GREETER

■ Jim Simkalo who noted that the problem with life is not growing old—it is living longer, something he plans to achieve.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

■ Jean Batman (Susan Royce) made her third appearance, and you know what that means! Fill out those applications, Jean! Karen Betzner accompanied her hubby Jim Simkalo. Ryan Terry, branch manager for Bank of the West, was the guest of Phil Richardson. This was Ryan’s second appearance, so perhaps some paperwork is in the future for him as well. Let’s hope so!

VISITING ROTARIANS

■ Dan Rheiner of Sausalito Rotary joined us again today.

AWARDS

■ Karen and Jim were recipients of Paul Harris Fellow and George Hoyle Fellow certificates, respectively. Foundation Chair Doug Scherf presented the Paul Harris to Karen and Service Fund President Bob Canepa did the honors for Jim. (See photos on next page). We are back to presenting a medal to Paul Harris recipients, and I believe Jim said Karen promised to wear hers at all important public events.

PITHY PRESIDENT

■ Your president remains “pithy” but your reporter isn’t certain he got this right—Did you hear that all of the portable toilets were stolen in San Francisco? Now the police don’t have anywhere to go. It’s possible that this is not an accurate quote! Let’s hope so, anyway!

BIRTHDAYS

■ Kathleen Delehanty celebrates her birthday this week. She plans to go for a hike in the rain (we hope!). President Sue did a creditable job leading the Birthday Song!

ANNIVERSARIES

■ Wedding: President Sue offered belated congratulations to Nik and Nikki Singh.
■ Club: Keith Papulias marked his 13th year as a member of Mill Valley Rotary. His favorite Rotary Moment?—”It is still to come.” President Sue also noted that two former club presidents—Leon Smith (1979-80) and Mel Matsumoto (1994-95) joined the club in January. Lee Smith was with us last week; now it’s Mel’s turn to show up and say hello.
Membership Chair Ken Brooks noted that we were about to welcome a new member, perhaps two, and he urged the members to continue to invite their colleagues, friends and neighbors to lunch so they can discover what a good deal Rotary is.

Burnett reminded the club that he has reserved a table for 10 at the February 16 Marin Sunrise Rotary Cuban Dance Party. The event will feature authentic Cuban cuisine and entertainment from 5 to 10 p.m. at the San Rafael Community Center, 618 B St., San Rafael. $50 donation, $60 at the door, but sign up with Burnett and it will cost you only $40. What a deal! (Note—There are only 4 seats left so don’t dilly dally around!)

Calling male members only—you are requested to either dance, schmooze, or both, at the Redwoods Retirement Center Senior Prom, Friday, March 7. Bob Canepa has a sign up sheet. Look for it next week.

Next month (February 19) MV Rotary will host the Mill Valley Chamber’s monthly mixer at the golf clubhouse. It will feature wine, snacks and a wonderful opportunity for us to tell and show our Chamber colleagues what Rotary does in Mill Valley and around the world. Put Feb. 19 on your calendar.

Roberta K. is delighted that the Scout Hall board has decided to move ahead with some major repairs even though fund raising still has a way to go.

Did Steve and Judith Miller really spend two months in Mexico? That’s what Steve reported and it was a bell ringer of a vacation!

Denise Foster went farther, stayed lesser (?)—Argentina was the spot for her visit.

Bruce Wrisley stayed home, but he got himself a pretty nice Christmas present—a fire engine red Tesla (see below). A bell ringer, don’t you think?

Ike Silberman thanked the club for its support of his recent Health Forum held at the Community Center. Ike is interested in discussing your health needs. Specifics to come.

Everybody’s happy—Past President Jim Simkalo proudly shows his George Hoyle certificate while his wife Karen Betzner seems totally pleased with the Paul Harris medal presented to her by Club Foundation Chair Doug Scherf.

Bob and Stephanie can’t believe their eyes as Bruce Wrisley shows them some of the finer points of his new Christmas present—a fire engine red Tesla! Be on the alert in the club parking lot; you won’t hear him coming or going! You will see him, however!

Karen Betzner won a free lunch!
Restorative Justice was the subject of a spellbinding presentation by Leonard and Aouie Rubio. They crammed an awful lot to think about in their 30 minutes “on stage”, and we suggest you visit the following website: www.usfca.edu/magazine/restorativejustice, or get hold of a copy of The Little Book of Restorative Justice by Howard Zehr (Good Books, 2002).

February 4: Adam Vaught’s presentation is titled Connecting with Cuba’s Living History. Adam is a Director on GeoEx’s Americas team. He will be sharing with us a quick overview of Cuba’s tumultuous history, insights into the Cuban people and some fascinating photos.

February 8: Work Party at Terwilliger Marsh. (See Margareth)

February 11: Mill Valley Police Chief Angel Bernal and Fire Chief Jeff Davidson will talk on Public Safety.

February 16: Cuban Dance Party. (see Burnett)

February 18: Our speaker will be Gem Munro, and his presentation is entitled Mothers of Intention: The Power of Motherhood to Teach the World. He and his family run the Amarok Society which teaches very poor mothers in Bangladesh how to read and write in their local language.

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