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GREETER

■ We had a mystery greeter today with **President J. R.** taking the ball and leading the pledge. His Thought for the Day: *Just remember that it will all come out good at the end. If it's not good, it's not the end.*

PRESIDER

■ Moving on from one chuckle to the next, **President J. R.** followed his guest Greeter appearance with three more funny stories, all of which drew commensurate chuckles from the crowd. The briefest was in the form of a question directed at Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen**, a transplanted Iowan: *What do they call a McDonalds surrounded by 15 tractors in Iowa?* Tom wasn't sure, so J.R. provided the answer: *Prom night!*

VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* Accompanying PP **Kim Jessup** were her partner **Anne Zarraonandia** and **Tom Debolski**, an associate of hers at Jessup Associates. Also attending today were the speaker's literary agent, **Kimberley Cameron**, and her “minder” **David Brody**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President J. R.** reported that the club board voted to support a

number of projects financially at its Monday meeting. Included was \$2,500 for Love Without Borders; \$4,127.89 to the Peace Corps Health Project; \$4,500 to the Peru Greenhouse Project; \$400 to fund an Eagle Scout Project; \$750 for the Career Day at San Andreas High School; \$1,000 for Rotacare; \$2,500 for Sonoma Longterm Fire Funds; \$1,000 for Vision Impaired of Marin; up to \$1,000 for the Interact Club; \$150 per month for Student Exchange; and \$1,875 for



► No pins on the blue badges? Magnets only these days, so Burnett wisely let Emily do the honors with her new badge. (Photo by J.R. Hastings)

Youth Leadership. If you have any questions about any of these recipients, talk to a board member.

■ **Lisán Campbell** noted that popcorn is in the mix this year at the Mountain Play booth. She has signup sheets which will be available at every meeting right up to the May 20 “kick-off.” Get your name on one of them soon. Captains are still needed for each of the six days.

■ Community Service Director **Phil Richardson** is checking with the Food Bank to see if they need assistance during the upcoming Letter Carriers Food Drive, which is scheduled for May 12. You may be hearing from him.

■ PE **Bob Roberts** will be spending three days in Peru in August working out the details of the club's latest greenhouse venture. If you'd like to go along, check with Bob for details.

■ **President J. R.** sounded an ominous note when he reported that we are not covering the cost of luncheons. He warned the club to expect some “adjustments” in the future.

■ **J. R.** also urged club members to get going on his *Fellowship Challenge* announced last week.

■ **Burnett** brought the club up to date on the *Career Day* we are sponsoring next week, May 10, at San Andreas High School in Larkspur. Three members—**Steve Miller**, **Richard Rider** and **Peter Straube**—will be among the business “experts” addressing the high schoolers.

CELEBRATIONS

■ **Club Anniversaries:** **Margareth Tanner** (4/28/09). She's delighted with the progress being made at Rotary Corner down at Terwilliger Marsh. She is an expert at keeping those weeds under control! Also marking his anniversary this month is Past President (1984-85) **Greg Dyer**. Greg joined Mill Valley Rotary on May 2, 1972. Greg's favorite Rotary moments included leading two Group Study Exchange trips—one to Pakistan and one to Central Japan. Others celebrating club anniversaries this week were **Einar Asbo** (5/1/12) and **Burnett Tregoning** (5/5/98).

■ **Birthdays:** **Emily Uhlhorn** was surprised when **President J. R.** congratulated her on her impending birthday, explaining that her birthday won't arrive until September. So, instead of singing to her the club presented her with

her blue badge. Always good to have a fall-back!

GOOD TIMES

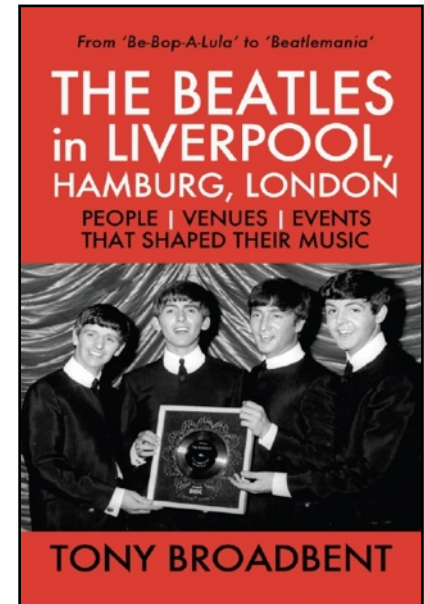
■ We may be seeing more of **Colin Wong** now that he has retired (Again!). This time from the board of *Alliance for Smiles* after 14 years service during which he clocked over 50 missions and was involved in cleft palate treatment for 6,000 children. Colin reported that the organization presented him with its Lifetime Achievement Award and, as a result, he felt obligated to contribute a bell-ringer to MV Rotary. Another achievement of Colin's that needs reporting: he celebrated his 50th anniversary as a member of the club having joined on February 27, 1968.

RAFFLE

■ The photo on page 3 tells the entire sad story.

PROGRAM

■ Beatles expert **Tony Broadbent** stoked up a little *Beatlemania* today at MV Rotary, and we all had fun participating. Only thing missing was the music.



STEPHANIE GETS INTO THE SWING OF THINGS IN THE FAR EAST



► **Stephanie Ricardo** just emailed these pictures from Japan. Left: Looking spiffy in her kimono, she is about to take a dip in the "hot springs tub" in her room at the traditional Ryokan Inn where she stayed during her visit to the town of Hakone. At right she checks out the sights in downtown Tokyo.

NEXT WEEK

May 8 (6:15): Social Media Workshop led by Past President **Kent Campbell**. Bring your power tools (smart phones, etc.) and Kent promises you'll be wiser than when you arrived for this special meeting, with an emphasis on how to get the most out of *Facebook*. Anyone thinking about running for office?

CLUB CALENDAR

May 3: Foundation Dinner. See District website for details.

May 4-6: District Conference. See District website for details.

May 10: Career Day at San Andreas High School in Larkspur.

May 12: Letter Carriers Food Drive.

May 15: Anna Lecat will discuss *Surviving and Thriving from Ukraine through China to Mill Valley*. Anna will share her inspiring story of growing up in a



Jewish family in Ukraine at the end of the Cold War and through the decline and fall of the Soviet Union, moving to China, and

learning how to do business in China, and finally moving to the United States, establishing two successful businesses here and living with family in Mill Valley. Anna is a repeat entrepreneur, CEO and Founder of Les Lunes, a men and women's fashion label based in San Francisco, Paris, and Shanghai. Lecat specializes in retail and sustainable manufacturing having previously lived and worked in China for 18 years. She speaks fluent Mandarin



► **Burnett can't believe it; a perfectly good number on a perfectly good raffle ticket nets him a crummy marble and no "big bucks" in today's raffle.** (Photo by Elizabeth Suzuki)



► **Speaker Tony Broadbent pauses during his cleverly presented talk about how the Beatles came to be. Following his talk, he cleverly sold copies of books featuring the Fab Five. A clever day today at Rotary!**

and feels at home on the streets of Shanghai, in the mountains of Northern California and exploring the Paris theater district.

May 20: Mt. Play Booth.

May 22 (12:15): Keith Phillips will present *Leaving No One Behind: a Mill Valley Effort to Recover America's War Dead*.

There are 83,000 Missing in Action (MIAs) service personnel from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. A Military History buff, Keith first developed an interest in the MIAs when in New Guinea a local tribal chief asked him to bring home some American remains in his village. From that starting point began a sense of mission to re-energize the country's efforts to locate and recover the remains, and through Project Homecoming to assist families in their efforts. During his time with us Keith will speak to the "facts and figures" associated with the missing, speak to their presence in Marin County and worldwide and discuss the combination of science, international goodwill and serendipity that all play a role in return of the missing.

May 27: Mt. Play Booth.

May 29 (12:15): Film editor and film maker **Tim Amyx** will present *Movies in Marin and San Francisco*. The movie palaces of yesteryear, and the modern movie theaters of Marin. These historical (both old time, and modern) anecdotes will be shared by the former Mill Valley Historical Society President. Movie theaters have often been as important as schools and churches in the growing and socializing of small towns. Learn about where Mill Valley moviegoers went before not only the Sequoia theater, but also before the Hub. How many movie theaters were there in San Rafael in the 1920s? Remember

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the two drive-in theaters of Marin? What happened to them? What movies have been filmed and produced in and around Marin? Of course, **George Lucas** has become Marin's most famous movie maker. But, did you know there is a connection to the early days of silent movies and **Charlie Chaplin**? **John Korty**? **Frances Coppola**? Pixar filmmakers? Learn this and much more.

June 3: Mt. Play Booth.

June 5 (12:15): Austrian exchange student **Felix Filzwieser** will talk about "AAA." Not the Triple A you know, but Felix, the Amiable, Austrian and Advocate for Rotary. He will be

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

speaking about his homeland, family, school, and life in Austria. He will share with us his journey and experiences as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student living in Marin.

June 8: *Marin Shakespeare* Fellowship. Check with J. R. for details.

June 9 & 10: Mt. Play Booth.

June 12: No Meeting.

June 15: Installation Dinner at the Outdoor Art Club, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Cost \$100/person. **Note:** *This is a mandatory event*, so it makes sense to make every effort to attend. Invitations have been sent. Please make your check payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley and give it to **Morgan** or **Elizabeth Suzuki** as soon as possible.

June 17: Mt. Play Booth.

June 19 (5:30): Social at *The Cantina*.

June 26 (12:15): Last regular meeting of the year.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder & harder for me to find one now.

2017-2018 POLIO PLUS

CLUB GOAL
\$2,500.00

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$1,902.97

2017-2018 SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

GOAL
\$10,000

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$7,011.20

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2017-2018 GOAL:
\$18,000.00

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**
\$12,145.00

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