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GREETER

■ **Einar Asbo** led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance and imparted the following words of wisdom from **Will Rogers**: "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you don't keep moving."

PRESIDER

■ President **Ken Brooks** called the meeting to order. Ken noted the good attendance today and pointed out that although today's weather was tough, Mill Valley Rotarians were even tougher.

VISITORS

■ Guests: PP **Bob Canepa** introduced **Julian Jory**, with Audio Video Integration of San Rafael, who was here to assist with today's program presentation. Kent Campbell's guest for a second week was Richard Sandafer.

BIRTHDAYS

■ **Joanne Burns** got to celebrate her birthday at Rotary for the second week in a row! **Donna D'Acuti** sang her usual rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to the delight of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ President Ken reminded us of the new Rotary elevator statement we can all keep in mind while

promoting Rotary to others: "Rotary is a leadership organization....comprised of local business, professional, and civic leaders. We meet regularly, get to know each other, form friendships, do business together, and through that, we are able to accomplish significant things - in our local community and in the world."

■ PP **Bob Canepa** reminded us of next week's program, *The Bishop Wears No Drawers*. Hmmmm. That should be interesting.

■ President Ken reported for **Cyndi Moore**, who is heading up the dictionary distribution, that the dictionaries have been received at the school district office. MA clocked the time to unload, which was a record 7.5 minutes! (of course it was a record. This was the first time it had been timed). Cyndi will be contacting Rotarians



► **Stephanie**, we sure hope you will be back soon...Burnett's having entirely too much fun playing with our money! (Photo by Ed Marshall)



► The 2016 Dictionary Project is underway with the books arriving at the Mill Valley Schools office last week where Lee K., Cyndi Moore, M-A Cardenas, President Ken and Burnett unloaded and stacked them in record time. A sticker party is scheduled for this week, after which the books will be presented to each of Mill Valley's Third Graders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the “Sticker Party” within the next few days.

■ President Ken put in a plug for the upcoming District 5150 PRLS (Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar) coming up at the Bay Model in Sausalito on January 30. Each club is expected to have at least one member attend. Our Club pays the \$50.00 tuition fee, and Ken suggested that at least one of our three newest members would be likely candidates.



► **Stone chisel, an artifact found by today's speaker on Pitcairn Island. Story on P. 3.**

■ PP Sue Royce reminded all of the upcoming Chamber Mixer which we are hosting here at the clubhouse on February 17. Sue said the word is out that the mixers we host are the best of the year, so don't miss it. Bring appetizers and if you have questions, call Sue.

GOOD TIMES, ETC.

■ Rotary Good Times: PP Kim Jessup took the opportunity to second last week's comments regarding the REST Program at Tiburon Congregational Church. She said it was an incredible evening, and that the one-on-one volunteering fits our Club's mission. She suggested that the Club look into other similar opportunities.

■ While Kim had the floor, she suggested that PP Dick Spotswood be fined for his

multiple appearances (other than his semi weekly column) in the Marin IJ recently. Dick will be moderating a series of *IJ Forums*, which can be viewed on line or on two cable channels. Dick

graciously coughed up some cash for the fine box.

■ Other general comments for the good of the Club: Donna would like to see a Facebook page for the Rotary Club of Mill Valley.

AN INVITATION FROM RI PRESIDENT RAVINDRAN

I am pleased to bring you the good news that His Holiness Pope Francis will officiate at a Mass to Rotarians at St. Peter's Square, Rome, on 30 April. We will have 8,000 seats reserved for Rotarians, as well as friends and family.

It is my great pleasure to invite you to join me in Italy on this day as we celebrate the Jubilee of Rotarians, a special event hosted by Rotary District 2080 and the Vatican.

In addition, local Rotarians will host special celebratory dinners and plan a service project for attendees.

I believe this event is a tremendous honor that will raise Rotary's status across so much of the world, and it should bring us all great happiness to be a part of it, regardless of our own religions and beliefs.

For more information, please visit the [Jubilee of Rotarians website](#), which has been provided by our friends in District 2080. Updates and additional information will be available leading up to the event. Registration opens January 18.

This Jubilee, as established by Pope Francis, is known as the Holy Year of Mercy. It marks the time of forgiveness and reconciliation, of solidarity, hope, and justice. It is a commitment to serve with joy and in peace across the world.

As you work hard to *Be a Gift to the World*, I do hope you will make the effort to be in Rome with as many members of your district as possible. **K. R. Ravindran, President, Rotary International.**



► **St. Peters Square—be there in April or really be square!**

MORE ETC.

■ PE **Kent Campbell** mentioned that he is working on a District 5051 LinkedIn page.

■ President Ken brought to everyone's attention that our annual goal for the Rotary Foundation has been raised to \$14,000, thanks to one very generous donation from **Bill Lambrecht** that would otherwise skew the results. Thank you, Bill! See page 4 for the status of all three of our goals and make a contribution to keep us on track.

■ Also, Bill and District Governor **Leah Lambrecht** attended the Rotary World Peace Conference this month.

BLUE BADGES

■ Blue Badge Ceremony: Bill Lambrecht assisted President Ken in awarding Blue Badges signifying full membership in Rotary to **Karen Buckter** and **Joanne Burns**. This ceremony recognizing new members plays a crucial and significant role in the health and well being of our club. Welcome Karen and Joanne!

JOANNE & KAREN ARE BLUE BADGERS NOW



► Joanne Burns (left) and Karen Buckter were given their blue badges today, much to the delight of President Ken and Karen's sponsor Bill Lambrecht. (Photos by Ed Marshall)

PROGRAM

■ PP Bob Canepa introduced **Tony Probst**, our speaker for the day.

Tony's presentation was on *Fletcher Christian, Captain Bligh & The HMS Bounty*. Tony has been going to sea since age six when he accompanied his family on a 14 year sailing trip. He became fascinated with the story of the HMS Bounty after reading Mutiny on the Bounty. He has collected over 3000 photographs and artifacts from the Bounty as

well as the *Titanic*. Tony discussed his many visits to Pitcairn Island, where the Bounty landed. Approximately 50 people inhabit the island and make most of their livelihood from the few annual tourist visits. Tony dived to the remains of the Bounty many times and showed us some of the artifacts he brought home. Many other artifacts are on display at his showroom at 647 Francisco Blvd E., in San Rafael. His program about this tiny island (the size of our Angel Island) its history and its inhabitants was simply amazing.

PP JANE SENDS US PICTURES FROM LAMPANG, THAILAND



► Left & Right: Rotary signs everywhere. Center: The house Jane and her crew are building.



NEXT WEEK

■ **January 26: Michael Barrington's** presentation has the intriguing title *The Bishop Wears No Drawers*. This is also the title of his book, which is about his own true harrowing survival tale, adventures and challenges as a Catholic missionary priest in war torn Nigeria for 10 years.

CLUB CALENDAR

■ **February 2: Oak Dowling's** presentation is entitled *Al Capone—One of the Most Notorious Gangsters in History*. Capone was an American gangster who attained fame during the Prohibition era as the co-founder and boss of the Chicago Outfit. His seven-year reign as crime boss ended when he was 33 years

old. Capone is one of the most notorious American gangsters of the 20th century and has been the subject of numerous articles, books, and films. His personality and character have been used in fiction as a model for crime lords and criminal masterminds ever since his death. The stereotypical image of a mobster wearing a blue pinstriped suit and tilted fedora is based on photos of Capone.

■ **February 9: Robert Heller's** presentation is entitled *The Unlikely Governor*. This is also the title of his book. In a true American odyssey, Belvedere resident Robert Heller chronicles his journey from the caves and cellars of war-ravaged Germany to the United States and his rise as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and President and CEO of VISA U.S.A. His humorous and

candid memoir concludes with an insider's observations of what transpires in America's boardrooms.

■ **February 16:** Our very own **Bob Roberts** will present *Wish You Were Here*, which is also the title of his book. Bob will be talking about the fascinating life and work of his father **Mike Roberts**, which spanned more than 50 years. A self-taught pioneer in the development of color photography and printing, Mike was known as America's Postcard King. His fascination with horseless carriages and carousels led to close personal friendships with **Bill Harrah** and **Walt Disney**.

■ **February 17:** We sponsor the Monthly Chamber Mixer at the Clubhouse. See PP **Susan Royce** for details.

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

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$865.00**

**2015-2016
SERVICE FUND
(GEORGE HOYLE)
GOAL
\$10,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$6,090.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
GIVING**

**2015-16 GOAL:
\$14,000**

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$11,800.00**

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