



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Kent Campbell**, who gave us instructions on how to help a person get really warm—*build a fire and you can get him warm for a day; set him on fire and he will be warm for the rest of his life!*

VISITORS

- *Visiting Rotarians* – **Keith Stoneking**, Sausalito Rotary.
- *Guests of Rotarians*—**Jenny Liu** of Bank of the West (**Phil Richardson**).

ANNIVERSARIES

- *Wedding*—**Roberta** and **Bob Keller** will celebrate 49 years this week.
- *Club*—**Doug Scherf** (24 years) and **Elizabeth Suzuki** (18 Years) celebrate club anniversaries this week. Doug’s favorite MV Rotary moment: attending the International Convention in San Antonio prior to his year as club president. Elizabeth’s was a little closer to home: performing as one of those infamous *Cornish Game Hens* at last June’s debunking of your 2012-2013 president. (*Editor’s Note*—Have to admit that was a special performance and certainly the high point of the evening!)

WELCOME, JEAN!

■ Our newest member, Attorney **Jean Batman**, was inducted into membership during a ceremony

conducted by **President Sue** and Membership Chair **Ken Brooks**. Be sure to introduce yourself at future meetings, and sign her roster to get her on a path to her blue badge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Spring Blood Drive*—Chair **Richard Simon** is still working on details. Date and info to come. In the meantime, eat lots of calves liver!
- The District’s upcoming conference in Monterey is scheduled for May 2 and 3. The Marriott is offering a special room

rate until March 1. Visit www.rotary5150.org for more info.

■ **Roberta Keller** reminded the club that we will be hosting the upcoming Chamber mixer tomorrow at the clubhouse. Be there to be an ambassador for Rotary.

■ **President Sue** noted that this coming Sunday—February 23—will mark the 109th birthday of Rotary. That was the day that Paul Harris and three of his buddies got together for their first Rotary lunch. Today a total of 1.2 million Rotarians meet regularly in most countries of the world.

IT’S A NO BRAINER—JEAN IS THE MOST IMPORTANT!



☛ Who was the most important person at Tuesday’s meeting? Was it visitor Keith Stoneking from Sausalito Rotary? NO! Was it President Sue? NO! It was Jean Batman, the newest member of MV Rotary, shown here flanked by the other two Southern Marin Rotary dignitaries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Cont.

- **Diva Donna** has another engagement this Friday evening at the Seahorse in Sausalito.
- The *Dictionary Project* is underway, with books delivered to 3rd Graders at Strawberry School last week. Next Monday, February 24 at 2:30, the kids at Park School will be presented theirs. If you'd like to help with the presentations, give **Barbara Hofling** a jingle.

GOOD TIMES

- **Burnett, Marilyn** and other club members had a ball at Marin Sunrise's Cuban Dance Party (see photo at right). He also explained his absence over the past two weeks—the super cold bug got both him and Marilyn. The good thing to come out of that experience was the fact that he had plenty of time to read *Pillars of the Earth*, an almost 1,000-pager that otherwise would have taken him several months to digest.
- **Don Herzog** either flew, ran, jogged, walked or biked to Monterey sometime last week. Anyway, he had a heckuva time!
- **Elizabeth Suzuki** visited family in San Diego, helping her uncle celebrate his 75th birthday.
- **Donna D** discovered that indeed *no good deed goes unpunished*. Being a nurse, she



☛ **Greeter Kent Campbell** welcomes our speaker, **Gem Munro**, and his wife, **Tanyss**.

MILL VALLEYANS CELEBRATE CUBA STYLE



☛ Enjoying dinner at Marin Sunrise's Cuban Dance Party fundraiser in San Rafael last Sunday, February 16, were (from left) Mill Valley Rotarians **George Cagwin**, **Jane Hall**, **Marilyn and Burnett Tregoning**, **Bill Lambrecht** and **Susan Royce**. The band was great, the food delicious, and **George and Susan** showed us how to samba. This was a fun event and we hope they raised a lot of dinero to support their planned visit to Cuban villages to help create new sources for water. ■

recently opened her home to an ill person only to have to also deal with busted plumbing and a computer that died. She figured the experience was a Good Time anyway!

- Last week was a busy one for **Doug Scherf**—attendance at the Institute on Aging fundraiser, checking out the **Georgia O'Keefe** exhibit, taking **Linda** to dinner on Valentine's Day, attending the Ross Valley Players current performance, and learning about how music affects your life at the Marin Philosophical Society.

RAFFLE

- Free lunch for **Don Herzog**.



PROGRAM

- Can you visualize living in a slum in the poorest city in the poorest country in the poorest region in the world? Today's speaker, **Gem Munro**, founder—along with his wife **Dr. Tanyss Munro** and their four children—of the Toronto, Canada based Amarak Society, “transported” us to that place—Bangladesh—in his presentation *Mothers of Intention: The Power of Motherhood to Teach the World*.

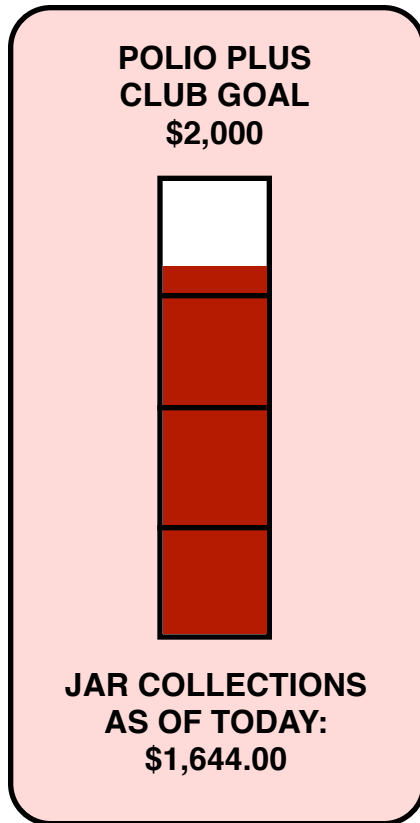
The Amarak Society teaches very poor mothers in Bangladesh how to read and write in their local language. They also teach English, math and life skills such as health, nutrition, child care and conflict resolution.

There is not enough space in this newsletter to do justice to Gem's talk and the work of the Amarak Society, so we urge you to check out their website: www.amaroksociety.org. If you'd

like to contact them, send your email to amaroksociety.org@gmail.com

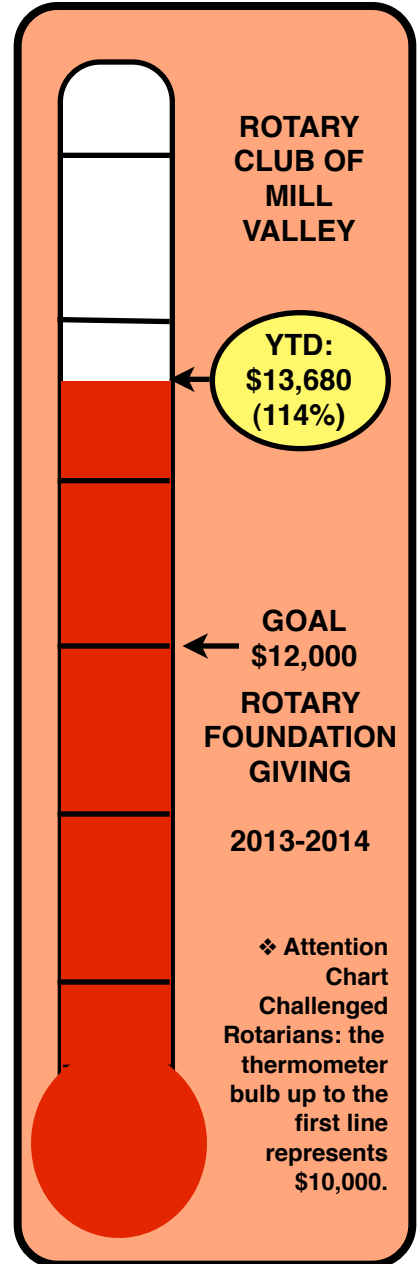
NEXT WEEK

■ Former Air Force pilot **Jerry Finton's** presentation will be entitled *Into the Jaws of the Dragon! Ho Chi Minh's Backyard*. He will share experiences as a fighter pilot in the Vietnam War.



CLUB CALENDAR

- **March 4:** **Karen Noe** will speak on *Stop Hunger Now: A Mission to End Hunger in our Lifetime*. Karen is a fellow Rotarian and the Community Development Director for *Stop Hunger Now*. This non-profit organization's mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.
- **March 7:** *Redwoods Senior Prom*. Men only see **Bob Canepa** who has the signup sheet.
- **March 11:** Mill Valley resident and Tam High graduate **Ann Killion**, has been a voice in the national sports scene for almost two decades, one of the longest tenures of any female sports columnist. In her award-winning career, Killion has covered nine Olympics, five World Cups, countless Super Bowls, World Series, and the scandals and issues that fuel our national sports debate. Killion covered the 49ers as a beat writer and was a feature writer at the *San Jose Mercury News*, before becoming a columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. She also works for an exciting new startup, Vivo Girls Sports, the social network for girls who like sports.
- **April 12:** *Bowling for Kids Sake*.



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