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GREETER

❖ **Laura McDonnell**, in a salute to **Martin Luther King, Jr.** whose birthday we will celebrate next Monday, chose the following for her Thought for the Day—*Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.* Interestingly, that thought happens to also be the theme for Laura's nonprofit organization, *Next Steps*.

PRESIDER

❖ Subbing for the traveling **Bob Roberts** was our eminent President-Elect **Lee Kirkpatrick**. Practice makes perfect, they say, even though Lee noted that it was "Amateur Day" at MV Rotary today!

VISITORS

❖ *Visiting Rotarians:* Our speaker, **Gil Sanborn**, is a member of the Rotary Club of Novato Sunrise. That famous photographer **Gary Ferber**, member of the Rotary Club of Sausalito, also attended today.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays:* Call it a "December Catch Up" with **Laura McDonnell** (12/10); **Einar Asbo** (12/29); **Karen Buckter** (12/20); **Carl Lippenberger** (12/20) and **Jan Pedersen Schiff** (12/26) all being recognized. Only Laura and

Jan were present, so they got to listen to an interesting rendition of the Birthday Song led by PE **Lee Kirkpatrick**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ The social event of the month will be "*Movie Night*," set for Saturday, January 26. All the details are on page 3.

❖ The club board of directors is scheduled to meet at Scout Hall on January 28.

GOOD TIMES

❖ It was good to see **Colin Wong**, a member of MV Rotary since 1968. We may see more of Colin in the weeks ahead since he has retired once again and will



► Sue helps local Girl Scouts get their Aviation merit badge.

NEXT WEEK

January 22 (12:15): Mill Valley Rotarian **Sue Royce** will speak on *Pioneers of Flight – The First Powder Puff Derby in 1929*. An accomplished aviatrix herself, Sue will discuss the history of women in air racing. She will begin with the 20 women who defied convention by taking to the skies and racing across the country in 1929 for the 1st Women's National Air Derby. Sue will share her experience flying with her mother, **Beth Fuhrman**, in the last Powder Puff Derby and also the Angel Derby in 1978. She will finish up her presentation with the Air Race Classic (formerly the Powder Puff Derby) in which she competed last year in memory of her mother who passed away one month before the race.

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

have some time to attend meetings. Colin noted that 2018 was a big year for him—he celebrated his 80th birthday and retired from his volunteer work at Alliance for Smiles. A retired

dentist, Colin devoted 14 years to the work of the San Francisco Bay Area based nonprofit, making a total of 60 missions to China and assisting in operations that helped alleviate cleft palate problems suffered by over 6,000 children. That was a bell-ringer!

RAFFLE

❖ **Jan Pedersen Schiff** had the winning ticket and, even though the marble sack was practically empty, she could not grab that elusive red marble. Consolation prize: a nice bottle of red wine.

FORMER MV ROTARIAN ALLELY ALBERT REPORTS FROM BELFAST

► **Allely Albert**, a member of MV Rotary when she was with the Mill Valley Police Dept., is currently studying Conflict Resolution at Queen's College in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the club in 2017, Allely reports that she finished her Masters program in September, graduating with distinction.

"While completing the Masters," she explained, "my supervisor encouraged me to apply for a PhD position and I am happy to announce that I was granted a fellowship, so I will stay in Belfast for another three years. My PhD will focus on ex-prisoner involvement in restorative justice systems, using models in Belfast as an example for potential systems in the U.S. that seek to de-stigmatize former prisoners while also improving the dynamics of restorative practice."

Allely noted that her stay in Belfast "has been an amazing experience, and I am so thankful for the Rotary's help in making it possible for me. I am very grateful for the support!"

► **Photos—Right:** Queen's College; **Below left:** Allely on an outing; **Below right:** Allely (barely visible at the head of the table) joins a study group.



PROGRAM

❖ **Gil Sanborn**, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for California and a member of the Rotary Club of Novato Sunrise, came to Mill Valley to discuss Russian perspective toward and



Speaker Gil Sanborn makes a point. Photo by Kent Cambell.

strategy and tactics against the West and border nations, and the use of "Information Warfare" as part of a strategy of "Hybrid Warfare."

Gil noted that **Vladimir Putin's** aim is to undermine the legitimacy of democracies as part of an effort to fracture the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). With the absence of the former Warsaw Pact there no longer is a "buffer" between the West and Russia.

Putin mistrusts the West and wants that buffer back. And the way he's doing it is by targeting media, political processes, financial networks and personal data with Russian Information Warfare.

The best defense against disinformation? Our speaker quoted **Thomas Jefferson**: "*An educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people.*"

► **The Dyers Continue Their Asian Tour:** Greg & Karen are still sending back photos from SE Asia. At left they pose during a visit to Angkor Wat, Cambodia. At right Karyne gets a shot of Greg posing with a Buddha in Loang Prabang, Laos.



CLUB CALENDAR

January 29 (12:15): Member's Program where two of our members will share their life stories with us. These sessions are always fun and interesting.

February 5 (12:15): Author and Burning Man Treasurer **Jennifer Raiser** will present *Burning Man Art: Movement or Moment?* She will discuss her book, *Burning Man: Art on Fire*, which showcases the stunning works of art unique to the desert gathering

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

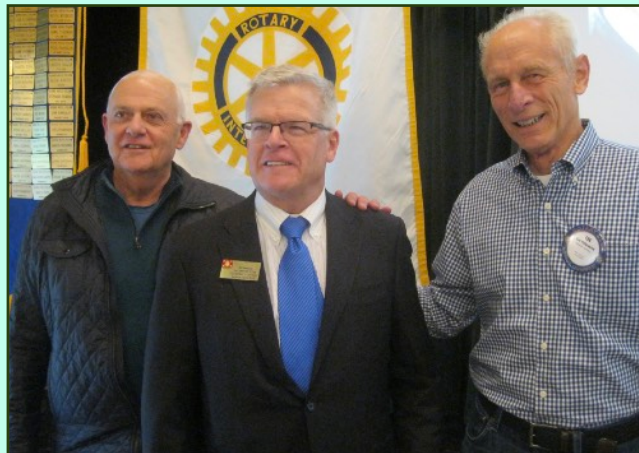


"Argo," a 2012 Oscar winner based on the life-or-death covert operation to rescue six Americans during the Iran hostage crisis, will be the feature at the upcoming *Rotary Night at the Movies*, Saturday, January 26. Movie Night, also featuring fresh popcorn, beer and wine, will be held at the Mill Valley Golf Course Clubhouse. Doors open at 6, movie starts at 7. Cost for all this? Only \$10 per person. Pay at the door.

of Burning Man. She asserts that Burning Man art is actually a modern movement, similar to

Impressionism or Cubism, with its own manifesto and attributes. Come learn about the creative

impulse that imagines the largest temporary art gallery in the world and then makes it disappear one



CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS

► Clockwise starting at above: Greeter Laura McDonnell welcomes Jean Batman and Colin Wong; Today's speaker Gil Sanborn poses with Program Chair Bob Canepa and President Elect Lee Kirkpatrick; Although Lee opened today's meeting with the comment, "It's amateur hour today at Rotary," he proved anything but, especially when he also subbed for Heidi and hustled raffle tickets; Lee even had today's raffle winner, Jan Pedersen Schiff, thinking she might win the big prize, but guess what—a bottle of wine is not a bad consolation; And, finally, Steve Miller is all smiles while showing his newly acquired Rotary license plate holder.



CLUB CALENDAR

week later. **Editor's Note:** Does anyone remember when one of our own attended Burning Man "au naturel." Great fun!

February 12 (12:15): Get ready for our famous annual Valentine's Day program—*The Mating Game*. Four celebrity Mill Valley Rotary couples will be on the stage answering challenging questions. **Dick Spotswood** will be emceeing this event. Don't miss it!

February 19 (12:15): John Garvey and Tom Graves will present *San Francisco in World War II*. Everything changed on the morning of December 7, 1941, and life in San Francisco was no exception. Flush with excitement and tourism in the wake of the

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?

1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, the city was stunned at the severity of the Pearl Harbor attack, and quickly settled into organized chaos with its new role as a major deployment center for the remainder of the war. "Frisco" teemed with servicemen and servicewomen during and after

the conflict, forever changing the face of this waterfront city.

February 26 (12:15): Colin Claxon's presentation is entitled *My Life in Court and One Small Boy*. He will discuss his experiences as a trial attorney in his 53 years of practice, including his first case (lost); first jury trial (spoiler alert: dog death case); to 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).

**IF ONE
SYNCHRONIZED
SWIMMER DROWNS,
DO THE REST DROWN
TOO?**

POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$550.00

SERVICE FUND (GEORGE HOYLE)

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$10,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$4,300.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING

2018-2019 GOAL:

\$11,000

TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:

\$5,425.00

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