

# THE MILL WHEEL



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## GREETER

■ **Phil Richardson** got us going by leading the pledge to the flag and offering a potpourri of Thoughts for the Day: *The way to get going is to forget talking and begin doing—Walt Disney; I failed my way to success—Thomas Edison; and, If you’re going through hell, keep on going—Winston Churchill.*

## PRESIDER

■ Believing all adults hide at least one dark secret, **President J. R.** told a little story on himself:

Thinking he might be able to pad his meagre allowance a bit, he approached his Mom, saying, “I know your dark secret!” Mom responded with, “I’ll give you \$10 not to tell Dad.”

Mission accomplished, but he thought he’d go for more, telling his father that “I know your dark secret!” Dad’s response: “Don’t tell Mom and I’ll give you \$10.”

Realizing what a money-making deal he had going, he spotted the mailman coming up the walkway and said to him, “I know your dark secret!”

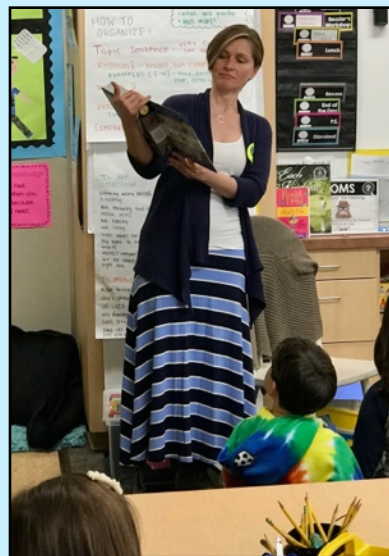
The mailman’s response: “Come to Daddy!!!”

## FINAL DICTIONARY DELIVERIES BRING TOTAL TO 369 IN 2018

■ Doug Scherf, Lisán Campbell, Bruce Wrisley and PE Bob Roberts hung out with 90 of their closest third-grade friends last Thursday at Edna Maguire Elementary School during one of two final deliveries of dictionaries. Every third-grader in Mill Valley now has his/her dictionary—a total of 369 having been distributed by the club this year.

“Given the size of the group the teachers had decided to distribute the books in their respective classes following our presentation,” Bob reports. “That said, it all went well.” In the photos below, Doug shares the benefits of the Rotary story and Lisán points out the benefits of the printed word.

Dictionary report continues on next page...



Photos by Bob Roberts

## VISITORS

■ *Guests of Rotarians:* Visiting today were **Jack Creson** (Kent Campbell); **Damian Morgan** (J.R. Hastings); and **Anthony Trias** (Bill Lambrecht).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Doug Scherf** recently shared the following announcement by one of our recent speakers, **Vicki Trapalis**, who thought the club might be interested in a special art exhibition for one of her refugee students—**Shakiba**—from Greece. Shakiba is still living at the refugee camp and is a self-taught artist. The exhibition will be at the International Art Museum of America, located at 1023 Market St. in S.F. It is

## THANK YOU!

❖ **For the lovely illustrated dictionary the Club distributed to our kids! It's my kid's first and he is using it to look up new words. Thanks so much for your service to our community. (A note received by PE Bob Roberts from a happy Mill Valley mom.)**

scheduled for April 11 through May 3. You can visit Shakiba's Facebook page at Shakiba Art or check the museum's website [www.iamasf.org](http://www.iamasf.org) for more information.

■ **J. R.** announced the next PRLS (Potential Rotary Leader Seminar) is scheduled for Saturday, July 21. He highly recommends this

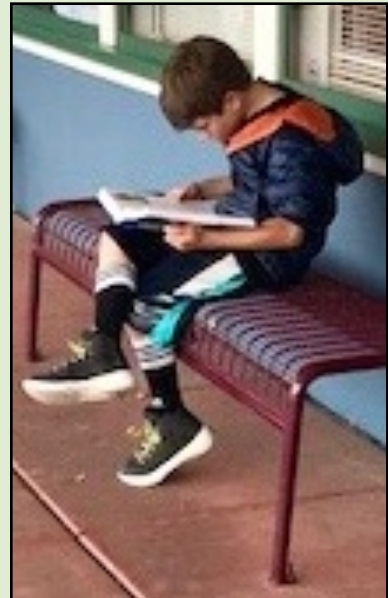
session to Rotarians wishing to learn more about the organization, and says it is an excellent opportunity to brush up on your public speaking skills. Ask him for details. (Note: The club pays your fee!)

■ Past President **Greg Dyer** reported that he and **Lew Katcher**, soon to become the new president of the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund, recently visited the offices of the Marin Community Foundation, the organization investing our funds. "We are in good hands," Greg said, "and we owe outgoing president **Bob Canepa** a big round of applause for his leadership over the past many years." The club responded in a big way with resounding applause while Bob took the opportunity to remind members that the Service

## STRAWBERRY PT. 3RD GRADERS GET THEIRS TOO (Cont'd from P.1)

■ The team at Strawberry Pt. Elementary School last week included Bill Lambrecht, John Christman, Jane Hall and Bob Roberts. Bob reports they had 62 third-graders and several very happy looking teachers. It was the last period before the holiday weekend. According to Bob,

Jane dazzled and succeeded in engaging the students. "Bill and I were afterthoughts on the subject of Rotary," he said. "Passing out the dictionaries was a delicious experience. Every one of the youngsters said the magic words...thank you."



Photos by Bob Roberts



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fund goal for 2017-18 is \$10,000. "Please keep us in mind as we near the end of this fiscal year," he added.

■ New member **Jan Pedersen Schiff** told us about the upcoming Spring Concert to be held at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 15, at the Community Congregational Church in Tiburon. The *Wings of Song* women's chorus will combine with the new Bay Area men's ensemble, *Chorum*, and additional *Singers Marin* men in this annual concert. Tickets are \$25 general admission; students/seniors \$20. Visit [www.singersmarin.org](http://www.singersmarin.org) or phone the Singers Marin office: 415/383-3712. The featured composition is Randall Thompson's "Frostiana," featuring the poetry of Robert Frost. Jan will be guest conducting this same composition with 150 singers and full orchestra on April 28 in Carnegie Hall.



► Phil gave Heidi a "royal welcome" before before purchasing his raffle ticket.

■ President **J. R.** noted receipt of several beautiful "thank you" cards made by Mill Valley 3rd Graders who expressed appreciation for their dictionaries.



► **Beverlee** reads one of the the imaginative thank you notes created by Mill Valley School 3rd Graders.

The creative cards were passed around for everybody to enjoy. One of them sported the slogan: ROTARY ROCKS! We certainly do, and thanks for the thanks!

## CELEBRATIONS

■ *Club Anniversary:* **Don Herzog** (4/5/83)—35 years! His favorite Mill Valley moment? Cutting brush on a city path when the crew inadvertently exposed a hot tub. Didn't say whether or not it was occupied! Thanks, Don, for your many years of devotion to the club and the community.

## GOOD TIMES

■ Here's that guy again—**Don Herzog** just returned from a bicycle trip through Vietnam and Cambodia, accompanied by his wife **Gloria** and their son. Don explained that bikes rule in this part of the world with no rules of the road to worry about. People were friendly. Food was great. A bell-ringer!

■ PP **Richard Rider's** son **Kirk**, a student at College of Marin, racked up his best time ever in the 400 meter "dash" in a recent JC track meet. Last Sunday Richard and his other son **Luke** went

flying out in the Pt. Reyes area and spotted six whales.

■ You can tell that PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** and **Steve** aren't used to having a house full of teenagers. Their exchange student had friends visiting recently, which Elizabeth acknowledged was fun, but when the guests returned home: "How delightful!"

■ **Donna D's** been finding all about herself thanks to Ancestry.com. When her DNA results arrived, she tossed them because they did not confirm her Italian/French upbringing. Did she spit in the wrong tube?

## RAFFLE

■ New member **Jan Pedersen Schiff** won a handsome 4-Way Test Coin.

## PROGRAM

■ With Program Chair **Bob Canepa** as MC, new members **Pete O'Keefe** and **John Christman** were featured speakers at today's New Member Program. They both did a fine job



► It's always fun to have "Octane" accompany his human **Beverlee Sandy** to meetings.

## PROGRAM (Cont'd)

telling their “life” story and the club welcomed them with a warm standing applause.

## NEXT WEEK

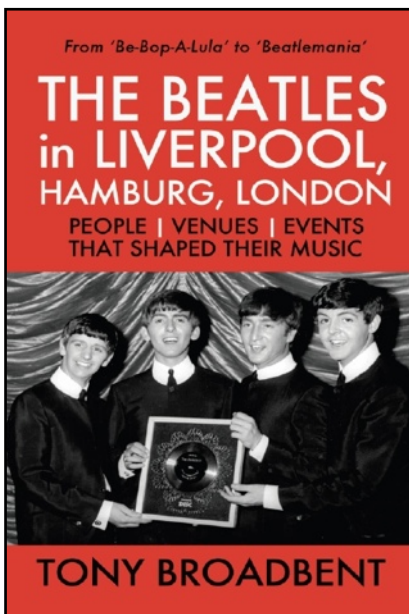
**April 10 (6:15 - at the Golf Clubhouse):** Members of the Marin Shakespeare Co. will speak.

## CLUB CALENDAR

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

**April 21: Spring spruce up at Rotary Corner** down at Terwilliger Marsh in front of the Mill Valley Community Center. Work starts at 9:30 and ends at noon. Wear your gloves and bring your clippers. Coffee and assorted “goodies” at break time!

**April 24: Club “Vision” Assembly.** Want to have a say about the future of the Rotary



► New members Pete O'Keefe, left, and John Christman pose with Program Chair Bob Canepa after receiving their guest speaker gifts.

Club of Mill Valley? Be sure to attend this important session.

**May 1: Beatles expert Tony Broadbent** will be our speaker. His presentation is titled *The Beatles. Here, There, and Everywhere. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*. Tony will talk about the early days of The Beatles: From *Be-Bop-A-Lula* to *Beatlemania*, with reference to the two books he's written about the times. The novel: *The One After 9:09 - A Mystery With A Backbeat*. And the non-fiction book: *The Beatles in Liverpool, Hamburg, London - People, Venues, Events That Shaped Their Music*.

**May 4-6: District Conference.** See District website for details.

**May 10: Career Day** at San Andreas High School in Larkspur.

**May 12: Letter Carriers Food Drive**

**May 15: Anna Lecat** will discuss *Surviving and Thriving from Ukraine through China to Mill Valley*. Anna will share her inspiring story of growing up in a Jewish family in Ukraine at the end of the Cold War and through the decline and fall of the Soviet Union, moving to China, and learning how to do business in China, and finally moving to the United States, establishing two successful businesses here and living with family in Mill Valley. Anna is a repeat entrepreneur, CEO and Founder of Les Lunes, a men and women's fashion label based in San Francisco, Paris, and Shanghai. Lecat specializes in retail and sustainable manufacturing having previously





## CLUB CALENDAR

lived and worked in China for 18 years. She speaks fluent Mandarin and feels at home on the streets of Shanghai, in the mountains of Northern California and traversing the theater district in Paris. Her insatiable enthusiasm for championing artisanship, quality, and ethical manufacturing is well known in the business world.

**May 22: Keith Phillips** will present *Leaving No One Behind: a Mill Valley Effort to Recover America's War Dead*. There are 83,000 Missing in Action (MIAs) service personnel from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. A Military History buff, Keith first developed an interest in the MIAs when in New Guinea

### *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?

a local tribal chief asked him to bring home some American remains in his village. From that starting point began a sense of mission to re-energize the country's efforts to locate and recover the remains, and through Project Homecoming to assist families in their efforts. During his time with us Keith will speak to the "facts and figures"

associated with the missing, speak to their presence in Marin County and worldwide and discuss the combination of science, international goodwill and serendipity that all play a role in return of the missing.

**May 29:** Film editor and film maker **Tim Amyx** will present *Movies in Marin and San Francisco*. The movie palaces of yesteryear, and the modern movie theaters of Marin. These historical (both old time, and modern) anecdotes will be shared by the former Mill Valley Historical Society President.

## HOSPITAL BLOOPERS

Skin: somewhat pale but present.

### 2017-2018 POLIO PLUS

**CLUB GOAL**  
**\$2,500.00**

**JAR TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$1,821.69**

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

**GOAL**  
**\$10,000**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$6,911.20**

### ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

**2017-2018 GOAL:**  
**\$18,000.00**

**TOTAL  
AS OF TODAY:**  
**\$11,720.00**

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