



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ *Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it!*—famously said by our old buddy **Charles R. Swindoll**—was Past President **Jane Hall's** Thought for the Day. Who is Chuck Swindoll, you ask? Your editor looked him up on Wikipedia and discovered that the Texas minister has authored over 70 books!

PRESIDER

❖ **President Bob Roberts** behind the podium.

VISITORS

❖ Accompanying their daughter **Melissa**, our speaker of the day, were her parents, **Mel and Marilyn Blaustein**. **Sam Tagaya**, guest of **Bob Canepa**, signed in for the third week in a row and has submitted his membership application. **Alex Choulos**, **Jean Batman's** hubby, also attended today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **President Bob**, with assistance from various members, reminded the club of the busy times ahead:

❖ **Rotary Night Lite:** Details in the ad on page 3. All members encouraged to attend.

❖ **Volunteer Day, April 27:** Mill Valley organizations are asked to man tables downtown on the plaza. See President Bob if you'd like to behind the MV Rotary table any time from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

❖ **Cinco de Mayo Party at Casa de Jessup, Sunday, May 5:** If you haven't already done so, Past President **Kim Jessup** recommends that you sign up for the celebration pronto. This special event will be held at the Jessup family home at 45

Rotaplast International



Bring Smiles to Children Around the World Bocce Ball Tournament and BBQ

Reservations or Tickets can be obtained at the event or by calling **Peter Lagarias**
(415) 460-0100, Ext. 111

Sunday – July 21, 2019
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

A Benefit for the 27th Anniversary of Rotaplast

Bocce Ball Court
550 "B" Street, San Rafael

Take Hwy. 101 to the Central San Rafael exit – proceed
west on 3rd then south on B

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cornelia in Mill Valley. Festivities, featuring all of the guacamole, burritos, tacos and barbecued corn you can eat, start at 5 p.m. Cost is \$35/person with checks made payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley.

❖ **The Camp Fire Documentary, May 14:** Arranged in good part by new member **Ken Campbell**, this

special screening presented by FIRESafeMARIN at the Sequoia Theater in Mill Valley, on May 14 at 6:30 p.m., will benefit Camp fire survivors, and support FIRESafe MARIN's fledgling goat grazing program to reduce wildfire hazards in Marin. Produced by local filmmaker **Nancy Hamilton**, the 50-minute film will be followed by a panel composed of Camp Fire survivors,

and Marin firefighters. Tickets cost \$50 each. To order yours go to www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-fire-documentary-fundraiser-tickets-59927630155

❖ **Mountain Play Booth, May 19, 26, June 2, 8, 9, 16:** Lisán passed around the sign up sheet for club members who will man the booth during the six performances of *Grease*. In addition, she announced that water

CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS



► Clockwise starting above: Today's speaker Melissa Blaustein, center, poses with her mom and dad, Marilyn and Mel Blaustein; Kent, Greg and Carol at lunch; Dan Hatch "almost" wins the raffle; Roberta gets a special greeting from Jane; Doug and Keith smile for the camera; and the girls at the back table—(from left) Karen, Stephanie, Kathleen and Jan.



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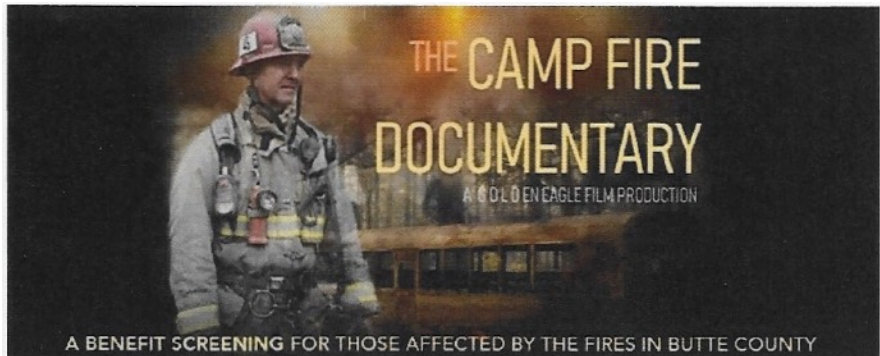
and other staples would be trucked to the mountain by **Vince** and **Ulla Howes** on May 10, and it would be helpful to have a crew handy to assist with unloading and storing. Let Lisán know that you can join them at 10 a.m. to get this important work done.



❖ **Walking Tour of Hamilton Air Force Base, June 1 at 9:45 a.m.:** **Bob Canepa** circulated a sign up sheet for this tour, which is limited to 20 people maximum, to be conducted by Hamilton expert **Kate Johnston** to explore the history of the former Air Force Base. The tour is about two miles of walking, and there is an uphill stretch near the end of the tour. The museum will not be open when we start the tour. There are NO bathrooms available before OR during the tour. So please plan accordingly! See Bob for more details or to sign up.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthday:** President Elect **Lee Kirkpatrick** (4/9) was the only Birthday Boy in attendance, so his celebration turned out to be special. Rather than choose a “victim” song leader, he decided to lead the singing of the Birthday Song himself, which he did in a very special way!



► See you at the movies on May 14 at 6:30 p.m., for the screening at the Sequoia Theater to benefit Camp Fire survivors. Tickets \$50. Get yours now at www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-fire-documentary-fundraiser-tickets-59927630155



Mill Valley Rotary Night Lite

Wednesday, April 17
6:00pm-7:00pm

Pizza & Libation \$10

The Focus is on Projects

- Youth
- Seniors
- FireWise
- International



PHOTOGRAPHY
CENTER

401 Miller Avenue – Next to Sol Food

RAFFLE

❖ **Dan Hatch** had the winning ticket but couldn't find the magic marble. As a consolation, he won a pretty neat Harry & David fruit and candy package.

PROGRAM

❖ Sausalito resident and Rotarian marathon swimmer **Melissa Blaustein** told her story of disappointment and perseverance in her quest to complete one of the world's most difficult endurance challenges—swimming the English Channel.

In a fascinating presentation titled *In Dover Until it Was Over: Swimming the English Channel (Twice)*, Melissa shared her personal experience of learning to swim less than three years ago to becoming a world-record holding marathon swimmer.

Melissa, who grew up in Mill Valley, made a nostalgic visit to the Golf Club clubhouse to tell her story to Mill Valley Rotarians.



► We have it on pretty good authority that this is Melissa showing her stuff in some pretty chilly choppy water. The reason we don't know for sure is that she did not wear her cap and goggles to today's meeting. At least we know it isn't Gertrude Ederle.

She recalled that swimming wasn't something she spent a lot of time planning to do. But when she discovered that she was not competing against anyone but herself, distance swimming was a perfect match for her. One of her

strong suits, she noted, is the fact that she has a lot of willpower. She quoted **Gertrude Ederle**, who in 1926 became the first woman to conquer the English Channel. When asked by a reporter how she achieved the



► Looking to have some fun and support a good cause? Sign up to attend the Cinco de Mayo party scheduled to be held at PP Kim Jessup's family home in Mill Valley. The cost is \$35 per person and checks should be payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley and given to Kim or to Morgan. Kim promises that this will be a super fun event, so be sure not to miss it.

GOLF, ANYONE?

◆ Mill Valley Golfers have been invited to play in the May 13 Peacock Gap Golf Tournament sponsored by the Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise.



For details or to register, go to <https://www.rotarymaringolf.org/>. If you register before April 13th, the tournament fee is \$195, which includes a Cocktail Reception and Awards Dinner.

Proceeds support Marin Sunrise community projects, including RotaCare, St. Vincent de Paul and Whistlestop.

PROGRAM (Cont'd)

remarkable feat, Gertrude responded, "I believed I could so I did."

Melissa completed a 21 mile 15 hour 51 minute swim from Dover, England to France last summer, two weeks after a failed first attempt. She became one of only 1833 people to have ever accomplished the feat.

She believes that anything is possible if you believe in your own ability to achieve it.

A lengthy question and answer session followed her inspirational presentation.

NEXT WEEK

April 16 (12:15): Professor **David Large's** presentation is titled *Return of the Repressed: The Populist Upsurge in Contemporary Europe*. Using the national examples of France, Germany and Italy, his talk will explore the rise of right-populist parties and leaders in recent years, arguing that the current populist upheaval has its organizational origins and ideological underpinnings in the first two decades after World War II. During that period, practitioners of far-right politics survived brief and superficial repressions to gain traction among various self-perceived victims of rapid historical change. Given the deep historical roots and ideological entrenchment of today's right-populist groups on the European continent, this phenomenon is unlikely to fade away any time soon. In the past, mainstream parties' efforts to weaken the far-right by subsuming some of its policies and practices typically failed. Dealing with the ongoing influence of hyper-nationalist organizations claiming to speak

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
ANNUAL
INSTALLATION
DINNER

for "the little man" will be among the major challenges facing the European Union in the future.

CLUB CALENDAR

April 17 (6-7 p.m., at The Image Flow, 401 Miller Ave.):
Mill Valley Rotary Lite Night—a

special get-together designed for all members, but especially for those who find it difficult to attend the regular luncheon meetings. A \$10 fee gets you pizza and libations and an opportunity to discuss club projects with fellow members.

April 23 (12:15): Frank Bruno will discuss *The Golden Age of Television*. He will discuss the history, development and the programming that helped shape our lives. His presentation begins in 1839 when the idea of the tele-scope or "seeing by wireless" was born. He will take us through the development of



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CLUB CALENDAR

the television set and discuss some of the most popular TV programs of the 1950s and 1960s. He will help us relive our childhood and bring back fond memories of yesteryear and those classic programs of the Golden Age of Television.

April 30 (12:15): Nate Eddinger CFP will present *Investing for a Better Planet as You Invest for Your Retirement*. He will discuss how your investment choices impact the world, for better or worse. He will show you ways that your investments can make positive change regarding the environmental and social issues that you care about, while still maintaining your growth or preservation strategy for your

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?

retirement portfolio, by providing an overview of the areas and issues you could focus on. He will present tried-and-true strategies that you can use—steps, tools and tips to help you get started with your own investments.

May 7 (12:15): Charlie Kelly will present *Fat Tire Flyer: Repack and the Birth of Mountain Biking*. This will be a talk about the birth of an international sport, which was born in Marin County during the '70s. Mountain biking sprang from a small group of free thinkers, outcasts, hippies and worse. What began as a one-time downhill contest to settle bragging rights is now a World Championship sport.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!



POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$856.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$8,015.50

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$6,275.00

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