



# THE MILL WHEEL



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## PRESIDER

- President **Ken Brooks**.

## GREETER

- Rotary Booster **PP Ed Marshall** who returns each week because the Club is all about friendship and good will rather than business connections like some other groups.

## VISITORS

- *Visiting Rotarians* – **Mark O’Brien** (Central Marin); **Chris Gallagher**, Past District Governor (Sausalito), **Dr. Naureen Shaikh** (Sausalito), today’s speaker.

- *Guests* – **Joanne Burns**, former Rotarian (Kirkland, WA) who just moved to Mill Valley.

## BIRTHDAYS

- **Howard Harker** (July 14), **Ed Marshall** (July 27) were serenaded by impresario **PP Bob Canepa** as well as our own songstress **Donna D’Acuti**. A few reviews were heard sotto voce of the questionable vocal talents of some of the members sitting at the back right table.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PP Bob** named future visiting talent as a brewery co-founder offering a beer tasting July 28 and



► All hugs and kisses now that their terms are complete—Past District Governor **Christanne (Chris) Gallagher** and **PP Jane**.

our Congressman **Jared Huffman** Aug. 25. Both good meetings for inviting guests.

- If you weren’t at this week’s meeting, you missed **Einar Asbo’s** announcement of a giveaway of a tree-load of Meyer lemons. They’re somebody’s lemonade by now.

- **PP Burnett Tregoning** reported that he has eight signed up for the bocce ball tournament, Aug. 23, with room for more! It’s a benefit for Rotaplast.

- **Richard Simon** invited one and all to our *Blood Drive*, Aug. 6, at Walgreen’s 1:00-6:00 pm. **PP Susan Royce** created a huge banner for the road in front of the drug store. Full stomachs are recommended. Come just to enjoy each other’s company even if you can’t give blood.

## PAST PRESIDENT SUSAN—COMING OR GOING?



► Just another day at the office. We found this photo of **PP Susan Royce** on *Facebook*. A member of the **MVRAF (Mill Valley Rotary Air Force)**, She’s either returning from or contemplating taking a trip by airplane. Or, perhaps she is posing for the 2015-2016 **MVRAF** calendar?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dan Hatch** recently met with our local Imam.
- **Mark O'Brien** invited us to a Central Marin Club fundraiser at the Lark Theater, Tuesday, Aug 11, at 7:00 PM. Enjoy a screening of *Argo* with remarks from an Iranian guest who will describe the behind the scenes story of that event. Buy tickets online or at the door and a couple raffle tickets while you're there.



► **President Ken** assists visiting Rotarian **Mark O'Brien**, RC Central Marin, promote his club's upcoming *Argo* movie fundraiser.

- President **Ken** reported that **Jean Batman** and her daughter and a friend attended the PRLS training. **Ken** attended a District event for youth services.
- Our Club will host a Rotary Exchange Student—**Ludovica Braja** from Torino, Italy—who will live in Mill Valley and we will send one of our own—**Juri Felici**— to Spain. Ludovica has three sisters, her father is an engineer at Fiat and her mother is a high school teacher. She arrives here early next month. **PP Jane Hall** will be her club counselor.

## COLIN'S IN CHINA AGAIN—ALL SMILES

The Alliance for Smiles 2015 Wenzhou China medical mission for the repair of cleft lip and palate anomalies began Monday, July 13, 2015, according to a report just received from AFS.

There were 111 patients seen the first day which was a more than expected turnout in this Eastern China city. Led by Mill Valley Rotary's **Dr. Colin Wong**, a team of international medical professionals dedicated

to the improvement of lives through surgical techniques, will look to change how medical mission teams are conducted by collaborating with the Wenzhou Peoples' Alliance for Smiles, a local group of medical professionals and donors. The team includes Dr. Wong, Dr. Bill De Shazo, Dr. Chris Zarella, Dr. John Lee, Dr. Arthur Dover and PACU Nurse Matthew Richmond.

According to the report, the mission so far has been running smoothly, more so than expected because of the experience of the international team and the expertise of the local Wenzhou Peoples' group. The medical team plans to be in Wenzhou until July 24 which will enable them to provide surgical services in the area for many children and young adults.



**Dr. Colin Wong and friend.**

- RYLA is having a conference April 8-10 and we would like to send an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student.
- We need an Interact person to take over from **Stephanie Powell** who has moved. Hopefully, their meetings will not be on Tuesdays.
- Rotaract (for young adults 18-30) is alive and growing at Dominican and also has a presence at SF State. Hope someone had a chance to attend the Peace Fellowship Worldwide this Thursday.

## GOOD TIMES

- Mill Valley Rotarians may recall that several weeks ago **PP**

**Greg Dyer** mentioned the success that his daughter **Chelsea** was having in the show business world. Here is a link to Chelsea's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaDashMusic?fref=photo> and her music video released just recently:

<http://www.breatheheavy.com/chelsea-dash-massive-attack-music-video-breatheheavy-premiere/>

■ Bell Ringer – **Dan Hatch** saw a UNESCO heritage site and shared the peace of the world in Sri Lanka with a peace group including Tamil Muslims, Catholics, Hindus, Buddhists, all



### GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

of whom identify as Sri Lankans first.

■ Not-so-good times – A suggestion was made to put dollars in the hat the next time our **Donna** sings due to a “parking ticket on steroids” to the tune of \$1500. **PP Ed** suggested her “not-so-good-time” fine be waived.

### DISTRICT UPDATE

■ Past District President **Chris Gallagher** highlighted some of our successes during her 2014-2015 term. Nigeria has been polio free for one year (see report on next page). We expect to receive \$70 million from the Gates Foundation. Soon we can declare the entire continent of Africa polio free. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two remaining countries with polio. Rotary hopes to declare the entire planet polio free by 2018. However, due to the infectious nature of the disease, it is only



► Today's speaker **Dr. Naureen Shaikh** chats with **PP Ed Marshall** after her presentation.

## WEST BANK BIRTHING CENTER OPENS

As reported by *The Almanac* newspaper serving Portola Valley and other mid-Peninsula communities: July 13, 2015

After a seven-year effort, the birthing center opened in Ein Al Beida at the northern end of the West Bank on March 19, said project manager **Donna Baranski-Walker** of the Rotary Club of Woodside/Portola Valley. The prenatal clinic opened in the nearby village of Al Aqaba at around the same time, she said.

"We're really proud of Rotarian Donna's perseverance to bring this simple but challenging project together," said Woodside resident **Ken Broome**, who was director of international service at the Woodside/Portola Valley club when the project began in 2008.

Seven Bay Area Rotary clubs participated, including the Woodside/Portola Valley and Menlo Park clubs, Ms. Baranski-Walker said. A Rotary club in Ramallah, Palestine, sponsored the project. **Yusef Srouji** of a Rotary district in Israel served as a mentor, an important role because he lives in Israel and was familiar with all the players, Ms. Baranski-Walker said.

Of the \$60,000 needed to equip and provide training for the staff at the two facilities, \$40,000 came from Rotary clubs including Mill Valley (See Fact Sheet at right), the Rotary District 5150, and Rotary International, Ms. Baranski-Walker said. Her San Mateo-based nonprofit, Rebuilding Alliance, employed crowd-funding to raise the other \$20,000.

Prior to the center, expectant mothers, including mothers in labor, have had to pass through an Israeli checkpoint to get to a hospital.

Baranski-Walker recalled **Haj Sami**, the mayor of Al Aqaba, telling of military training maneuvers going on near the checkpoint that sometimes involved live fire from Israeli tanks. Such situations can make it difficult to reach the hospital, Mr. Sami said during a visit to Bay Area Rotary clubs.

The presence of the birthing center should have the effect of reducing the number of Palestinian children being delivered by Israeli soldiers at the checkpoint, Ms. Baranski-Walker said.

There were project delays involving both the Israeli and Palestinian bureaucracies, sometimes for months, she said.

When the center is operating at full capacity, it will be open around the clock. The center is open to people of all faiths.

### A MAJOR DONOR

❖ **Mill Valley Rotary gave \$3,000 in cash (50 cent match = \$4,500) to this project. In addition we gave \$3,000 DDF (\$1 match = \$6,000).**

**International Director Bill Lambrecht notes that between money from our Club Foundation and the money we received back from The Rotary Foundation for our yearly donations, Rotary Club of Mill Valley funded just over 25% of this \$40,000 Matching Grant.**

one plane ride away.

### RAFFLE

■ *Red marble!* – So why DOES **Ray Palmarini** get so many winning raffle tickets? Hint: because he buys so many raffle tickets.

### PROGRAM

■ **Bob Canepa** introduced Dr. **Naureen Shaikh**, of the Mobile Medical Team International ([www.mobilemedicalteam.org](http://www.mobilemedicalteam.org)) who works on global health projects, including polio. In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, 1.6 million people

worldwide died of infectious diseases which are the greatest cause of death. As a virus, polio incubates for 3-20 days, occasionally showing symptoms of sore throat, runny nose, headaches. The #1 cause of these diseases is not sneezing but rather bad sanitation. Polio was isolated

## Nigeria on the brink of becoming polio-free\*

(As reported in Rotary's July 2015 *End Polio Now* Newsletter)

Nigeria has gone almost one year — longer than ever before — without a case of wild poliovirus. The last case was reported on 24 July 2014 in Kano state. Once the gateway to polio in Africa, Nigeria is paving the way to eradicating the disease on the continent.

But reaching the milestone is only one step on the final road to ending polio and it is too soon to celebrate victory. Until polio is eliminated everywhere, it can return to Nigeria and the rest of Africa. Less than a decade ago, in 2006, polio paralyzed 1,000 people in Nigeria.

For the African region to be certified polio-free, including Nigeria, there must be no polio cases for two more years. To do this, all children in Nigeria and throughout Africa — including those in hard-to-reach and underserved areas — must continue to be protected against the disease.

“The ultimate goal is to ensure that the routine immunization infrastructure is established to increase and sustain the level of herd immunity” [protection for people who are not immune that occurs when a large percentage of the population has been vaccinated], says Tunji Funsho, chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. This will enable children to “continue to be immunized on schedule and protected from the virus even after the

cessation of IPDs [Immunization Plus Days].”

Once all surveillance data is processed, Nigeria will be poised to be taken off the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) in September. That achievement would leave only two polio-endemic countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan. In 2014, Pakistan accounted for 85 percent of the world's polio cases. As of 17 June, polio cases in [Pakistan](#) had decreased by nearly 70 percent.

“With Rotary, we made tremendous progress last year,” said Hamid Jafari, WHO's Director for Global Polio Eradication and Research, speaking to attendees at the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, in June. “We must keep going to end polio. If the world's commitment to polio eradication remains strong, we will soon see a polio-free world.”



**\*Today (July 24, 2015) marks one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case caused by the wild poliovirus, Rotary International reported.**

**This is the longest the country has ever gone without a case of polio, and it's a critical step on the path toward a polio-free Africa. It was only a decade ago that polio struck 12,631 people in Africa in one year — three-quarters of all cases in the world.**

**August 11 will mark an even greater milestone: one year since the last case of polio in Africa. For Africa to be certified polio-free by the World Health Organization, it must go two more years without a case of polio. To do this, all children in Nigeria must continue to receive the polio vaccine, including those in hard-to-reach and underserved areas.**

**PROGRAM (Cont'd)**

as a virus in 1840 and, following a European epidemic, the race was on to find a vaccine. In addition to polio, the other major eradication effort is guinea worm disease. Rotary International makes grants to USAID, UNICEF with help from the Gates Foundation's 2:1 match. Typically RI's polio work uses oral vaccines because of the lack of refrigeration in affected countries. The biggest threat to polio eradication is displaced persons due to war.

**NEXT WEEK**

■ The title of **Phil Cutti's** talk will be *Brewing Up Success*. Learn how a scientist from



► **Getting the scoop—PDG Chris Gallagher with today's reporter Suzanne Irwin-Wells.**

Stanford/NASA and a lobbyist from DC launched a brewery in six months and are building their brand one beer at a time. *Enjoy a beer tasting* along with stories of where they've been, where they are and where they hope to go.  
 ■ **August 4: No Meeting.** The City is redoing the floors. Those wishing to attend the meeting of San Francisco #2 on this date should meet at the golf clubhouse

*Light travels faster than sound.  
 This is why some people  
 appear bright until  
 you hear them speak.*

**CLUB CALENDAR**

parking lot at 11 AM to arrange to carpool over to the city. Lunch at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel will cost you \$25. Special speaker that day will be Past President of Rotary Intl **Rick King**. Call **President Ken** if you have questions.

■ **August 6: Club Blood Drive.** Details on page 1. **Richard Simon** has signup sheet.  
 ■ **August 11: Jos Hill**, Executive Director of Olazul, will talk on *Fighting Coastal Poverty and Building a Sustainable Community*. Jos leads Olazul's efforts to develop win-win solutions for coastal communities that revitalize local economies and support healthy marine ecosystems.

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

**JAR TOTAL  
 AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$167.00**

**ROTARY  
 FOUNDATION  
 GIVING**

**2015-16 GOAL:**  
**\$12,000**

**TOTAL  
 FOR 2014-2015:**  
**\$12,386**

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