed Marshall and Major Donor Bill Lambrecht sport flashy ties; PDG John Bottari and President Ken congratulate Honorary member Russ Burbank (see page 3).



During his presentation, John reminded the Mill Valley revelers that Bill and Leah, as Major Donors, “are among a dedicated group of humanitarians who have committed themselves to helping others less fortunate.”

Congratulations and many thanks, Bill and Leah!

■ Since there will be no meetings during the holidays (next regular meeting at the golf clubhouse will be on Tuesday, January 5, **President Ken** thought it appropriate to acknowledge birthdays through the end of December. There were quite a few —**Donna D** (12/19), **Carl**

**Lippenberger** (12/20), **Karen Buckter** (12/20), **Roberta Keller** (12/27), and **Einar Asbo** (12/29). Add **President Ken** (12/5 and **Tracy Cook** (12/9), whose birthdays had been celebrated at previous regular meetings, and you get big batch of December celebrants. It was such an

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► Top, from left to right: Bob's back was a big hit; the three “kings” (Pres. Elect Kent Campbell, Pres. Elect J.R. Hastings and President Ken; Burnett and Marilyn. Below: A jolly moment.





impressive group that **Donna D** felt obliged to salute them all with her famous rendition of the Birthday Song.

■ Another special presentation, this time by Service Fund President **Bob Canepa**, involved Honorary Member **Russ Burbank**, who accepted his

daughter **Katy's** George Hoyle Certificate in her absence. Russ also brought a smile to District Foundation Chair Bottari's face when he presented him a check for \$500 from his firm, Burr Pilger Mayer in San Francisco.

■ Prior to the closing bell, PP **Kim Jessup** donated a bell-ringer

to the Club Service Fund in memory of her father, the late **Dick Jessup** who served Mill Valley Rotary as club president in 2003-2004.

■ An especially huge holiday hug to **Roberta Keller** for organizing such a wonderful party. Thanks, Roberta! And, thanks also to the

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► Clockwise from upper left: J. R. accepts challenge; Margareth brings something special for Tots; Jean, Lisan and Kent; PDG Bottari is introduced; Bill gets his Major Donor pin; PP Kim sets the holiday tone; President Ken guards the bell.



staff of *Piazza D'Angelo* for being such wonderful hosts!

### LOOKING AHEAD:

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

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► Clockwise from top left: Italian Rotary exchange student Ludovica Braja with PP Jane and PDG John; (top) Ulla gets a holiday hug; (bottom) Steve and Judith; Service Fund President Bob Canepa presents a George Hoyle certificate; big smile from Major Donor Bill and our Treasurer Stephanie; "Happy Birthday to Ya!!" — Donna D with luncheon organizer Roberta Keller; enjoying the Piazza D'Angelo repast and each others' company. Thanks, Roberta for a wonderful party!





exciting experiences of "shooting" the jets off the carrier deck and "trapping" them when they landed.

■ **January 12:** Eli Adler's presentation is entitled *Surviving Skokie*. This also the title of his intensely personal documentary film about a band of neo-Nazi thugs that threatened to march in the quiet village of Skokie, Illinois in 1977. At that time about 7,000-8,000 former Holocaust survivors lived in Skokie. They survived the horrors of the Holocaust and came to America to put the past behind.

For decades they kept their awful memories secret, even from their children. Eli will discuss these provocative events, their aftermath, his family's horrific experience of the Shoah,

and a journey with his father to confront long-suppressed memories.

■ **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. ■



❖ **Good job, Mill Valley Rotarians: One overflowing box of toys and almost two barrels of food contributed this year. Needy kids and hungry families thank you!**

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

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$748.00**

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

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$6,015.00**

**ROTARY  
FOUNDATION  
GIVING  
2015-16 GOAL:  
\$12,250**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:  
\$11,300.00**

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