



Members, Sirdars and Guests

Friday Evening, June 5, 2020

Eliot Hodges, MN'10

Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim Hike.

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June 6th: Ted Cochran's Film "Island of the Bounty"

Before the details about Eliot's talk and Island of the Bunty, here is a quick summary of last Friday evening.

The Annual Meeting was well-attended, and it proved to be an exciting evening. The surprise of the evening was having Lee Langan, FN'99 and Nancy Elkus bestow The Charles Elkus Founder's Award 2020 to Robert W. Schmieder Ph.D, FE'86, in recognition of exceptional; support and service to the Northern California Chapter. Bob, rarely one at a loss for words, was momentarily speechless; but he quickly recovered and graciously accepted the award.

The slate of new directors, Paul Freitas, MN'10; Kim Chambers, MN'16 and Jimmy Friedman, MN'19, was approved through broad acclamation. Many thanks to Jim Hurson, MN'10 and Sandra Cook, MN'16 for their service to the chapter over the past three years and special thanks to Sandra for accepting a special one-year appointment to continue her Board work.

Our newly elected directors are already busy. Paul has been helping to maintain member and sirdar data and preparing the Roster; Jimmy has taken over the management of field trips and providing the use of his Zoom account for remote meetings; and Kim will be developing social gatherings and focused meetings geared toward our younger members. Everyone will have an opportunity to provide them with your ideas and suggestions in the coming months.

We capped off the evening with a dive into the thrill, challenge, and benefits of swimming. Bonnie Tsui, author of *Why We Swim*, spoke with Kim Chambers, local chapter member and "the most famous swimmer that no one knows", about Bonnie's book, some of the research into swimming, the broad range of people all around the world who swim for work, for sport, for competition, or for overall well-being. If you missed the talk, it was recorded and will be posted on our website soon.

June 5th, 7:30 – 9:00 PM -- Eliot Hodges, MN'10



Eliot Hodges is a business executive at Anchorage, an early-stage cryptocurrency startup based in San Francisco. Originally from Washington DC, he moved out to the Bay area in 2009. Prior to his work in technology, he spent several years in Afghanistan managing US- and UN-funded reconstruction projects. In addition to completing three Ironman races, he is an avid mountain climber.

Last October, he completed the Grand Canyon's Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim hike (R3) last year. On Friday evening, Eliot will discuss his solo completion of the R3 hike in 20 hours. Experience the highs and lows of this grueling 48-mile (11k ft. elevation gain) challenge in America's most spectacular terrain.

The Meeting Schedule will be:

- 7:30 PM – Opening of the Zoom meeting for some socializing
- 8:00 PM – Chapter News, Eliot Hodges' R3 Presentation
- 9:00 PM -- Wrap up of meeting and end of Zoom meeting

The Zoom link for this meeting is:

Zoom ID; [583102407](#)

Password; 1010

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/583102407?pwd=M2oyZXpuVHk0eUY4RGtaTUJRanpPUT09>



June 6th, 8:00 – 9:00 PM – Ted Cochran's film "Island of the Bounty"

Alice Cochran, Chapter Sirdar, has invited us all to watch a screening of her late husband's film, "Island of the Bounty". The film will air on Comcast Channel 30/AT&T CH. 99 in Marin County. It can also be viewed anywhere from the CMCM web site: www.cmcm.org. For more information about the film or to join a Zoom discussion after the film, contact Alice Cochran (Alice@AlieCochran.com). BYO libations.

Ted Cochran made this film when he first visited Pitcairn Island in the early 1980's. He produced it and it won a CINE Golden Eagle Award "For Excellence" in 1984. It was shown for the first time locally in the 1984 international Mill Valley Film Festival.

Although he was invited to make a documentary of an English expedition* organized by Glenn Christian to solve the mystery of Fletcher Christian's death, Ted found that the descendants still living on Pitcairn were the real story. His affection for them was deep. He made three more trips to Pitcairn in his life, two with his wife Alice, as a lecturer aboard a cruise ship. Ted's caring connection with the people he met on Pitcairn shaped the focus of this film and influenced the rest of his life.

This film has never been made available on the web in order for it to be a DVD the people of Pitcairn can sell to visitors. This helps them support themselves while living on one of the most remote inhabited islands in the world. Thanks go to the Pitcairn Island Study Center at Pacific Union College.