



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Margareth Tanner** welcomed Rotarians and guests today, passing along the following bit of wisdom as her Thought for the Day: *We make a life from what we can get, but we will be remembered for what we give.*

PRESIDER

■ You know how **J. R.** likes to personalize each of his weekly jokes by attributing the action to a



Rotarian in the audience. Well, this time he had a “gardening” story to tell, and he singled out PP **Burnett Tregoning** as the “subject.” The story had something to do with Burnett’s penchant for calling fertilizer manure. Little did J. R. know that six sacks of the stuff were sitting on Burnett’s back porch, in anticipation of spring planting, and that the club was lucky that he didn’t use a four letter word to describe the material inside!

VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarians:* **Sandy and Art Blumer** who are visiting from Connecticut. Sandy is a member of the Rotary Club of Hartford and husband Art is a member of the Rotary Club of Southington.

Also visiting was **Dave Kucher** from Tiburon Sunset, and our speaker, retired attorney **Oak Dowling**, is a member in San Rafael.

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Robin Keller** was accompanied by his fiancé **Kathy Burke**; **Mike Dean** came with **Steve Miller**; **Jan Pedersen Schiff**, director of Singers Marin, was the guest of PP **Sue Royce**; and two membership candidates **Peter O’Keefe** and **John Christman** were guests of **President J. R.** In addition, Interact Advisor **Emily Uhlhorn** brought two sharp Interactors to the meeting. Good thing they were available to assist with the program audio-visual!

NEW MEMBERS

■ The Board of Directors has approved the membership applications of **Peter O’Keefe** and **John Christman**, both sponsored by **President J. R.** Peter’s classification will be Insurance—Life; John’s will be Medicine—Chiropractic. Peter is an agent for New York Life with offices in San Francisco. John has recently established his practice, Upper Cervical Chiropractic of Marin, at 433 Miller Ave. John has expressed interest in community service projects, youth programs and service to seniors, among others. Peter has indicated



► **Roberta** poses with her brand, spankin’ new Ford Fusion. Hey, has that parking sign always tilted? Better check your bumper, Roberta!

NEW MEMBERS (Cont'd)

interest in the club's Dictionary Project, Postal Carrier food drive and International projects, among others. Members have seven (7) days in which to comment on either one or both of these candidates in writing to the club secretary, should they wish to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Got your MV Rotary license plate holder? If not, fill out the form and get it to PP **Ed Marshall** post haste. No form? Call Ed.

■ **Phil Richardson** and PP **Ken Brooks** are looking for more volunteers to head up dictionary delivery teams. The books have

arrived and have been prepared for delivery. Delivery schedules to Mill Valley Third Graders attending Strawberry, Tam Valley, Park, Old Mill and Edna Maguire schools will be determined by the team leaders after consultation with teachers and staff. Call Phil and/or Ken if you'd like to head up or work on a delivery team. They will appreciate your help.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM A MILL VALLEY ROTARY SCHOLAR

Dear Mill Valley Rotary,

My name is Brissa Teodoro and I am writing to thank you for generously awarding me a Mill Valley Rotary scholarship – I am eternally grateful. This scholarship will help me with any expenses that I have while attending my last year at Sonoma State University. This fall, I will be entering my senior year, where I am majoring in Early Childhood Studies with an emphasis in Teaching.

I am completely mind blown that I am in my last year of college, however, I am also immensely excited to explore what the future will hold for me. I wanted to write this letter to personally thank you for helping me throughout the past four years of college at Sonoma State. I consider myself blessed to have been awarded such a generous scholarship. This scholarship has helped me in more ways than you can imagine. I have been able to pay off remaining amounts of tuition with this scholarship. I have used it to buy my pricey textbooks and endless school supplies.

Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to focus more and worry less about school expenses. I am incredibly grateful for your generosity and hope you understand that you are helping another young adult realize their potential and opening up a world of possibilities with a degree in hand – thank you. I am excited about this upcoming semester because I will be finishing up courses required for my major. I am also taking a Chicano Studies course that will focus on Chicano/Latino family relationships and dynamics. I am

particularly excited about this class because it will provide me with more insight on my culture, in addition to helping me better understand the culture and family relationships of my future students and their families.

In addition to finishing up courses for my major, I have also received another position in my sorority, Alpha Xi Delta. Serving on the executive board, I am responsible for making sure the ladies of the Theta Beta chapter are meeting standards at chapter meeting every Sunday. Additionally, I have responsibilities during chapter ceremonies. I am thankful and excited that all one hundred fifty of my sisters have the confidence in me to take on this new position in Alpha Xi Delta.

As I wrap up this letter and begin the last chapter of my college career, I am appreciative of the experiences that have shaped the individual I am today. It never ceases to amaze me how much my friends and I have grown since freshman year of college. It is exciting to see everyone grow and follow the career of his or her dreams – including myself.

*Thank you again for awarding me this scholarship. You will not be disappointed. Best, **Brissa Teodoro***



► **Brissa** when she visited us in August 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **President J. R.** urged club members to save upcoming dates for special Rotary events:

March 17 - District Assembly

May 3 - Foundation Dinner

May 4-6 - District Conference

June 15 - Installation Dinner

■ **PP Kim Jessup** noted that our second REST program for the homeless is scheduled for the evening of March 22. She's looking for volunteers so give her a buzz.

CELEBRATIONS

■ **Club Anniversary:** **PP Dick Spotswood** (2/9/93)—25 years!! Asked about his "favorite Mill Valley moment," Dick responded with "Any moment during **Kim Jessup's** term!" Sounds like a politician speaking, doesn't it?! Dick served as club president in 2000-01, leading a delegation of club members on a trip to Mexico where they did some amazing "hands on" building repair work. The club thanks you, Dick, for your many contributions to the community and the world through Rotary.

■ **Birthdays (& a Wedding!):** **Steve Miller** (2/7) and **President J. R.** (2/25). For Steve, "life is good!" For J. R., his birthday celebration certainly was special since it involved a weekend in Carmel and a marriage to **Laddia**! Can't recall this combination of events being reported ever before in the *Mill Wheel*. To celebrate the birthdays, **Donna D** offered her patented Birthday Song. To celebrate the marriage, glasses of champagne were passed around for a toast to the new First Couple. By the way, J. R. contributed a bell-ringer to the Rotary Foundation in addition to popping for the champagne. You'd think he was running for office!

■ **Wedding Anniversary:** **Roberta and Bob Keller** celebrated their 53rd by welcoming a new member to the family—a bright blue 2018 Ford Fusion (see page 1). Roberta noted that the new car is the first she and Bob have owned to have cup-holders. Nice to learn that the Kellers have finally gone high-tech!

► **J. R. doubled up—he celebrated his birthday and married Laddia last weekend in Carmel. The club toasted the first couple today with champagne!**



19th Annual Gala Fundraiser

Rotary Club of Marin Evening

Top Hat and Pearls Dinner Dance

Fabulous Food!

Saturday, April 28, 2018
~~ Black Tie Optional ~~

Great Live and Silent Auction Prizes!

Dance to the Music of the Sandy Geller Band

Marin Country Club
 500 Country Club Way, Novato
 5:30 p.m.
\$100 per person

Tickets: www.marineveningrotary.com

or Mark Shirley 415-945-9593 or markshirley@mac.com

Fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Marin Evening Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation.

RAFFLE

■ **PE Bob Roberts**—4-way test coin.

PROGRAM

■ Old friend **Oak Dowling** brought us the fascinating story of *Rosa Parks: An International Icon of Resistance to Racial Segregation*. By refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus in 1955, black seamstress Rosa Parks helped initiate the civil rights movement in the United States. Another stimulating program, aided this week by the Interact kids who knew how to keep the projector going in the right direction!

NEXT WEEK

March 6: China Galland will be our speaker. Her presentation is entitled *Love Cemetery*:



Unburying the Secret History of Slaves. It is also the title of her book. By the eve of the Civil War, there were four

million slaves in North America, and Harrison County was the largest slave-owning county in Texas. So when China Galland returned to research her family history there, it should not have surprised her to learn of unmarked

cemeteries for slaves. "My daddy never let anybody plow this end of the field," a local matron told a startled Galland during a visit to her antebellum mansion. "The slaves are buried there." Galland's subsequent effort to help restore just one of these cemeteries—Love Cemetery—unearths a quintessential American story of prejudice, land theft, and environmental destruction, uncovering racial wounds that are slow to heal.

CLUB CALENDAR

March 13 (4:30): Vision Facilitation Session, conducted by **Colleen Wright** of District 5150, where club members have the opportunity to chart the future for

MILL WHEEL CAMERA SPOTLIGHTS SOME OF TODAY'S ACTION

► Clockwise from right: Slingers of Marin's Jan Pedersen Schiff attends with PP Sue Royce; Oak makes a point; Lew checks thank you card created by Mill Valley students; Vince scores big time as Lee presents a box full of "free" egg cartons.



CLUB CALENDAR

the Rotary Club of Mill Valley. Dinner will be served at 4:30 with the program scheduled to begin at 5:15. This meeting will be at the golf clubhouse as usual.

March 17: District Workshop (AKA District Learning and Leadership Development Assembly) 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Redwood High School, 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur. Register to attend on District website.

March 20: Maureen "Mo" Devnieva will tell us *What Social Media Can Do for You.* #RotaryEdition. Did you know by 2018 video will account for over 2/3 of mobile usage? Come to this session to help move our club forward with social media and video. Walk away with tools and

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?

skills to share our club's #RotaryStory!

March 22: REST Program (Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) at the Community Congregational Church of Tiburon-Belvedere. Our second opportunity to directly serve the homeless by providing food and fellowship. Past President **Kim Jessup** is putting together a crew,

so please check with her to volunteer your services.

March 27: Mill Valley Rotary exchange student **Eli Ferrell** will tell about *My Experiences as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Europe*. He will share with us his travels and adventures while studying in Spain.

April 3: Members Program.

April 17: Roberto Calandro will speak on Robotics. He is a postdoctoral scholar at UC Berkeley in the Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research Laboratory.

HOSPITAL BLOOPERS

Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.

2017-2018 POLIO PLUS

CLUB GOAL
\$2,500.00

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,724.94

2017-2018 SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

GOAL
\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$5,770.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2017-2018 GOAL:
\$18,000.00

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$10,010.00

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