



THE MILL WHEEL



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PRESIDER

- Susan Royce

GREETER

- Past President **Burnett Tregoning** shared two thoughts for the day: *A friend is someone who knows everything about you but still likes you* and *You must be the change you wish to see in the world*—**Mahatma Ghandi**

VISITING ROTARIANS

- **Dan Rheiner** (Sausalito).

OTHER VISITORS

- **Alicia Finster** (**Phil Richardson**), **Linda Liss** (**Elizabeth Suzuki**) and **Nik Singh** (**Doug Scherf**).

BIRTHDAYS

- Our very own Club itself turns 87 years old on July 20! But we forgot to sing!

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

- Membership Chair **Ken Brooks** inaugurated *Membership Minutes* by introducing the Mystery Rotarian of the week. Hints: born in Santa Cruz, Tam High grad, 4 kids, 8 grandkids, ham radio

aficionado. Give up? Answer: **Howard Harker**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bill Lambrecht** reported that the Club donated \$1,000 towards a \$110,000 project in Ecuador.
- **Events**—Rebunking for **John Tornes** of the Rotary Club of West Marin on Saturday **July 20** from 1-6 p.m. in Inverness. Call 707-878-2867 for info.
- Bocce Ball is coming up **August 25** from 9-5. See **PP Burnett** to sign up.
- Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival, **Sept. 21-22** needs volunteers, specifically 16 of them, to help **Dennis Klein** with parking.
- **Herb Magnuson** resigned because of his doctor’s

recommendations to cut back a little. Members signed a birthday card to celebrate his upcoming special day

- **Ray Palmarini** reminded members that the dues statements are only going away if we pick them up from the sign-in table.

ROTARY CAMPAIGNS

- Thanks to folks like us, Rotary International has raised over \$800 MILLION for Polio Plus. Our current Polio Plus jar now holds \$327. How far over \$500 will it be by Labor Day?
- Other news from Rotary Intl includes the recent receipt of the 2012-2013 District 5150 Report of giving to The Rotary Foundation by individual clubs.



All smiles—Doug Scherf and guest Nik Singh.

As you might expect, the Rotary Club of Mill Valley had an exceptional year. The following will give you a good idea where we ranked among the District's 40 clubs:

- Total Giving \$22,083.88 (Rank 9)
- Total Per Capita \$368.06 (Rank 12)
- Polio Plus Per capita giving \$63.39 (Rank 5)
- Expect to hear more about this achievement from Foundation Chair **Doug Scherf**. Past President Burnett says thanks, and he hopes you'll keep it up this year.

GOOD TIMES

- **Dennis Klein** celebrated a win at the California Supreme Court thanks to a law suit in Orange County which had tried to keep its data behind closed doors (i.e. available only for a hefty fee). According to **Dennis**, it's a win for transparency.
- **Dan Hatch** enjoyed cabin life on Lake Michigan where he saved \$11 by shelling out a measly \$8 by having lunch with the White Hall, Michigan Rotary Club instead of with us. He also preached at a local church where he met a Rotarian, thanks to said Rotarian wearing his pin.
- **Jane Hall**, Tam High teacher, graded the PRLS training A+ and recommends it highly.
- **Election News**—**Dick Spotswood**, Marin IJ political columnist, reported that our own PP **Burnett** is running for re-election to another 4-year term on the board of directors of the Homestead Valley Sanitary District. **Greg Dyer** encouraged **Burnett** to rent a truck with a



Today's Mystery Rotarian helps close up shop after the meeting.

loud speaker to promote his campaign in the early morning hours on Saturdays but **Doug Scherf** warned that those barely-awake and still-hung over Homestead Valleyans might hear "Burn-It" instead of "Bur-Nett" and set fire to the neighborhood. No word yet on **Burnett's** Super PAC or his future sights on the Southern Marin Fire Protection District Board!

RAFFLE

- Free lunch for **Bruce Wisley**.



Speaker Leah Katz visits with Dan Hatch after the program.

PROGRAM

■ **Elizabeth Suzuki**, subbing for **Bob Canepa**, introduced **Leah Katz**, former District 5190 (Reno) Ambassadorial Scholar to Uganda, where she attended university and taught special-needs children. In this country with 43 official languages, **Leah** became an accidental, adoptive mother to **Gloria**, a special-needs 12-year old orphan, who needed specialized surgery to correct a rare congenital condition.

Thanks to a serendipitous sequence of cancelled flights, bad weather, missed lunch dates and a physician in North Carolina who knew someone who knew a former Texas physician now in Kenya who happened to know how to fix this kind of rare condition, **Gloria** had her surgery and is now healthy and in a Ugandan boarding school along with her 10-year old sister.

What **Leah** learned is that while Rotary has 1.3 million members in 34,000 clubs in 166 countries, it is essentially just one person being another person's friend.■

NEXT WEEK

- The new 5150 District Governor **Eric Schmautz** will visit.

CLUB CALENDAR

- **July 30:** Mill Valley Mayor **Andy Berman** and Mill Valley City Manager **Jim McCann** will present the traditional *State of the City* program.
- **August 6:** **Dr. B. J. Miller**, the Executive Director of the Zen Hospice Project in San Francisco

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

CLUB CALENDAR (Cont'd)

and a palliative care specialist at [UCSF Medical Center](#), will give us a practical conversation on end-of-life issues and how to prepare for end-of-life. This is definitely a somber topic, but something that we must all address at some point in our lives. Dr. Miller is a triple amputee and has extensive and personal history on palliative care issues.

August 13: Mary Ann Maggiore will give us some clues on *Raising a Sane and Successful Teen or Twenty Something*.

August 20: Our speaker will be Mt. Tam Ranger **Matt Cerkel**. His presentation is entitled *Military Aviation Crashes in Marin County from the 1920s to the 1970s*.

August 25: Bocce Ball Tournament benefitting Rotaplast at the San Rafael Bocce courts. Burnett will have details and a signup sheet at next week's meeting.

■ **August 27: Cindy McCauley** and some members of the Tam High contingent that earlier this year went to play baseball in Cuba will share some of their travel and baseball experiences.



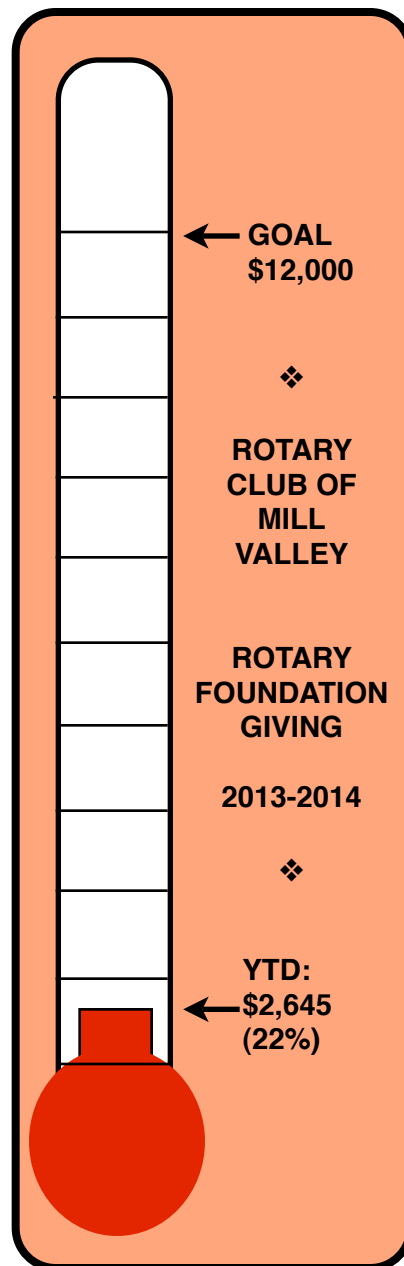
African trinkets tempt PP Ed.

The Mechanics of Obtaining a Paul Harris Fellowship

Donations to [1] the Annual Fund, [2] Polio Plus or [3] an approved global project all count towards a Paul Harris Fellow.

You may review over 200 global projects needing financial support at matchinggrants.org/global.

How do you make out your check? Say you want to bring a \$100 check to the next meeting for a bell-ringer. It should be made payable to The Rotary Foundation with the memo area stating the program to which it is donated—i.e., Annual Fund; Polio Plus; one of the 200 plus qualifying projects. Any more questions? Please ask our Foundation Chair, **Doug Scherf**.



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