



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

■ **Karen Buckter** offered the following Thought for the Day: *No man should tell a lie unless he is shrewd enough to recognize the time for announcing it, if and when it comes, and knows how to renounce it gracefully—Rex Stout.*

PRESIDER

■ New President **J. R. Hastings**, believing in following tradition, started things moving with his first joke:

Teacher to little Johnny: “If I gave you two cats and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?”

Johnny: “Seven.”

Teacher: “No, listen carefully: If I gave you two cats and another



► Greeter Karen Buckter poses with speaker Jeff Davidson and his wife, Leona.

two cats and another two, how many would you have?”

Johnny: “Seven.”

Teacher: “Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?”

Johnny: “Six.”

Teacher: “Good. Now, if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?”

Johnny: “Seven.”

Teacher: “Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?”

Johnny: “Because I’ve already got a freaking cat!”

VISITORS

■ *Visiting Rotarians:* **Rich Jensen**, president of RC Marin Central, who made a pitch on behalf of his club’s upcoming fundraiser at the Lark Theater, Monday, August 7.

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* Three young ladies from Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo—**Davina Kabantu** (17); **Gemima Motema** (16); and **Amanda Kabantu** (14)—were the guests of **Jane Hall**. The girls are

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE 2017 INSTALLATION CELEBRATION



VISITORS (Cont'd)

traveling with the Tam High Girls Basketball Team and have just returned to Mill Valley from Oregon where they competed in a tournament. Their schedule takes them to Sacramento and Las Vegas before returning home later this month.

■ Jane also was accompanied today by **Oliver Merten** who came to thank the club for sponsoring him as a Rotary Exchange Student. The Drake High School student goes to Austria for a year, and we hope we'll be hearing about his experiences fairly regularly.

■ Other visitors included **Reed Nothwang**, financial advisor with Edward Jones in Larkspur, **Leona Davidson**, wife of the speaker, and a mystery lady who did not sign in but is related somehow to PP Jane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ The Central Marin August 7 fundraiser is centered on the movie *De-Lovely* which features



► **Things got a little smelly down at Rotary Corner last Saturday when Burnett discovered an animal carcass, with a bushy black and white tail, while doing some pruning. The boss, Jill Young (right), was pretty definite in her reaction. (Photo by Jane Hall)**

music by Cole Porter. Regular seating is \$20; premium seating (\$50 tax deduction) is \$100. For tickets use Eventbrite or call

415-310-8749. The club also offers a Prix Fixe Dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the nearby *Left Bank* restaurant for \$55. For dinner reservations, call 415-072-3331 and tell them you are with Rotary.

■ RC Marin Evening has invited Rotary International Past President **Rick King** to speak at their meeting, July 18. Contact **Jayne Hulbert** at 415-300-7636.

■ **Allely Albert** announced the Mill Valley Police Officers Association Pink Patch Project, a public awareness campaign designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support research



organizations in combating the disease. You can help by purchasing a patch for \$10. Allely will have them for sale during the summer. MV Police will wear the patch in October.

■ Saturday, July 29, is the date for the next Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar (PRLS). The seminar

AND STILL MORE . . .



will be held at S.F. Recology. For details contact **Michael Ford**, District 5150 PRLS Director, at 510-410-2680 or michael@tfos.net

■ The new rosters are out. Get yours at the check-in table next Tuesday.

■ **Dennis Klein** is organizing work parties to spruce up Mill Valley trails and stairs. He asked the club to save the last Saturday of the month for this work, starting at 1:30 p.m. More details to come.

■ Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen** is looking for another big year for Rotary Foundation giving, so expect to hear from him often during 2017-2018.

BIRTHDAY

■ **Howard Harker** celebrates July 14. **Donna D** sang her unique version of the Birthday Song in Howard's honor.

GOOD TIMES

■ **Peter Mason** and family had a great time at Stern Grove in S.F.



► **Accent on youth:** Past President Jane Hall poses at today's meeting with her young guests, three girls from the Democratic Republic of Congo who are touring with the Tam High girls basketball team, and Oliver Merten, a student at Drake High School who soon will be going to Austria in the Rotary exchange program.

this past Sunday. "The music was fantastic," Peter enthused.

RAFFLE

■ Tough luck for **Don Bowden**. He had the right ticket but the wrong marble. \$645 in the pot!

PROGRAM

■ **Jeff Davidson**, retired Mill Valley Fire Chief, shared a 500-mile walking adventure with us. In a presentation labeled *The Journey is the Destination*—



AND MORE . . .



. . . THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

Walking the Camino de Santiago, Jeff took us along with him on a trip he made in June 2015. The Camino de Santiago is a 500-mile pilgrimage beginning in southern France, crossing the Pyrenees into Spain and continuing west across the width of Northern Spain.

Jeff shared his extraordinary adventure through a multi-media presentation covering a brief history of the Camino, his preparation, experiences and reflections. Great show!

NEXT WEEK

July 18: Oak Dowling returns as our speaker with a presentation entitled *Anthony Weiner and the Sexting Scandal*. **Anthony Weiner** was a young

Memorial Service for Mary Luehring

■ A memorial service for **Mary** will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 240 Tiburon Blvd., Tiburon, on Friday, August 11 at 5:00 p.m. That date would have been her 100th birthday.

congressman on the cusp of higher office when a sexting scandal forced a humiliating resignation. Just two years later, he ran for mayor of New York City, betting that his ideas would trump his indiscretions. He was wrong.

CLUB CALENDAR

July 25 (6:15 p.m.): Steve Burchik will talk about *Compass and a Camera, A Year in Vietnam*. With a compass to direct him in

his job as a forward observer and a personal camera to document his experiences—and keep him connected to his creative side—Vietnam veteran Steven Burchik was lucky enough to make it home and years later decided to write about the most challenging year of his life.

August 1: Evening Fellowship. Details to come from **Bob Roberts**.

August 8: Rod Septka, Global Studies Mentor and Master Teacher from Mill Valley School District, will interview former student, **Mesgna Neghasi** about his incredible journey from Eritrea, Africa to Mill Valley, California. Their program is entitled *Goodbye Son: Leaving My Home to Discover My Destiny*.

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**CLUB GOAL
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**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$1,072.23**

**2017-2018
SERVICE FUND
(GEORGE HOYLE)**

**GOAL
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**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
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