



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ *Be Good and Do Good.* That was the Thought for the Day provided by Greeter **Don Herzog** with thanks to **Abigail Adams**.

PRESIDER

❖ **President Bob**, still hanging in there.

VISITORS

❖ *Guests of Rotarians:* **Ulla Howes** was **Vince's** guest today.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Club Anniversary:** **Rev. Dan Hatch (1/4/11)** was recognized for his eight years of service through Mill Valley Rotary. Dan's favorite MV Rotary Moment: working with the crowd at the club's Mt. Play booth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **FREE STUFF!** **Robin Keller** came to today's meeting carrying bags of citrus harvested at his wife Cathy's place in Sacramento. *Surprise!*—the bags of oranges and grapefruit were soon emptied by appreciative Rotarians looking for some good home-grown Vitamin C. Thanks, Cathy and Robin!

❖ Another date for you to save: May 5, 2019. A *Cinco de Mayo* celebration will be held at Past

President **Kim Jessup's** family home in Mill Valley. This event is still in the planning stage, but looks to be a fun fundraiser that you won't want to miss. A signup sheet was sent around today and will be available at meetings from now on.

❖ **President Bob** presented details of decisions made at yesterday's Board meeting:
❖ The Board has agreed to provide funds for an Eagle Scout project to take place at San Rafael's Canal district.



Rotary
District 5150

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

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AND
ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTS
2019-2020

REGISTER NOW

BUILD A PLAN FOR A DYNAMIC 2019-2020 ROTARY YEAR!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019
REGISTRATION: 7:30AM - 8:00AM
8:30AM - 1:30PM

REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
395 DOHERTY DRIVE
LARKSPUR, CA 94939

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❖ The Board also agreed to purchase \$484 in DDF from the Rotary Club of Central Marin. This will be used in conjunction with the Peru Greenhouse Global Grant. If you'd like to know more about DDF, ask Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen**. He knows all about it.

❖ As you know, the club is the chartering sponsor for Mill

Valley's Troop 1 of the Boy Scouts, and has been for some years. Now, we are also the chartering sponsor for a Troop 1 just for girls. The troops will be meeting separately but doing things together, including working towards obtaining badges that formerly had been exclusively the domain of the boys. The times they are a-changing!

❖ What would attract younger members to join the club? This has been a frequent point of

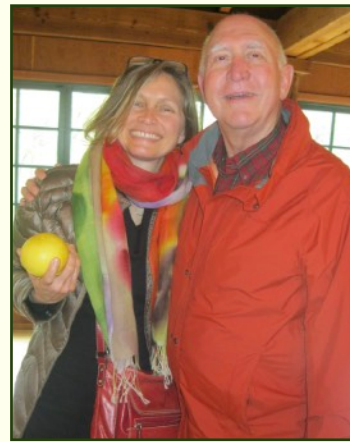
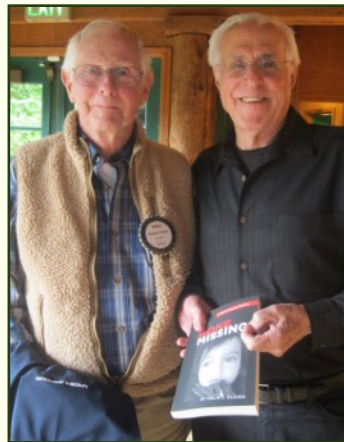
discussion at recent Board meetings, and **President Bob** reports that it has been decided to try a meeting once a month in the evening at a local venue other than the golf clubhouse. He and VP **Lee Kirkpatrick** are busy scouting the area and working out the details.

❖ The Firewise Committee, under the chairmanship of PP **Richard Rider**, is sponsoring a mailer to all of the households in Zip 94941 (City and County) regarding

CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS ON A WET & WINDY DAY



► Clockwise from above left: Greeter Don Herzog (snug in his Norwegian jacket) welcomes Jan Schiff; "Cuca" checks the action with Kent; Morgan and Beverlee smile nicely for the MW camera; Lisán Campbell (decked out in her tie-dye scarf) with Robin Keller (the Citrus Man); Vince poses with today's speaker Marin based attorney/author Colin Claxon; and Visitor Ulla Howes celebrates the opportunity to obtain two of Cathy Keller's juicy Sacramento grown grapefruit.



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evacuation procedures in the event of a wildfire. Look for the Rotary logo when you receive yours.

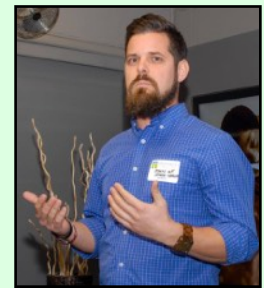
GOOD TIMES

❖ Sounds as if **Donna D** might have just had the “Good Time of the Year.” She described her recent visit to Bali as “the most amazing, incredible adventure of my life.” Donna has a friend who lives there, so she was able to spend a lot of time in various homes and with the locals, who “were incredibly kind.” She noted that, when approaching the airport she could see a sea of red roofs and the temples she “has been painting for years,” and tears came to her eyes. Wow!

❖ **Dan Hatch** also experienced a special Good Time recently, a trip

ROTARIANS MIX IT UP WITH DR. JOHN AND HIS COLLEAGUES AT UPPER CERVICAL

► Last week the Mill Valley Chamber held its monthly mixer at Upper Cervical Chiropractic of Marin with several Mill Valley Rotarians attending. At top, President Bob Roberts and PP Sue Royce join in the fun. Below, Jan Schiff gets her picture taken while host John Christman welcomes the crowd. (Photos by Gary Ferber)



2019 DISTRICT CONFERENCE A 4-Way Fest

This year's District Conference, the **Rotary 4-Way Fest**, will be held May 17-19, 2019 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, NV. District 5150 Governor **Jayne Hulbert** announced that the conference is jointly organized with three other Districts (5130, 5160 and 5190) and she expects it to bring together upwards of 1,000 Rotarians from 220 Clubs in Northern California and Northern Nevada.

“We will share ideas and service projects, hear great speakers, and have fabulous fellowship and fun,” enthuses the DG. Jayne suggests you check out the conference website <https://rotary4wayfest.com/> for information on all activities including the pre-Conference Golf Tournament, Walk to End Polio, presenters, breakout sessions and many fun activities.

The current registration price for the Rotary 4-Way Fest including all meals is \$325. The price will increase to \$350 on March 14. The conference website features a link to reserve a room at the Peppermill starting at \$159 plus tax (single or double occupancy). The hotel room price is available for 3 days before or after the conference subject to availability. Use group code **AR5150** to get the conference rate (and make sure that we get credit for your reservation). Jayne anticipates a sell out and suggests you make your reservations soon.



GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

back to Fiji where he served as a Peace Corps volunteer many years ago. He was surprised and delighted at how soon his "Fijian" came back to him during the trip. This was a bell-ringer!

PROGRAM

❖ Marin native and resident, and former Rotarian, **Colin Claxon** detailed his experiences as a trial attorney in his 53 years of practice, including his first case (lost); first jury trial (a dog death case); to the famous *Christoff v. Nestle* (jury verdict after one month trial, \$15.6 million award in misappropriation of likeness on Taster's Choice Coffee jar, ended up in Supreme Court of California).

A mostly humorous and very entertaining presentation, Colin spent the latter portion of his time talking about the real case of a missing three year-old boy, which inspired his just published book *Gone Missing*.

If you'd like to learn more about this work of fiction, go to www.colinclaxon.com or check out a local or online bookstore.

NEXT WEEK

March 5 (12:15): Filmmaker **Terry Strauss** will present *As If They Were Angels*. This is also the title of her latest documentary film, which had three showings at the recent Mill Valley Film Festival. Her subject is a little known story of one of the worst non-combat disasters in the history of the US Navy. February 18, 1942, a convoy of three ships is on the final approach to the U.S. Naval base in Argentia, Newfoundland. Zig-zagging to avoid U-boats in the North Atlantic, beset by a brutal winter

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

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storm, they're shipwrecked on the rugged cliffs. It's a story of navigation errors, the loss of two navy ships — USS Truxtun and USS Pollux — a steep loss of life,

and the heroism of miners and fisherman who walked miles through snow and ice to rescue the American sailors. It's the story of the women, whose life saving, hands-on work brought many sailors back from the effects of crude oil and frostbite. At the end of the day, it was said that every family home had a sailor in the parlor. Terry's dad was one of those sailors. Two Hundred and Three sailors died, 186 were rescued by extraordinary acts of courage and humanity by the people of Lawn and St. Lawrence.



20TH ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER



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FRIDAY
MAY 3, 2019 • 5:30PM

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★ Great Live and Silent Auction Prizes!

MCINNIS PARK GOLF CENTER

350 SMITH RANCH RD, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903

\$75 PER PERSON

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CLUB CALENDAR

March 9 (9:30 - Noon): Work Party at **Rotary Corner on Terwilliger Marsh**, Mill Valley Recreation Center. Wear your gloves and bring your clippers.

March 12 (12:15): Best-selling author, blogger, business strategist, and widely acclaimed keynote speaker **Don Peppers** will present *Extreme Trust*. This is also the title of his book. Don will discuss: Honesty as a Competitive Advantage. Earning a customer's trust has always been important to a business, but in the new world of ubiquitous interactivity customers have come to demand a higher standard.

March 16 (7:30 - 1:30) District Assembly at Redwood High School. (See ad on page 1).

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
2. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
3. Is it the **TRUTH**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

March 19 (12:15): Professor **Laura Enriquez** will discuss *The Rise of, and Crisis in, Venezuela's Socialism of the 21st Century*. Contemporary Venezuela is characterized by political and economic crisis. The U.S. government and media portray the crisis as almost solely the product

of the country's leftist governments of the past two decades, which first came to power with the election of **Hugo Chávez Frías** in 1998.

Government policy errors, particularly during the mandate of President **Nicolás Maduro**, have undoubtedly contributed to the crisis. Yet, its origins go a long way back in the country's history and are complex.



► Another photo from President Bob's U.K. buddy.

POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$713.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$7,815.50

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$5,925.00

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