



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ Past President **Jim Simkalo** had a wise quote from **Mark Twain**: *It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.*

VISITORS

■ **Jeff Conley**, from Mill Valley, was the guest of **Lee Kirkpatrick**. **Lisán Campbell** brought a friend of her son and received a lovely potted orchid from **Don Bowden** (Editor’s note: No, Don wasn’t potted!), who sure knows the way to a woman’s heart.

BIRTHDAYS

■ **Stephanie Ricardo**’s birthday was not acknowledged at the last meeting, Donna sang her birthday song, but the question arose if the president should be fined \$5.00 for this oversight. All members were for it, he was not, so Stephanie decided to put in the extra \$5.00.

ANNIVERSARIES

Wedding: Past President **Greg Dyer** and wife **Karyn** celebrated 36 years of marriage with a trip to Alaska and here at home with a dinner at *La Ginestra*. He also noted that many marriages become strained after the husband retires, but he is experiencing just the

opposite. Also, he made the suggestion to raise the fee for birthdays and anniversaries to \$27.50.

CLUB BUSINESS

■ On his last day at the podium, President **Ken Brooks** reintroduced the measure from last

week to increase the dues to cover a creeping deficit in the budget for the club. To fill the gap, and after careful consideration of other options, the board of directors voted to raise the dues by \$100. After further discussion, a voice vote of the members in attendance ratified the board’s action. Invoices will be out next month.



► **Smooth Presentation**: Don Bowden presents an orchid plant to Lisán Campbell as a club thank you for her work on the Mt. Play booth.

NEW MEMBER

■ The board of directors has approved the membership application of **Beverlee Sandy**. Her classification will be *Financial—Money Manager*. Beverlee is a resident of San Anselmo and she has two grown children. Her co-sponsors are **J. R. Hastings** and **Roberta Keller**. She has expressed an interest in the club's dictionary project and perhaps being involved in an international project. Club members have seven (7) days in which to comment in writing to the secretary should they wish to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ The final work party at Terwilliger Marsh and Rotary Corner until next September saw only two MV Rotarians in action: **Margareth Tanner** and Past President **Kim Jessup** were given kudos by the marsh project leader **Jill Young** for the huge piles of weeds and brush they created.



► **Smooth Singin'**: Donna honors Birthday Girl Stephanie Ricardo with her very special rendition of the Birthday Song.

1ST PHASE OF PERU PROJECT COMPLETED



Leif Hansen with chlorinator.



Special delivery!

❖ A letter from Leif Hansen, Peace Corps volunteer working on a water purification project co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mill Valley, reports that the first phase, which includes installation of automatic drip chlorinators in the District of Cascas, Gran Chimu Province, La Libertad Region, Peru, is complete. MV Rotary contributed \$919 to the project, whose total cost is \$6,620.

Five automatic chlorinators have been installed in five different communities. They will deliver potable water to 750 families for the first time.

Leif noted that water committees have been established in each of the five communities. They will be responsible for maintenance, assuring continued operation of the chlorinators.

The next phase of the project will include household sanitary education in each of the five communities. Benefits of clean water and proper hygiene practices will be highlighted.



► **Finally, safe to drink!**



► **Smooth Packin’:** Past President Sue Royce and former MV Rotarian Denise Foster join our Friends at Sausalito Rotary at their recent Kids Against Hunger food packing event. 25,000 meals were the result.



► **Smooth Handoff:** In his final act of this Rotary year, President Ken “hands off” to President Kent. Thanks, Ken! Good Luck, Kent!

PROGRAM

■ **Bob Canepa** introduced our speaker, **Father David O'Rourke**. He is pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Point Richmond. He graduated from Yale University and received his theological degrees at the Dominican faculty at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., as well as clinical training at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

He has worked for many years as a teacher, family counselor, writer and editor. He has written extensively in the area of linguistics and cultural history with a focus on the destructive influence of social idealism.

Father O'Rourke lived in the town of Vilnius, Lithuania, he was recruited to help rebuild the country after 50 years of Russian communist occupation.

He showed us a short trailer of his documentary *Red Terror on the Amber Coast*. In 1939 a pact was signed by Stalin and Hitler, agents took over all communications, they controlled the government, all housing and placed spies everywhere. A resistance movement sprang up against the brutal tactics used by the communists and a fight for independence.

He talked about deportation, exile to Siberia, slave labor and KGB prison torture. Stalin placed a lid on all information and set an example for the Nazis. The film was eventually shown all over the country and today Lithuania is a free and democratic republic.

NEXT WEEK

July 5: Club Assembly led by President **Kent Campbell** and his board. You'll want to attend to get on board with next year's goals.

CLUB CALENDAR

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.

August 9: Monica Stafford's presentation is entitled *The Secret Life of Mt. Tam*. It is clear that Mt. Tamalpais is a biodiversity hotspot. With its wide mosaic of habitats ranging from lofty redwoods groves to the serenity of

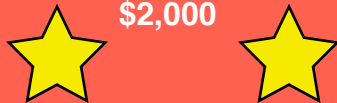
the oak woodlands, one could easily assume that along with the diversity of flora, there would be a vast diversity of fauna. This is what the Marin Wildlife Picture Index project attempts to prove. Join Monica Stafford in a tour of our local animal world that we only seldom stumble upon. We will discuss the purpose and findings of this project as we take a snap shot of Marin's Fauna. Monica will also share some background about the innovative One Tam partnership, as well as other work that One Tam is supporting on the mountain.

LEFT BANK

What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.

**2015-2016
POLIO PLUS
CLUB GOAL**

\$2,000



**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:**

\$2,279.50

**2015-2016
SERVICE FUND
(GEORGE HOYLE)**

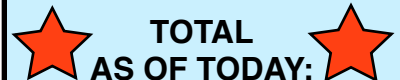
**GOAL
\$10,000**

**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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