



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ *You only live once, but if you do it right once is enough.* That bit of wisdom from **Mae West** was passed along to us today by Greeter PP **Doug Scherf**.

PRESIDER

❖ Many wondered why President **Bob Roberts** did not have a picture of Mae West in his PowerPoint agenda. He had one of the greeter, but one of Mae West would have been much more interesting to the old-timers.

VISITORS

❖ Since Rotary Exchange Students **Mánon Debray** and **Jolina Thomé** were program headliners today, they quite naturally were accompanied by some special guests: **Susie Ames**, Jolina's current Mill Valley "Mom," **Bart Farrell**, Manon's "Dad," and their friend **Ines Rodiel** who happens also to be an exchange student. Ines is from Barcelona, Spain and is attending Tam High while participating in a Northwest Exchange Students program.

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❖ **Camp Fire Documentary:** President Bob reported that the event was close to a sell-out. Over \$20,000 was raised for the fire victims and FIRESafe Marin's grazing goats. Kudos to MV Rotarian **Ken Campbell** for his mighty effort organizing this very special event. See additional report below and on page 3.
❖ **Board Action:** Bob reported that the Board has voted to contribute \$1,500 to FIRESafe Marin in support of the documentary showing. He also

CAMP FIRE DOCUMENTARY RAISES OVER \$20,000



► Mill Valley Rotarians and friends pose for photographer Mac Castaneda prior to entering the Sequoia theater to watch the special Camp Fire Documentary. The film, followed by a panel discussion, was hosted by FIRESafe Marin and the Mill Valley Fire Dept., with major financial support from the Rotary Club of Mill Valley. The event raised more than \$20,000, which will be used in support of Camp Fire victims and to support FIRESafe Marin's fledgling goat grazing program.

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noted that \$1,200 of that amount came from funds raised at the recent *Cinco de Mayo* festival held at PP **Kim Jessup's** family home here in Mill Valley. Kudos to Kim, PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** and **Barbara Hofling** for their work on this pleasant project.

❖ **More From the Board:** Other board business included the decision to maintain all of the current 10,000 Degrees scholarships until the students holding them graduate. No one-shot deals.

❖ **More FIRESafe Marin:** Bob reported that the club continues to work with the Mill Valley Fire Chief to develop a mailer to be sent to all residents in Southern Marin. Our committee plans to meet with the Fire Chief this week.

❖ **Rotary Night Lite:** The second edition is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22. **Alan Test** of Rotary's Yachting Fellowship will

be on hand to discuss the senior sailing program his club is sponsoring up and down the state. We'll have a report on this meeting next week.

❖ **Mt. Play Booth:** The rain put the kibosh on the May 19 performance of *Grease*. Saturday, June 15, has been added to the schedule. **Lisán** will remind us when we have booth duty.

GOOD TIMES

❖ **Sam Tagaya** has just returned from Wilmington, N.C., where he participated in the production of a program for the National Geographic series *Drain the Ocean*. Apparently, Sam knows a lot about what's down there, since he's the principal speaker June 7 at the local Old Guard luncheon meeting during which he will talk about the defeat of Japan's *Kido Butai* at Midway during WWII.

❖ This is half Good Time half Announcement: Foundation Chair **Tom McKlveen** wanted to present

PP **Sue Royce** with her new **Paul Harris** pin in acknowledgement of her fantastic support, but she had to leave early. So, after praising her for her contribution, Tom reminded everybody that the Rotary fiscal year is about to end and he is hoping to have 100% participation when June 30 rolls around.

❖ *No surprise here:* PP **Burnett Tregoning** announced the arrival of his and **Marilyn's** 9th great-grandchild. He expects that little **Trent Michael Tregoning** will grow up to become a swingin' Rotarian. Congratulations to mom and dad, **Kaycee** and **Ryan Tregoning** who live in Gilroy. Trent's a bell-ringer for the Service Fund!

PROGRAM

❖ **Mánon** and **Jolina** came to lunch today and we learned a lot about them and the value of Rotary's Student Exchange program. See Page 5.

Rotaplast International



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

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Bocce Ball Court
550 "B" Street, San Rafael

Take Hwy. 101 to the Central San Rafael exit – proceed
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NEXT WEEK

May 28 (12:15): Dale Miller, president of the Golden Gate Electric Vehicle Association (GGEVA), will tell you that *You'll Want an Electric Car – Here's Why*. Learn why you will want

your next car to be an electric vehicle (EV) in this myth-busting presentation. Get answers about cost savings, tax benefits, performance, safety, long road trips, self-driving, and the joy of never having to go to a gas station again. Compare the reality versus

the myths about driving electric. GGEVA, the Marin chapter of the Electric Auto Association, is a nonprofit educational, support and advocacy organization that promotes electric vehicles. Dale has been driving an electric car for eight years.

MORE CAMP FIRE DOCUMENTARY PHOTOS

► Clockwise from upper left: A FIRESafe Marin goat is greeted by theater-goer (Photo by Mac Castaneda); the Man of the Hour, Rotarian Jim Campbell (right) is feted for his effort in putting this special event together (Photo by Mac Castaneda); PP Jane Hall and Rotary Exchange Student Mánon Debray check out the vintage fire engine displayed in front of the theater (Photo by Bob Roberts); and the crowd gathers for the show last Tuesday evening, May 14 (Photo by Bob Roberts).



CLUB CALENDAR

June 4 (12:15): Bob McLaughlin will tell us about

The Capture of German U-Boat 505 during WWII. His presentation is entitled *The Capture of the U-505 A Legion of Heroes.* It is also the title of Bob's

book. The capture of the German U-505 on June 4, 1944 was one of the most extraordinary stories to emerge from the Battle of the Atlantic in WWII. We will be

BOB CANEPA REPORTS IN FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN

► We must admit that we're used to receiving pictures of exotic foreign lands when Bob Canepa goes traveling. But these came to us recently from Bob via email from Detroit, Michigan, where he has been exploring the area on his own and with a small group. As he explains, "I heard about the Detroit revival and renaissance and wanted to see and experience it first hand. I'm glad I came because it is amazing how a bankrupt city has really come back to life. It still has a long way to go, but they have made amazing progress thus far."



► Those are Emu eggs Bob's holding during a visit to an urban farm.



► Bob poses with mural of Aretha Franklin.



► Bob and field art in Detroit.

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hearing this presentation on the 74th anniversary date of the U-505 capture.

June 8 (9:30 a.m.): Work Party at Rotary Corner down at Terwilliger Marsh in front of the Community Center. Wear gloves and bring clippers.

June 11 (12:15): John Boessenecker will tell us about *Shotguns and Stagecoaches: The Brave Men Who Rode for Wells Fargo in the*

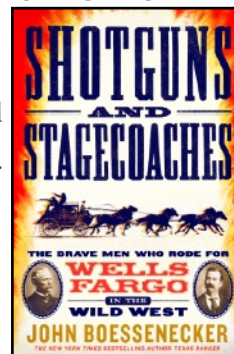
SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28
ANNUAL
INSTALLATION
DINNER**

Wild West, which is also the title of his book. The phrase "riding shotgun" was no teenage game to the men who guarded stagecoaches and trains in the Western frontier. Armed with sawed-off, double-barreled

shotguns and an occasional revolver, these Wells Fargo messengers guarded valuable cargo through lawless terrain. They were tough, fighting men who risked their lives every time they climbed into the front boot of a Concord coach.

Among the great Wells Fargo men



TODAY'S PROGRAM: YOUTH EXCHANGE

► We'd prefer not to report such things, but your Managing Editor somehow lost the photos snapped during this week's program, which featured our two Rotary Exchange students—Jolina Thomé (left) from Austria and Mánon Debray (right) from France.

Everybody knows the lady in the middle—Past President Jane Hall who coordinates the student exchange program for MV Rotary. And, the reason Jane is in this picture is because it is an older though fairly recent photo which the Managing Editor was really lucky to have on file.

Jolina and Mánon were the speakers today, telling us about their hometowns and their experiences here in the U.S. They thanked the club for sponsoring their adventure and their host families for welcoming them into their homes.

From everything they reported, both of these young ladies had many meaningful experiences in Mill Valley and while exploring various parts of the country, and have made many friends with whom they hope to be interacting again many years from now.



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who guarded stages was detective **Steve Venard**, who in 1871 went undercover in Ukiah, Cloverdale, and Healdsburg, successfully infiltrating the **John Houx** gang of stage robbers. Another was **Henry C. Ward**, who was California's first stage driver during the Gold Rush, then served 30 years as a Wells Fargo shotgun messenger.

June 18 (12:15): Kate Johnston will talk about *Characters from the Early Days of San Quentin Prison*. Kate, who is a retired California State attorney who represented the condemned on California's death row as a Deputy State Public Defender, will share some of the colorful

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?

history of the State's oldest prison, including one of the earliest scandals surrounding the building of a wall. Her talk will highlight some of the characters from the prison's early days with stories about corrupt politicians, a female mob boss, a poet robber,

Mae West, Jack London, and others.

June 25: No Meeting.

June 28 (5:30 - 9:00): Annual Installation Dinner at the Outdoor Art Club. Get ready to start the new Rotary year by welcoming **President Elect Lee Kirkpatrick** and thanking **2018-2019 President Bob Roberts**. A fun evening that you won't want to miss!

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!



POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$992.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$8,315.50

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$6,775.00

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