



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Ray Palmarini** shared a safety tip: you can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pocket.

VISITING ROTARIANS

■ **Eric Chipps** (Sausalito) and **Mike Alofsin** (multi-tasking between Mill Valley and Pennsylvania clubs.)

VISITING ROTARIANS

■ **Sarah Turner**, wife of our speaker.

ANNIVERSARIES

■ Club—**J. R. Hastings** (one year).

BIRTHDAYS

■ **Elizabeth Suzuki** was entertained by choir leader **Jane Hall** and a group of not quite ready for prime time songsters.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Doug Scherf** told us that **Jane Hall** was honored as Teacher of the Year at Tam High!

■ **Elizabeth** had a mini-reunion with former member **Penny Raikes**.

■ **Jim Simkalo** had a blast at a **Neil Young** concert at Shoreline and drove alongside a motorized

cable car in San Francisco with an "End Polio Now" banner on it.

■ **Roberta Keller** thanked folks for their help at the Blood Drive which saw 30 units collected. Special thanks to **Richard Simon** for his steadfast work on this event.

■ **Dan Hatch** recommended Café Gibraltar in Half Moon Bay.

■ **Bob Canepa** spent five weeks touring Eastern Europe visiting countries that didn't exist until the early 1990s or were "re-born" after the wall fell. The trip ended with a family reunion in northern Italy. **Bob** also reminded us that we have a match until Dec. 31 for **George Hoyle Fellows**.

■ **Lee Kirkpatrick** spent two and half weeks in D.C. to see his just-



☛ **Elizabeth** thought she had a good thing going. Sorry—free lunch! Expect a big rush for tickets next week. The pot's up over \$400!

graduated son who has a JOB! Following DC, he enjoyed "the colors" in New England and topped the trip off singing racy songs at a family event.

■ **Bell Ringer!**—**Steve Miller** had a southern-style family celebration in San Diego with his grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Doug Scherf** delivered the bad news – zip/nada prizes won by the Club but it's the good will that's the real prize; we're close to our \$12k Foundation goal, so the goal post is being changed to \$30k for our share of the District's goal of \$1million to the Foundation; gifts can be designated to Polio Plus and credited to **Paul Harris Fellows**.

■ Put January 18, 2014 in your calendars for an inspiring dinner event in San Francisco to hear a past president of RI.

■ **Susan Royce** – bring old *Rotarian* magazines to give to potential/new members.

■ **Bob Canepa** – next week's speaker will share his story of escaping the Killing Fields of Cambodia and what he had to do to survive in the US.

■ **Roberta Keller** – Feb. 19 at the Club House we are hosting a Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce mixer and since we are a Chamber member, all Club members are invited to the party. It's a good way to promote Rotary.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Birthday Girl **Elizabeth Suzuki** had another item for our 2014 calendars – a fundraiser for Scout Hall Sun. evening March 30 at the Outdoor Art Club.

■ President **Susan** reported, sadly, that there's been a new polio outbreak in Syria.

TRICK OR TREAT

■ Calling All Costumes! The Halloween parade included the Wild West (a couple cowboys), Middle Easterners (a generic sheik and an Omani one), a cake clown, Count Dracula (who almost came as a turtle), Knight Templar, young Liz with a hangover,

Cousin It (Addams family), a grocery bag, a couture witch, grim reaper, others who declined to be defined and the prize winner – Grid Lock (this reporter). Other prizes went to **Kim Jessup, Stephanie Ricardo and George Cagwin**. This reporter's guess is that hers was the only costume that immediately went into the paper recycling bin.



☛ Who would you vote for? Club members wearing costumes and/or masks were invited (ordered?) to stand at the front of the room and be judged. Dan Hatch's wide angle photo of the group had to be divided in two to give you a chance to identify the MV Rotary trick-or-treaters: Above, from left—Bozo Burnett, Liz "Goldie" Bayer, Count Bob Canepa in his really, really expensive Dracula cape, Scarface Ray Palmarini, and the twin cowboys—Doug Scherf and Bill Lambrecht. Below, from left, Sheik Vince Howes, Fashionista Witch Stephanie Ricardo, Kim "It" Jessup, Crusader George Cagwin, Sheik #2 Ed Marshall, Gridlocked Suzanne Irwin-Wells, Grocery Bag Susan, and (behind the president) Elegant Miss Margareth Tanner.



RAFFLE

■ A big, but not so big, day for **Elizabeth Suzuki**.

PROGRAM

■ **Bob Canepa** introduced **Charles Carey**, formerly with the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica and the State Department. When **Charles** joined Rand, it was like a big fraternity where he wandered around, helped anybody who needed it and wrote reports. Rand basically functioned as a PR firm that helped the military with weapons procurement. During his career there, he worked with **Robert McNamara** and **Curtis LeMay** (running mate for George Wallace).



☛ Speaker Charles Carey

NEXT WEEK

■ *America the Beautiful—A Journey to Freedom*. We will hear a remarkable and inspiring story of escape and survival. At the age of six **Mony Nop** and his family escaped the reign of terror of the Khmer Rouge and the killing fields of Cambodia only to end up in hard scrabble refugee camps in

SPECIAL REPORT: BOGOTA PROJECT UPDATE

■ Our Rotary microcredit project in Bogota, Colombia is proceeding nicely, reports **Keith Axtell** of Marin Evening Rotary and chair of the District 5150 Microcredit Committee. Rotary Club of Mill Valley, under the leadership of World Community Service Director **Bill Lambrecht**, was a co-sponsor for this project, which was organized by the District 5150 Microcredit Committee. Our partner in Colombia is the Rotary Club of Bogota Centenario.

The operating agency Mencoldes has successfully established 16 Credit Groups in low-income communities throughout the Bogota metropolitan area. These Credit Groups have an average of 5 to 8 people in each group. Ninety six poor people are now participating in this Rotary loan program.

The participants are families and individuals in vulnerable situations. Faced with a lack of job opportunities, they have become self-employed and

established their own microenterprises.

Sixty one percent of the loan recipients are single women head of households. To support themselves they are engaged in the following businesses, among others: making and selling clothing and decorative items, catalog sales, marketing beauty products and services, and selling food, stationary and other supplies. One young woman is operating a nursery school which she wants to expand with future loans.

So far \$45,400 in loans have been made to these 16 credit groups. These loans are being used by the low-income recipients to establish or support their existing small businesses. As of the last report, all the loans are current in their payments. None of the loans were delinquent 30 days or more.

Keith thanked our club for giving these people in Colombia an opportunity to improve their lives through the Rotary microcredit loan program.

Thailand and the Phillipines. He arrived in the U.S. at the age of ten and ended up dumpster diving for food. With much hard work, determination, and

resourcefulness, he began his journey to success. He eventually became a police officer for 16 years and later went on to be a realtor and a Rotarian.

**DO INFANTS ENJOY
INFANCY AS MUCH AS
ADULTS ENJOY
ADULTERY?**

CLUB CALENDAR

■ **November 12: Oak Dowling** will speak on *Courtroom Drama in the Movies and Theater*.

■ **November 19: Jonathan Kathrein** has written a book titled *Surviving the Shark*. He is the shark survivor that marine scientist **John McCosker** talked about in his presentation last April. Jonathan was 16 years old when he was attacked by a shark while he was

boogie boarding at Stinson Beach. Jonathan's story of survival is almost miraculous considering that the shark severed three of the four major muscles in his leg. The surgeons stopped counting after doing 400 stitches on his body. He bears a half circle on the front and back of his leg *that resembles the front of a shark's mouth*.

■ **November 23:** Mill Valley Rotary helps the **SF/Marin Food Bank** collect at the Mill Valley and Corte Madera Safeways. **Barbara Hofling** has the sign up sheet. Give her a call today to volunteer your time.

November 26: Member's Program.

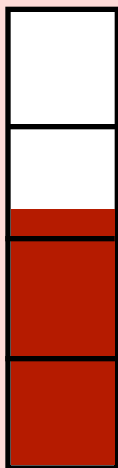
December 3: Multi-media artist **Bryant Austin**'s presentation is entitled *Photographing Whales—Large as Life*.

A POST HALLOWEEN QUIZ



☛ Who belongs to which boots? The editor will put \$5 in next week's Polio Plus Jar on behalf of the first person to email the correct answer. Only one vote per member!

POLIO PLUS CLUB GOAL \$2,000



JAR COLLECTIONS
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,131.20

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY

GOAL
\$12,000

YTD:
\$11,740
(98%)

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING*

2013-2014

WHEN WILL
WE GO
OVER THE
TOP?

* 51 out of 59 members are Paul Harris Fellows. Let's achieve 100% participation this year.

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