

THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER & PRESIDER

■ **Bob Roberts** greeted Rotarians, led The Pledge of Allegiance and shared what he considered to be a most appropriate thought for the day. "Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you get older, temptation will avoid you" Winston Churchill. Is Bob trying to tell us something?

PRESIDER

■ **President Ken Brooks** welcomed club members to his penultimate meeting as our president. Was there any significance to the fact that **Ken** was 15 minutes late ringing the bell?

VISITORS

■ None today.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ *Wedding:* June is a big month for wedding anniversaries, and this week did not disappoint. **Tom McKlveen** celebrated his 41st on the 14th (lunch in the city). **PP Richard Rider**, who was not at the meeting, celebrated his 26th this month. **Bill Lambrecht** is celebrating 2 years today. **PP Bob Canepa** will celebrate his 43rd on June 23rd. **PP Burnett Tregoning** will celebrate 62 years on the 27th. Since he and **Marilyn** are trying to lose weight, they will split a meal

out, but she has to pay! Everyone contributed to the fine box in recognition of his special day.

■ *Club:* **Bill Lambrecht** got a twofer today. This week is his 8 year club anniversary.

MT. PLAY BOOTH

■ *The Mountain Play.* Saturday the 18th was a make-up day for the Red Flag cancellation from the previous week. As they say at Lake Woebagon, it was a quiet day. With very low attendance, **PE**

Kent Campbell reported sales of \$1,300 and a very enjoyable, stress free day on Mt. Tam. Sunday, Fathers Day, was a different story. **PP Ed Marshall** commanded a "dream team" which included former club members **Richard Simon** and **Stephanie Powell**, not yet club member **Beverlee Sandy**, **Jean Batman** and her own crew of husband **Alex** and children/friends **Will**, **Lauren**, **Emily**, and **James**, scouts from Troop One and Rotarians **Ken Brooks**, **Ray**



► Greeter Bob Roberts promises Robin Keller a "fantastic" experience at today's meeting.

MT. PLAY BOOTH

Palmarini, Larry Davis, and Keith Papulias. Last and certainly not least, Ed and the rest of the club recognized **Lisan Campbell**, who was on duty again exemplifying “service beyond self”. In addition to having a lot of fun, the dream team sold \$5086.25 on the final day of the Mountain Play. **PP Kim Jessup** rose to recognize and thank the Mill Valley Market for their immense help with the purchasing and storing of the products, Equator Coffee for their in-kind donation of coffee, and **Lisan, Elizabeth Suzuki**, and herself for baking innumerable cookies. (**Editor’s Note:** The cookies were a big hit on the mountain!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ You never know where **PP Bob Canepa** finds his excellent programs. He connected with next week’s program while traveling in Lithuania. **David O’Rourke** will speak on “Red Terror on the Amber Coast”. He tells the story of Soviet



► Our own Colin Wong shown during a challenging but very successful Mission with Alliance for Smiles to TaiJiang, China where they changed the lives of 72 cleft children.



► New member M.A. Cardenas “tells all” during today’s program while old-timer Carl Lippenberger awaits his turn.

What was M.A.’s most cherished moment?

What historical person would Carl like to have dinner with, and why?

Find out below in Tom McKlveen’s Program report.

occupation of Lithuania from 1941 to 1991.

■ **Roberta Keller** reminded (shamed?) those who had not paid for the installation dinner to please remit to her as soon as possible.

CLUB BUSINESS

■ As noted in his recent letter to the membership, **President Ken** reported that the Board of Directors had voted unanimously to increase all dues levels by \$100.00 for the coming fiscal year.

Setting the dues requires a 2/3 majority vote of members present at a meeting. Ken reported that the increase is needed to keep the club from operating at a deficit. Over \$100.00 annually for each member goes to our District and to Rotary International. The Club has seen increased costs in our hall rental and catering costs, and the board determined that this is a fiscally sound and necessary action.

Following comments from the audience, and based on the low attendance at this meeting and lack of time for more discussion, the vote was tabled until next week. *Be sure to attend.*

PROGRAM

■ **Members Program:** **PP Bob Canepa** first introduced **Mary Alice Cardenas** by asking her to describe her most cherished moment. M.A. told about the birth of her son two years ago with her four sisters by her side.

M.A. is the 9th of 9 children in her family, most of whom were raised in Spain. She spoke of the deep pride in her family and what they have brought to her life as she embarks on raising her son.

She is a former Ironman triathlete who provides individual training to clients on a part time basis. Her full time job is a broker for reverse mortgages, which can help elderly citizens stay in their homes.

She is a graduate of UCLA and has a master’s degree in public health.

M.A. is grateful to live in Mill Valley and be a part of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley.

Next was **Carl Lippenberger** whose question was: What historical person would you like to have dinner with, and why? Carl mentioned **Abraham Lincoln**, a

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

man of strength and character. Carl is a longtime member of the club and thought he had lucked out on the member's program, but **Bob** keeps better records than that!

Carl reminisced about his childhood in rural Ohio, his move to Davenport, IA, and college at Iowa State (go Cyclones!). His engineering degree got him an interview with Chevron, and one trip to northern California made up his mind that this was where he was going to live. After five years with Chevron he changed course

and earned his law degree at Hastings School of Law.

He has worked in large firms, founded his own smaller firm, and now is going solo. His practice revolves around business and real estate law, contracts, estate planning, and serving as outside general counsel.

Carl has actively supported community organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Rotary, as well as professional societies.

We should all thank Chevron for bringing Carl to Marin and Mill Valley.

NEXT WEEK

■ **June 28: Father David O'Rourke** will be our speaker. His presentation is entitled *Red Terror On the Amber Coast*. This is also the title of David's documentary film. He will show us a short trailer about the film and will discuss the Soviet occupation of Lithuania—a free and democratic republic—and the resistance movements that sprang up in opposition to the brutal tactics used by the communists from 1941 up to 1991. His talk will include

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2016 MOUNTAIN PLAY BOOTH WRAP UP



► The curtain has dropped on this year's Mt. Play Booth. Treasurer Stephanie Ricardo reports that gross proceeds this year came to \$19,548.39 after deducting the "seed" money and \$280 collected in the Polio Plus jar. There still are more expenses to calculate, but overall it looks like a pretty successful fund-raiser, thanks to club members, the Scouts from Troop One, and that lady in the center of the picture at bottom right, Lisan Campbell, who served as our "director" this year.



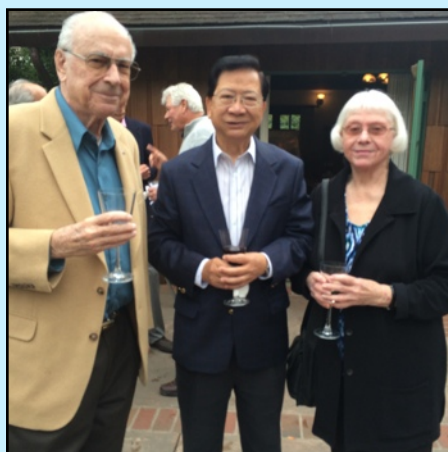
ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER



► The Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club was the scene Friday, June 17, of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley's Annual Installation Dinner.

With this page we begin a special photo report of the goings on, which included a visit by District Governor Leah Lambrecht who presented the club a 2015-2016 Presidential Citation Bronze Award, signed by her and Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran, "for helping Rotary make a difference in the lives of people all over the world."

Boy Scouts from Mill Valley's Troop One (right) started the meeting by presenting the colors, something that is fast becoming a tradition. Following the pledge of allegiance, World Community Service Director Bill Lambrecht asked those assembled to join him a moment of silence in memory of the club's first female president, Anne Beirne (1997-98), who passed away the day before the meeting.



MORE ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER



► This year's event featured music on the patio during the "social hour," a raffle and a silent auction. At right, Past President Kimberly Jessup hawks raffle tickets to Past Presidents Richard Rider and Jim Simkalo. At bottom right our incoming President Kent Campbell gets the support of sons Braedan and Liam.



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STILL MORE ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER

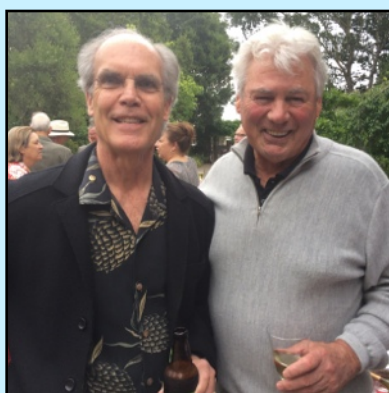
► Congratulations to our colleagues listed at right, who received special recognition at the Annual Dinner.

And to the outgoing and incoming boards for their leadership and devotion to the goals of Rotary.

The smiles on the faces of the incoming board (below) indicate another good year lies ahead.

Paul Harris Awards - June 17, 2016

Ken Brooks	Paul Harris Fellow
Joanne Burns	Paul Harris Fellow
Kent Campbell	Paul Harris Fellow+2
Dan Hatch	Paul Harris Fellow+2
Vince Howes	Paul Harris Fellow+2
Kim Jessup	Paul Harris Fellow+2
Steve Miller	Paul Harris Fellow+2
Roberta Keller	Paul Harris Fellow+1
Ray Palmarini	Paul Harris Fellow+1



NEXT WEEK (Cont'd)

stories of deportation, life in the Gulag, exile to Siberia, slave laborers, KGB prison torture.

■ A personal note from Program Chair Bob Canepa:

People often ask me where I find my speakers. On my recent trip to the Baltics I met the niece of a Lithuanian resistance fighter who spent 15 years in Soviet gulags and prisons. She showed me her uncle's cell in the KGB prison in Vilnius, Lithuania and told me about her uncle's torture and harrowing stories of survival. Her uncle is in the film. She put me in contact with Father O'Rourke.

CLUB CALENDAR

July 5: Club Assembly led by President **Kent Campbell**.

July 12: New District Governor **Jeri Fujimoto** will be our speaker.

July 19: Rotary Club of Mill Valley **90th Anniversary Celebration**. This will be a SPECIAL presentation with plenty of SURPRISES. Don't miss it!

July 26: Oak Dowling will be our speaker. His presentation is entitled: *The Dreyfus Affair & Anti-Semitism in France*. On a cold Paris morning in January 1895, as 20,000 people shouted, "Death to the traitor, death to the Jew," French Army Captain **Alfred Dreyfus** was publicly stripped of his rank for

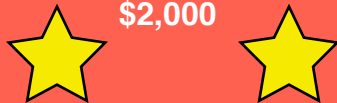
committing high treason. That the evidence against him was flimsy and fabricated did not matter; he was Jewish, and that alone was enough to sustain a gross miscarriage of justice that unraveled over a dozen years before his name was finally cleared.

August 2: Bob Roberts and some students from 10,000 Degrees will speak on *The Elevator Up - 10,000 Degrees: Local Students Share their Stories*. They will show how the program works and highlight the wondrous benefits for both our young people and our communities.

RAISIN:
A grape with a sunburn.

2015-2016 POLIO PLUS CLUB GOAL

\$2,000



**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**

\$2,230.00

2015-2016 SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

**GOAL
\$10,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**

\$6,840.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

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

★ TOTAL AS OF TODAY: ★

\$14,098.50

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