The Mill Wheel

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★ GREETER

❖ **Kathleen Delehanty** had the honor today, offering two Thoughts for the Day: *If you think you can, or think you can't, either way you're right*—**Henry Ford**; and *I never had a failure. It was all feedback*—**Thomas Edison**.

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Kim Jessup** at the helm.

★ VISITORS

❖ Quite a few today: **Jessica Tsukahara**, from Palo Alto, was the guest of **Jane Hall**; **Lou Hexter** accompanied **Frank Leidman**; **Tiberio Visona** came with his mother **Diana vonWelzceck** to witness her induction as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley (see story on page 3); **Renee Stephens** was the guest of Membership Chair **Bernard Link**; and **Mahdu**, a gentleman visiting from India, attended as the guest of **Jim Iavarone**.

The Four-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—**Roberta Keller** (9/14/10); **Peter Mason** (9/21/10); **Dennis Klein** (9/17/96); and **Steve Miller** (9/27/91) were recognized and saluted for their contributions to the club and to the community. Their favorite MV Rotary memories ranged from "enjoying the wonderful people at meetings" to "participating in trips to assist people in other countries" and, of course, "being part of the work crew that watched **President Kim** mangle the water pipe on that steps project that never will be forgotten."

❖ *Birthdays*— Past Presidents **Bob Canepa** (9/2) and **Doug Scherf** (9/18) were recognized. Your reporter, being situated across the room from Bob, admits to having had difficulty hearing his description of his celebration—we got the phrase "hung out" and assume it was with family. On the other hand, Doug was conveniently located

▶ Competition at last month's Rotaplast Bocce Tournament was "hot & heavy" with Mill Valley Rotarians trying their best to bring home a trophy. Pictured from left are Joan Steidinger, Lee Kirkpatrick and Lew Katcher giving it their all. Alas, another "near miss" for Mill Valley. We'll get 'em next year!

★ CELEBRATIONS (Cont'd)

at the same table as your reporter. So, we can report that he is planning a busy few days ahead hiking with family, cooking dinner for 60 people (not family), then celebrating at a neighborhood barbecue.

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Dick Spotswood** practically had an all-day Rotary Good Time today. He started out this morning at 7:00 a.m. as the speaker at Novato Sunrise Rotary (now being led by our former member and past president **Sue Royce**) and then attended our meeting to tell us about it. He had the opportunity to put in a good word for the upcoming Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival and our Hot Doggery. Dick noted that those Novato Rotarians "are a lively bunch at 7 a.m.!"

❖ Our ace photographer **Tom McKlveen** recently spent three days at Mammoth Lakes in the Eastern Sierra where he did some serious hiking. The best one, according to Tom, was a jaunt starting at 10,000 feet going up to 11,000 feet. "Whew!"

❖ Now we know why we haven't seen **Stephanie Ricardo** at meetings recently. She has been touring Scandinavia—Sweden, Denmark and Norway—and having a "fabulous" time doing it. A bell-ringer!

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** and family recently celebrated a son's birthday. Must have been some party—a double bell-ringer!

❖ Is it possible that **Dennis Klein** attended a rodeo in Kansas? That's all your reporter

▶ MV Rotary celebrates the town's 125th! Above: the club's parade float featuring Pres. Kim and PP Bob in period costume with Heath's musical combo. Below left, the float creative team composed of Jim Iavarone, Elizabeth Suzuki, Pres. Kim, Michelle Terrell and Bob Canepa. Bottom right: Club information table being manned by Rita Sedano-Garcia, Doug Scherf and Dick Spotswood.

2025-2026 TRF HONOR ROLL

✦ **Foundation Co-Chairs Greg Dyer and Phil Richardson are pleased to report the following Mill Valley Rotarians have contributed to the 2025-2026 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Rotary Foundation Drive. Won't you join them?**

Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Jim Iavarone
Kim Jessup
Robin Keller
Ed Marshall
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Burnett Tregoning

Every Piece Matters
Rotary District 5150
UNITE FOR GOOD

★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

was able to ascertain during his presentation. We followed up by email but have not heard from him. Maybe next issue. Stay tuned!

❖ PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** was delighted to see that **Roberta Keller** was attending today's meeting after a lengthy absence, a sentiment seconded by all MV Rotarians attending today. He also had a test for us: do you know what the letters in Tam High's new STEAM complex soon to be built on the campus stand for? S=Science; T=Technology; E=Engineering; A=Arts; M=? First email received with the correct answer will have a $10 donation made in his/her name to the Polio Jar at the next meeting.

★ LOST & FOUND

❖ **Tom McKlveen** informs us that someone left a "nice light tan jacket" at the clubhouse after today's meeting. Please contact Tom if you are or know the owner.

★ NEW MEMBER

❖ Meet and greet our newest member **Diana vonWelzceck** who was inducted today by **President Kim**.

Diana, whose picture is shown at the top of this page, was born in San Francisco and grew up in Mill Valley. She attended Old Mill, Mt. Carmel, Marin Catholic and Tamalpais High School. After graduating from UC San Diego she returned to San Francisco, working in various design showrooms before opening her own company, Galleria Tile, in 1994.

She is married to **Giuseppe Visona** and they have two adult children, **Claudia** and **Tiberio**. Tiberio lives in Mill Valley where he runs his plumbing company, Delta T Plumbing. With Diana semi-retired, Claudia now manages Galeria Tile.

Diana has expressed interest in local community projects, youth programs and international projects. Welcome aboard, Diana!

▶ Lots of smiles at today's meeting. Top: President Kim poses with new member Diana vonWelzceck. Center: Jane Hall does likewise with her guest Jessica Tsukahara. Bottom: Not to be left out of the smiles competition are Jim lavarone and his guest Mahdu. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)

★ EREY WRAP UP

❖ Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** announced that the final day for EREY contributions was this coming Friday, Sept. 19. The list of Mill Valley Rotary contributors as of today stands at 14 members who have contributed a total of $2,325. Their names will be sent to District 5150 in hopes that one or two might win a prize.

Greg emphasized the importance of contributing to the Rotary Foundation as a way to support the Greenhouse Project that has been ongoing for some time now in Peru.

The first Rotary Foundation Global Grant started in 2016 enabling 20 families to build and equip 20 greenhouses. As of September 2025, there have been five completed global grants with the sixth well on its way to completion, enabling 178 families to build their greenhouses with technical and food preparation training, roofs, irrigation systems, and seeds furnished by the Peruvian NGO Kusimayo and funded by the Rotary Foundation.

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ The annual District 5150 Foundation Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2-5 pm. Celebrate the incredible impact of The Rotary Foundation during Fleet Week on Treasure Island. You will find details on the District Website.

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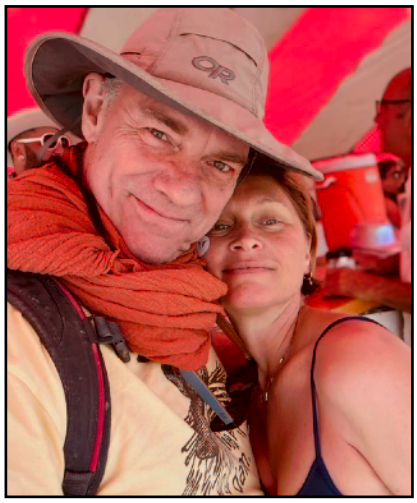
❖ Another work party is scheduled for Jonathon's Place in San Rafael. A crew is needed from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on October 8 to provide dinner. Check with **Jane** or **Joan** if you'd like to be included.

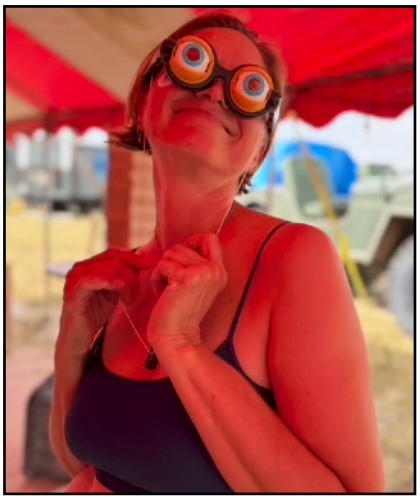
❖ **Denise Acain** announced a Walk to Wellness scheduled at the main patio of The Redwoods on Friday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Billed as a Walk to End Alzheimer's, you can get details by contacting Denise.

★ PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to **Kyle Hughes** who, in a presentation titled *An Approach to Creating Housing that our Local Workers Can Afford for Generations to Come*, filled us in on the organization and aims of the Mt. Tam Community Land Trust (Mt. Tam CLT). Kyle noted that the Mt. Tam CLT is dedicated to identifying, acquiring, and preserving properties for residents of all income levels. The idea is to focus on affordable housing in a county where 62 percent of Marin's workforce lives outside of the county.

From "Burning Man"— MV Rotarians in Action





▶ These are from a batch of photos from Kent and Lisán who recently spent some time at "Burning Man" in Nevada. Hot stuff!

2025-2026
PolioPlus Society
MV Membership Roster
(Join Today—Pledge $100 per year to Polio Plus)

Lisán Campbell
Greg Dyer
Jim Iavarone
Kim Jessup
Ed Marshall
Stephanie Ricardo
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Roberta Keller 9/14/10

Dennis Klein 9/17/96

Peter Mason 9/21/10

Steve Miller 9/27/91

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert Canepa 9/2

Emily Uhlhorn 9/11

Lew Katcher 9/17

Doug Scherf 9/18

Russell Burbank 9/26

Michele Crncich Hodge 9/27

Next: An Update by Supervisor Moulton-Peters

October 7: Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Marin County Supervisor for District 3, will speak. The former Mill Valley City Council member and three-time mayor plays a leading role on numerous local and regional boards. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and sits on the Bay Conservation and Development Commission BCDC), Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District, and Marin County Transit District Board of Directors. Stephanie is the past chair of the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and currently chairs both the Marin County-City Sea Level Rise Collaborative (BayWAVE) and the Marin Housing Authority. Additionally, she serves on the Marin Flood and Water Conservation District, Parks and Open Space Commission and several other committees focused on transportation, housing, climate resilience and regional collaboration.

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS & BRING A FRIEND

POLIO JAR 2025–2026

GOAL: $1,000.00

TOTAL

$ 136.40

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2025-2026

GOAL: $7,750.00

TOTAL

$200.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2025-2026

GOAL: $7.750.00

TOTAL

$2,925.00

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2025-2026

President: Kimberly Jessup
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Secretary: Lisán Campbell
Treasurer: John Carmichael
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Community Service: Jane Hall & Joan Steidinger
Fellowship: Elizabeth Suzuki
Membership: Bernard Link
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