



THE MILL WHEEL

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★ GREETER

❖ PP **Kim Jessup** welcomed members and guests today. Her Thought for the Day: *I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*—**Maya Angelou**

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Jim Iavarone** at the podium.

★ VISITORS

❖ The wives of two members accompanied their Rotary partners to today's meeting: **Margo Kirkpatrick** and **Carol Leidman**. Also visiting today was Assistant District Governor **Bruce Huff**, a member of the Rotary Club of Sausalito.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—Recognized for their October birthday were PP **Kim Jessup** (10/10); PP **Lisán Campbell** (10/17) and PP **Richard Rider** (10/1). PP **Kent**

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?



Campbell volunteered to lead the singing of the Happy Birthday song and, we have to admit, he

did a pretty decent job of it even though perhaps not Grammy worthy.

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ *A make-good:* Last issue we neglected to report PP **Greg Dyer's** Good Time involving his daughter **Chelsea's** return from the East Coast and her effort to purchase a home in the area. Thanks to the real estate skills of MV Rotarian **Bernard Link**, Chelsea now has a house in Corte Madera, and her dad celebrated with a bellringer.

► The Hot Dogger's Saturday crew ready for action. From left: **Lee Kirkpatrick**, **Jim Iavarone**, **John Carmichael**, **Elizabeth Suzuki** and **Robin and Cathy Keller**. (Photo by ?)

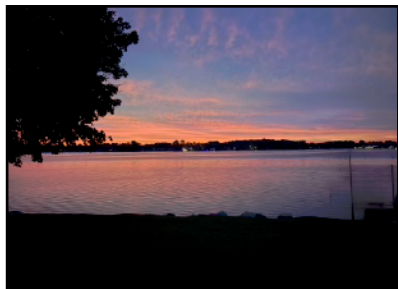


CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** and family had a nice week on a lake outside of Ann Arbor, Michigan,



► Elizabeth's lake.

visiting her brother and other family and friends. She especially enjoyed the sunrises and sunsets, and noted that the trip was really special since both of her sons were able to make it.

❖ PP **Richard Rider**'s son **Kirk** got married this August to **Andreea Vorobchevici, MD**,



► The Riders enjoy Hawaii.

born in Romania, but lived in the USA since age three. She is in her second year residency for radiology. Richard noted that neither were able to take additional time off for a honeymoon, so **Jane** and he took one for them in Hawaii with Kirk's twin brother, **Luke**, and his wife **Miranda**. A bell-ringer!

❖ The South Seas were the playground recently for PP **Ed Marshall**, who survived the 18-hour flight to Fiji and had a bell-ringer of a visit. He explored

Guadalcanal, the site of a major World War II battle, and other island spots. As we already noted, a bell-ringer!

❖ **John Carmichael** went to Chicago to visit his daughter. Was that really him playing games on top of the Sears Tower in President Jim's slide deck, or is AI sneaking into the columns of *The Mill Wheel*?

★ DOING GOOD IN WORLD

❖ Foundation Co-Chair **Phil Richardson** reminded members that it's EREY time—*Every Rotarian Every Year*. The District is conducting the regular EREY drive with raffle tickets going for \$25 each, the minimum contribution. You'll get four tickets when you kick in \$100. This year's District 5150 EREY drive culminates at a special



► Art Festival visitors line up at Mill Valley Rotary's Hot Doggery in Old Mill Park, September 18-20. (Photo by Lee Kirkpatrick)

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★ DOING GOOD (Cont'd)

celebration at the San Francisco Zoo on November 7. Details on the District website.

★ GRANTS ANNOUNCED

❖ Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund President **Lee Kirkpatrick** recently announced that grants for the 2026-2027 year total just shy of \$58,000. These funds are in the process of being distributed to the following awardees:

Youth & Young Adult:

10,000 Degrees; Project Aware & Special Sports (PAASS); Eagle Scout Projects; Hannah Project Freedom School; MV Rotary Interact Club; Marin Council, Scouting America; Mill Valley Schools Foundation (KIDDO!); Tam High Foundation; Next Steps Liaison Project; Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA); First Base Foundation; Dominican University of California; Painted Bins; Book Exchange of Marin.

Seniors: Marin Villages; Redwoods Alzheimer's Walk;



► Cathy Keller showed a lot of enthusiasm during her stint at The Hot Dogger. (Photo by Lee Kirkpatrick)



► Left: Stephanie Ricardo gets her new Paul Harris badge (with four stones!) from visiting ADG Bruce Huff. Right: Heath De Fountain-Haberman, joins PP Lee Kirkpatrick on stage to perform a musical introduction for MV Rotarian and City Manager Todd Cusimano who reported on clubhouse renovation plans. (Photos by Tom)



2026-2027 TRF HONOR ROLL

◆ Foundation Co-Chairs Greg Dyer and Phil Richardson are pleased to report the following Mill Valley Rotarians have contributed to the 2026-2027 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Rotary Foundation Drive.

Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Greg Dyer
Jim Iavarone

Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Stephanie Ricardo
Doug Scherf

Elizabeth Suzuki
Burnett Tregoning





★ GRANTS (Cont'd)

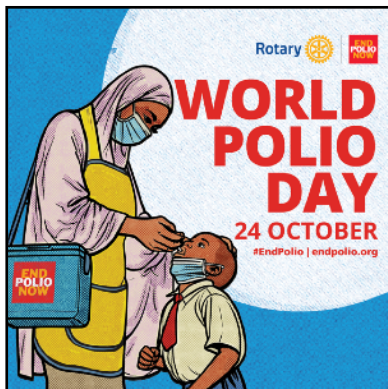
The Redwoods.

Community: Postpartum Support & Marin Diaper; Marin Center for Independent Living; Jonathan's Place/Homeward Bound; NAMI Marin (Mental Illness); Schurig Brain Injury Recovery.

International: Rotaplast International; Global Grant Peru Greenhouses; Cambodian Legal Education for Women.

★ COMING UP

❖ **Dinner at Jonathan's Place** Shelter in San Rafael, 4-7 pm., Wednesday, October 14. Call **Jane Hall** to participate.



★ REALLY HOT DOGGERY

❖ Mill Valley Rotary's *Hot Doggery* was a super hot success at the recent Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival in Old Mill Park. President Jim reported a net income of \$6,710, thanking the organizers—PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**, PP **Kim Jessup** and PP **Lee Kirkpatrick**—and all Rotarians and their friends who worked on the project.

★ PROGRAM

❖ It was bound to happen! Our guest speaker thought she was to be attending an evening meeting! We missed you, **YuHui**, and hope you will be able to visit us sometime soon. Our ADG **Bruce Huff** made it and was a fine representative of District 5150, presenting **Stephanie** her new Paul Harris Pin (P. 3). In the DG's absence, MV Rotarian and Mill Valley City Manager **Todd Cusimano** filled us in on plans for the future renovation of our favorite meeting place, the Mill Valley Golf Course Clubhouse.



2026-2027 PolioPlus Society Mill Valley Membership Roster

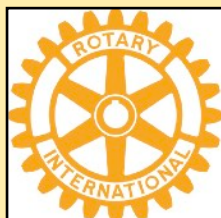
(Join Today—Pledge \$100 per year to Polio Plus)

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

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jane Hall 10/7/08

Kent Campbell 10/9/12



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Rider 10/1

Kimberly Jessup 10/10

Lisán Campbell 10/17

Rita Sedano-Garcia 10/30





Next: Dick Spotswood Sizes Up Next Month's Election

October 20: Dick Spotswood will present *Likely Election Winners & Losers, Including a Few Upsets*. Fellow Mill Valley Rotarian Dick Spotswood, Marin Independent Journal's veteran politics and government columnist, will give his best guess on which party controls the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, who is elected governor, who wins seats in California's state legislature from the North Bay/North Coast along with elections predictions for contests in Marin. He'll also suggest a few upsets on the national scene which may have major impact on determining who will become serious candidates for the presidency in 2028.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 186.00**

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$1,047.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$654.00**

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