



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Larry Davis's** Thought for the Day: *When everything's going your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.*

PRESIDER

❖ Who else? **President Bob Roberts** as his usual suave self.

VISITORS

❖ **Sam Tagaya** returned for his second visit. Membership application can't be far behind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **PP Kim Jessup** reminded the club that the *Cinco de Mayo* party scheduled for her family home here in Mill Valley is not far off. This special fundraiser costs a mere \$35/person. Once you have signed up, please make your check payable to the Rotary Club of Mill Valley and get it to **Morgan, Kim or Barbara Hofling**.

❖ *Rotary Lite Night*, scheduled for 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, was pitched by **President Bob**, who reminded the club that this special session will offer

snacks and libations as well as discussion regarding projects the club may want to tackle. The plan is to encourage younger members to attend by offering a session in addition to the regular luncheon. The meeting will be held at *Image Flow*, located behind the *Marin Theatre Co.* on Miller Ave. **Bob** hopes that some of the old-timers will want to stop by as well.

❖ Looks like busy times ahead for Mill Valley Rotarians. A sign up sheet will soon be making the rounds to create teams to man the club's booth at The Mountain Play, which opens on Sunday, May 19. **Dan Hatch** reported

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

some strange goings on up on the mountain, speculating that booths might be moved to different positions than what we've become used to. PE **Lee Kirkpatrick**, working with **Lisán Campbell** on this year's booth setup, promised to check out the situation before hauling any ice cream up. Also, there was some confusion on



performance dates. Here's the skinny: "Grease" plays on the following Sundays—May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9 and June 16, and on one Saturday, June 8.

❖ **President Bob** also noted that the special Walking Tour of Hamilton Field, led by Hamilton expert **Kate Johnston**, was still scheduled for Saturday, June 1st. Look for a sign up sheet at next week's meeting.

CLUBHOUSE CANDIDS



► Starting above left and working clockwise: Today's speaker Cal Prof. Laura Enriquez with PP Jane Hall; Greeter Larry Davis welcomes PP Greg Dyer; Anthony (Tony) Trias and Bill Lambrecht pose for the MW photographer; and Tom McKlveen drops his contribution into the Polio jar.



GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Jane Hall** had a wonderful time attending an event honoring Outstanding Women of Marin. Especially, since one of the women so honored was our own **Jan Schiff**. Jane also took the opportunity to report that our two Exchange Students—**Manon Debray** from France (photo at right) and **Jolina Thomé** from Austria—have been having a really Good Time in Hawaii. Additionally, Jane reported that MV Rotary would soon be hosting two young men as Exchange Students—one from Belgium and the other from Chile. She's looking for host families, so give her a buzz if you are interested or know someone who is.

❖ **Ray Palmarini** and **Cheryl** made an 8-hour auto trip to Oregon to attend their daughter's wedding. This was a bell-ringer so must have been more than worth the drive!

❖ PP **Burnett** and **Marilyn Tregoning** drove only a few miles in the opposite direction, to Gilroy and Morgan Hill, where



► That's our Exchange Student **Manon Debray** (on the left with the dark glasses) displaying the French national flag with a friend during a recent trip to Hawaii. Rotary Exchange Students visiting clubs from the Canadian border down to our District 5150 recently spent a week in the islands on a special trip financed by their parents.

they celebrated the pending arrival of great grandson **Trent**. Another bell-ringer!

❖ PP **Kim Jessup** was having her Good Time as she spoke—today was the first in two weeks that she has not been itching. That's what she gets for messing around with poison oak!

❖ What PE **Lee Kirkpatrick** learned about the Hanna Freedom School in Marin City over the last weekend convinced him that the club donation of \$5,000 to that organization is money well spent.

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** thanked the club for the recent loan of its projector screen. It really came in

2019 DISTRICT CONFERENCE A 4-Way Fest

❖ Going to this year's District Conference? Here's what you need to know: This year's event, known as the Rotary 4-Way Fest, will be held May 17-19, 2019 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, NV. According to District 5150 Governor Jayne Hulbert, the conference is jointly organized with three other Districts (5130, 5160 and 5190). She expects it to bring together upwards of 1,000 Rotarians from 220 Clubs in Northern California and Northern Nevada. 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 \$350. 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 three 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)

handy during her client presentation.

❖ PP Kent and Lisán Campbell and family recently hit the slopes at Aspen where there the snow was "great!"

PROGRAM

❖ You think things are a little confusing here in the good ol' U.S. of A. Try to figure the stresses and strains tugging at the citizens of Venezuela over the past several decades.

That was the job of today's speaker UC Berkeley Professor **Laura Enriquez** who discussed *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, according to Prof.

Enriquez, its origins go a long way back in the country's history and are complex. A lot of the the current crisis can be explained by Venezuela's dependence on oil exports to fuel its economy. Prof. Enriquez also pointed to the efforts to, and difficulties encountered in, enacting social

LOOKS GREAT....BUT HOW DOES IT TASTE?

► PP Kent Campbell sent us this photo of the contest winning dessert from a recent Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner—a chocolate, marshmallow and Graham cracker version of Scout Hall. Kent attends meetings of Mill Valley Cubs and Scouts as a representative of the club, which serves as a Chartering Organization. No taste report for the award winner!



► 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)

change in the country's agricultural sector, which has been a key area targeted for reform.

A lively Q&A session followed her talk.

NEXT WEEK

April 9 (12:15): Sausalito resident and marathon swimmer **Melissa Blaustein** will tell her story of disappointment and perseverance in her quest to complete one of the world's most difficult endurance challenges. Her presentation is entitled *In Dover Until it Was Over: Swimming the English Channel (Twice)*. Melissa will share her personal experience of learning to swim less than three years ago to becoming a world-record holding marathon swimmer. Hear how she trained for the 21 mile 15 hour 51 minute swim, the bizarre carbohydrates and hot chocolates she consumed on the journey, and the failure of her first attempt followed by the harrowing events of her success just two weeks later, which has led her to believe that anything is possible if you believe in your own ability to achieve it. Melissa translates her love for the ocean into her role as a sustainability commissioner for the City of Sausalito.



►Next week's speaker Melissa Blaustein shows the form of a world record-holding marathon swimmer during her crossing of the English Channel.

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
ANNUAL
INSTALLATION
DINNER

CLUB CALENDAR

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



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CLUB CALENDAR

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

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

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?*

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-
ectroscope or "seeing by wireless"
was born. He will take us through
the development of 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.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!



POLIO PLUS

2018/2019 GOAL:

\$1,000

JAR TOTAL
AS OF TODAY:
\$832.00

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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