



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ President Elect **Lee Kirkpatrick**, sans mask, warned all of his customers that he was greeting today with a bad cold. So, there were very few hugs and handshakes, but Lee did manage to provide the traditional Thought for the Day: *Friends are the siblings God never gave us*—**Mencius**, Chinese Philosopher.

PRESIDER

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

VISITORS

❖ We had two special visitors today—Rotary Exchange Students **Mánon Debray** from France and **Jolina Thomé** from Austria. The girls, who are attending Tam High School during their time in the U.S., were all decked out with jackets covered with souvenir badges and other paraphernalia accumulated during their stay (see photos on page 5). President **Bob** noted that they will soon be sharing their thoughts about their visit, probably at a session during the

next *Mill Valley Rotary Lite Night* later this month.

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❖ As a matter of fact, that next *Rotary Lite Night* is scheduled for the evening of May 22nd at the home of member **Laura McDonnell**, 35 Bigelow in Mill Valley. This second session will be held from 6-7 p.m. and will feature libations, pizza, discussion about projects, and the special presentation by our Rotary Exchange Students.
❖ President **Bob** thanked the crew that spearheaded a second

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

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successful Career Day at San Andreas High School in Larkspur last Thursday, May 2nd. Special thanks to **Karen Buckter** who made sure the kids had a fresh lettuce and tomato salad and lots of fresh fruit to offset the effects

of the pizza luncheon. See the photo report below.

❖ **Bizarre Bazaar**—The latest communication wrinkle created by our beloved president, the *Bizarre-Bazaar Online Market Place* was emailed to all club members last week. In it were opportunities to bid on tickets for

the Outdoor Art Club Garden Tour on May 16, a Costco cash coupon, Giants tickets and discounted tickets to the upcoming Camp Fire Documentary. The latter are being offered at \$25 each, which you can obtain via email with Treasurer **Morgan Pierce**. Just let her know how many you want and

MV ROTARIANS AT SAN ANDREAS HS “CAREER DAY”



► Nine Mill Valley Rotarians participated in this year's Career Day at San Andreas High School in Larkspur last Thursday. Six—Pete O'Keefe, Jean Batman, Bob Roberts, Jane Hall, Kent Campbell and Jan Pedersen Schiff—chatted with students curious about their jobs and what it took to get them, while the other three—Karen Buckter, Doug Scherf and Burnett Tregoning—prepared and served a pizza lunch provided by the club. This was the second Career Day sponsored at the school by MV Rotary, and you can expect more.



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she will email them to you. **President Bob** noted that the auction via email idea may be used again in the future as a fund-raising source. Let Bob know if you have any thoughts about the future of Bizarre-Bazaar.

❖ **Mountain Play Booth—Lisán** reported that a new banner has been obtained for the front of the booth and that the Boy Scouts are again volunteering to help out.

❖ Speaking of Boy Scouts, PP **Kent Campbell**, the club's rep for Mill Valley Troop 1, noted that the Eagle Badge project planned by one of the Scouts will require more financial support than usual since the young man is planning to refurbish the dog park located at Bayfront Park. Kent is seeking donations to supplement funds provided by the club board. Give him a buzz if you can help out.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays:** Three to be celebrated this week, but PP **Jane Hall** (5/2) was the only Birthday Girl present so she received all of the accolades. Don't have any idea who led the singing of the Birthday Song. Perhaps she did!

❖ **Club Anniversary:** PP **Burnett Tregoning** joined Mill Valley Rotary on Cinco de Mayo, 1998. Today the 21st anniversary of that momentous event was recognized by the club. Burnett's favorite MV Rotary moment? When he had the opportunity to double-dip as club president (2002-03 and 2012-2013). "The second go-around was much more fun," he admitted.

GOOD TIMES

❖ PE **Lee Kirkpatrick** and PEE **Carl Lippenberger** recently hopped on their bikes and traversed the Napa Wine Country

SIGNED UP FOR BOOTH DUTY?

Pick a date
to work in
the Club's
booth and
let Lisán
know of
your choice:

May 19, 26, June 2, 8, 9, 16



during a Metric Century Ride. For those of us who refuse to go metric, that's 60 miles of peddling and coasting through some of the most beautiful country Northern California has to offer.

❖ Couldn't hear all the details, but **Don Herzog's** Good Time must have involved an animal sanctuary of some sort. He was much impressed.

❖ **Peter Mason** has just returned from New York City where he attended a Carnegie Hall dance performance by his granddaughter. A special Good Time, indeed!

❖ PP **Jane Hall** went to Tiburon Saturday to hear **Jan Pedersen Schiff's** Singers Marin perform. The music was great, but watching Jan conduct was even more impressive, said Jane.

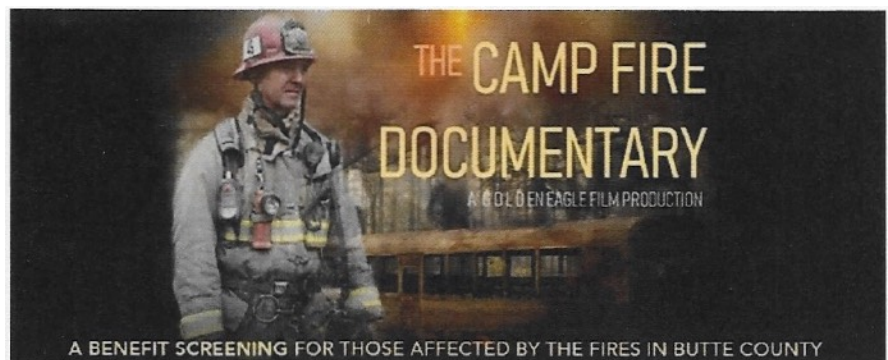
PROGRAM

❖ If you're a "crazy hippie" Mill Valley bike rider, educated in Mill Valley all the way from Park School through Tam High, what would the future hold for you?

Well, for **Charlie Kelly** and his fellow bikers it included 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.

Charlie is a founding member of the national mountain bike sanctioning body, the National Off-Road Bicycle Association (NORBA). He was the publisher of the first magazine for mountain bikers, the *Fat Tire Flyer*, and is a



► 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

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PROGRAM (Cont'd)

charter inductee in the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame.

Charlie's story was fascinating, but certainly could not be told in the half-hour time slot allotted to him. You might want to check out his book—*Fat Tire Flyer*—available on amazon.com.

He ended his talk by noting that "If I didn't have the greatest adventure of the 20th Century, I came close!"

NEXT WEEK

May 14 (12:15: Davis Perkins will talk about *A Purposeful Life*. This presentation is about three important aspects of his life. For 13 years, he was a smoke jumper (parachute firefighter) for the federal government. Smoke jumping had a tremendous impact, both as an artist and paramedic. He then became a firefighter in Belmont and San Carlos, which led to his training as a paramedic. In his retirement

he now regularly volunteers for overseas medical teams and works as a full-time artist in his studio located in Art Works Downtown in San Rafael. He has been deployed to Haiti, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Liberia, Nepal, Greece, and Iraq.

CLUB CALENDAR

May 11 (9:30 - Noon): Work Party at Rotary Corner, Terwilliger Marsh, Mill Valley Community Center. Bring your



► What a nice way to celebrate Cinco de Mayo—margaritas, tacos and good times at

PP President Kim Jessup's Mill Valley family home. Thanks to Kim, Barbara Hofling, Elizabeth Suzuki and her hubby Steve, who did a fantastic job roasting the corn, for their hard work which resulted in \$1,295 raised to aid the work of FireWise Marin. Gracias, Gals!



► Photos clockwise starting at top: Stephanie, Linda and Doug enjoy their margaritas; Marilyn and Burnett pose for Lisán; it's story time on the patio; and Kim checks out Larry's reaction to the hot sauce while Peggy looks on, ready to bail out at any moment.

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gloves and clippers if you have them.

May 14 (6:30 - 8:00): *Camp Fire Documentary*, Sequoia Theater.

May 21 (12:15): Drawdown: **Marin** is a bold, community-driven campaign to do our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate change

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

**ANNUAL
INSTALLATION
DINNER**

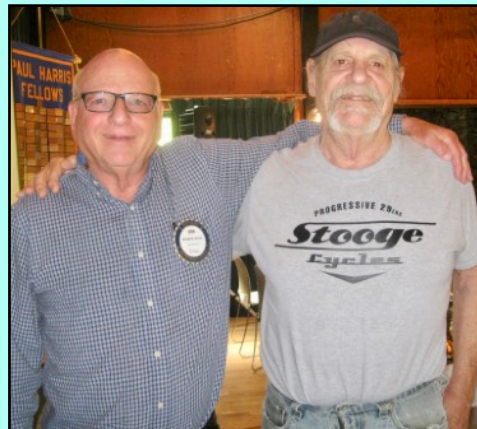
impacts. The County, with the support and input from the entire

community, will work to eliminate fossil fuel use and “drawdown” carbon emissions by designing and implementing solutions in six Focus Areas.

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

CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS

► Clockwise starting at right: today's greeter PE Lee Kirkpatrick gives up while Howard Harker loads up; bike buddies Don Herzog and speaker Charlie Kelly; Jolina Thomé (left) and Mánon Debray pose with “Mama” Jane; and a rear view of both of the Rotary Exchange students proudly exhibit their souvenir laden jackets.



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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. A Marin resident, Dale has been driving an electric car for eight years.

June 4 (12:15): Bob McLaughlin will tell us about *The Capture of German U-Boat 505 during WWII*. His

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?

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.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!



Answer: You are still one quarter alive. If you are scared 1/2 to death you are half alive. If you are scared half to death, 1/2 of 1/2 is 1/4, so you are still 1/4 alive.

Greg Dyer

Editor's Note: Anybody want to argue with that? Please.....!!!!

POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

**JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$929.00**

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$8,115.50**

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

**TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$6,775.00**

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