



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## GREETER

■ **Greeter: Denise Foster's** favorite quote: "Don't believe everything you think."

## BIRTHDAYS

■ Tracy Cook on December 9th.

## ANNIVERSARIES

■ Nik & Nikki Singh (December 11).

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

■ Visiting today were the better halves of three MV Rotary couples—**Margot Harker, Karyne Dyer and Lisan Campbell.** (Ed. Note: *I inserted this important news—don't blame Kent for any inaccuracies!*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Jim Simkalo** delivered six pizzas to the Interact club for **Stephanie**, feeding hungry local kids.

■ **Greg Dyer** regaled us with a heroic colon story filled with twists and turns that kept nearly everyone riveted firmly to their seats.

■ **Doug Scherf** reminded us of the types of projects the Rotary Foundation supports, such as mammary exam clinics in Ghana. If you were thinking of heading to Ghana for a low-cost mammary examination, think again. There



☛ Red Badger Denise Foster impressed Ken Brooks and Bob Canepa with her pleasant greeting style.

are only five clinics in the entire country. That project will need \$75,000 to complete and they are \$40,000 towards that goal.



**BRING A TOY  
TO LUNCH  
NEXT TUESDAY!**

■ **Roberta Keller** reminds us that the Holiday Luncheon will be at Pizza D'Angelo. Mandatory tickets are \$35 per person. If you haven't yet paid, please bring your check or cash to Roberta next week at the luncheon.

■ Good news! We can no longer see the bottom of the **Toys for Tots** donation box! Go Team! Next week will be the last week you can bring an unwrapped new toy. Note: If you don't bring a toy we're going to give a kid a lump of coal with your name and address on it.

■ **Reminder:** After next week, our next meeting will be 7 January 2014.

**GEORGE HOYLE AWARDS**

■ Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund president **Bob Canepa** presented George Hoyle certificates to a whole slew of recipients, including **Jane Hall, Margot Harker,** and **Karyne Dyer.**

**PROGRAM**

■ Club Historian and Rotary raconteur **Dick Spotswood** spoke about **George Hoyle**, after whom the Service Fund awards were named.

For forty years one Rotarian frugally guided the Club's financial affairs: club treasurer George Hoyle. A prominent town druggist and owner of the old Rutherford's Pharmacy on Lytton Square, Hoyle served from 1960 until his death in 2004. His last will and testament provided for an extraordinarily generous bequest to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund, the club's affiliated nonprofit charity founded in 1993.

In his honor, donors to the Service Fund now become *George Hoyle Fellows*. Due to a major club donation, the senior lounge at the new Mill Valley Community Center was named in honor of Hoyle, one of the club's most respected members for half a century.

George was known by many Rotarians as a 'lovable curmudgeon', with a lovely smile and kind countenance.

He was born in Santa Rosa and was sent to work at a farm away from his family as a young child. He became an apprentice to a San Francisco pharmacist. He attended UC Berkeley and came to Mill Valley in 1937 to open Rutherford's Pharmacy. He always wrapped things in butcher paper tied with twine.

George came to Rotary in 1958. He was a frugal Treasurer,



☛ Service Fund prexy Bob Canepa presents George Hoyle Fellow certificates to (from left) Karyne Dyer, Jane Hall and Margot Harker.

noncommittal about budgets, but it was found later that when the club was short he would balance the books out of his own pocket. George was a quiet, generous and all around good guy.

He was 94 when he died in 2004. George left over half of his estate to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley, the second half to his family, and the third half to Rotary Presidents everywhere.

**RAFFLE**



☛ When Elizabeth S. finally opened her eyes, guess what: no red marble—free lunch!

**NEXT WEEK**

■ **December 17: Holiday Party at Piazza d'Angelo**—a festive event that you and your date will not want to miss!

**CLUB CALENDAR**

■ **December 24: No Meeting – Merry Christmas!**

■ **December 31: No Meeting – Happy New Year!**

■ **January 7: Dr. Randy Overbeck**, author of *Leave No Child Behind*, will talk about *Teachers: The Real American Heroes*. Dr. Overbeck is a veteran educator who has devoted four decades to the service of children as a teacher, college professor and school leader. He has worked with thousands of teachers, custodians, secretaries and administrators in schools, large and small, rural and suburban. He knows schools and his writing has vividly captured the drama of the world of education. For his educational leadership and advocacy for children, Dr. Overbeck has won recognition from state and

**MORE CLUB CALENDAR**

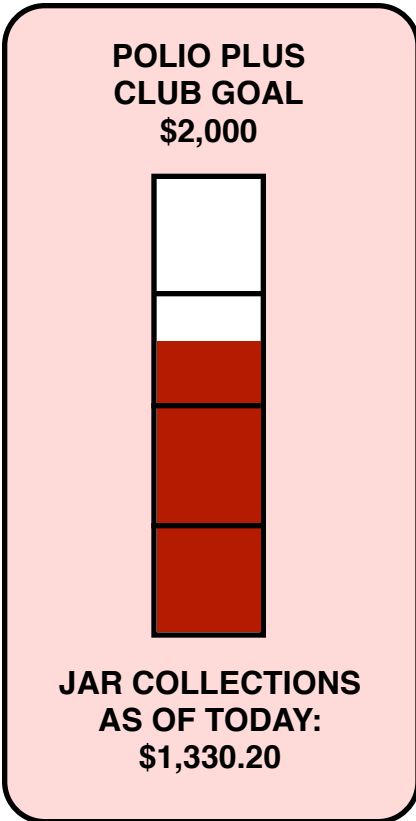
national organizations including the National Teacher Leader Award.

■ **January 14:** Former Navy Seal **Jordan Stevenson**, who was shot in the head at close range by an Afghan soldier while working on an IED (Improvised Explosives Device) mission, will be our speaker. He is one of the recipients of aid from the *Semper Fi Fund*,

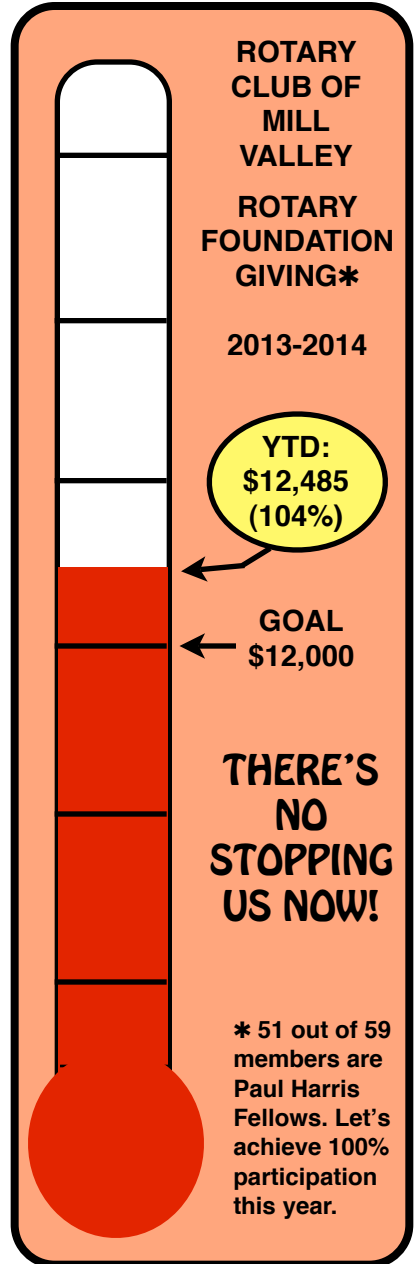
which our club has supported for the last few years.

■ **January 21:** **Toula Siakotos** will talk about her book *New White Sandals: A Greek Memoir*. She will be sharing her experiences as a child during the Nazi occupation of Greece in WWII and the bloody civil war that followed.

■ **January 28:** **Leonard and Aouie Rubio** will discuss *Restorative Justice*. At the age of 18, Leonard committed a heinous crime and was convicted of second degree murder of his girl friend. He spent the next 23 years of his life in prison. Since his release, he has married, earned a BA in Business from USF, was awarded the USF Archbishop Oscar Romero Leadership Award, and continues to promote restorative justice through public speaking.



**THE MAIN REASON THAT SANTA IS SO JOLLY IS BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHERE ALL THE BAD GIRLS LIVE.**



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