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★ GREETER

❖ **Frank Leidman**, recently returned from Pennsylvania where he attended his 50th college class reunion, welcomed members today. His Thought for the Day: *I suggest that you preach truth and do righteousness as you have been taught ... For your consciences and your judgements we have not sought to bind; and see you to it that no other institution ... put such chains on you as would tempt you to sacrifice one iota of the moral freedom of your consciences and the intellectual freedom of your judgements—* President **Isaac Sharpless**, Haverford College Commencement, 1888.

★ PRESIDER

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

★ VISITORS

❖ Great to again see our friend and neighbor **Gary Ferber**, a member of the Rotary Club of Sausalito and ace professional

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?



► Greeter Frank Leidman, a walking 50th reunion billboard. (Photo by Tom)

photographer. Could it be that a club photo is in the offing? Stay tuned!

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays—Stephanie Ricardo** (6/25) received a special honor today—a club rendition of the Happy Birthday song led by PP **Jane Hall**. When asked about her party plans, Stephanie reported she's looking forward to many lunches and dinners in June and July. She likes "to drag it out!" A belated Happy Birthday to PP **Greg Dyer** (5/29) who "celebrated" by getting his car side-swiped by another while taking his daughter to the airport. Better luck next year, Greg!

❖ **Club Anniversaries—Frank Leidman** (6/18/24) whose sponsor was non other than Past President and Honorary Member **Chuck Waldron**. Apparently Chuck and Frank are related by marriage. You can get the details from Frank. Again celebrating late was our inveterate traveler PP **Greg Dyer** (5/2/72). Among the many highlights of Greg's Rotary experience was leading two different overseas Study



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ CELEBRATIONS (Cont'd)

Exchange trips. Greg's 54 years in Rotary spurred him to mark the occasion with a bell-ringer to the Rotary Foundation. Celebrating early was **Larry Davis** (7/7/92) who marked the infamous water pipe event as one of his special Rotary memories. Perhaps we'll hear more from him next month. In the meantime, we thank these Rotarians for their contributions to Mill Valley, Marin and the World.

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ As previously mentioned, **Frank Leidman** recently returned from the East Coast where he attended the 50th reunion of the Haverford College Class of 1976. A bell-ringer!

❖ **John Carmichael** had a wild time in the Costa Rica jungle during a two week stay, surviving



► Will he or won't he? John Carmichael contemplates a plunge in Costa Rica.



► Above: Mill Valley Rotarians and guests enjoy lunch under the oaks at Boyle Park during the recent 100th Anniversary Picnic. Right: President Kim Jessup and PP Jane Hall pose with Homeward Bound officials following the recent presentation of a "thank you" cutting board recognizing the work done by MV Rotary cooking/ serving crews at Jonathan's Place in San Rafael.





★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

the poisonous frogs and scorpions while managing some death-defying plunges into local waterways. Another bell-ringer! ❖ PP **Dick Spotswood** and wife **Joanne** enjoyed a cross-Atlantic cruise from Miami to the Azores. Yet another bell-ringer!

★ FOUNDATION REPORT

❖ Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** reminded club members that there is still time to donate to the Rotary Foundation and receive credit for the Every Rotarian Every Year competition. If you haven't already done so, now's the time to do it. Greg briefly outlined Rotary programs benefitting from our donations, including Polio Plus, Rotary Peace Centers, District Grants, Global Grants, Disaster Response Grants and Programs of Scale Grants.

★ SAVE THE DATES



❖ **Mountain Play Booth**—June 6, 13, 14 and 20. Crews are lined up. Questions? Check with PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**.

❖ **Jonathan's Place Dinner** at the San Rafael Shelter—June 10 from 4:00 to 7:00. Questions? Check with PP **Jane Hall** or President **Kim Jessup**.

❖ **Annual Installation Dinner** at the Golf Course Clubhouse—June 16 from 5:00 to 8:30. Use this link to reserve your spot: <https://pp.events/b9BqAB84>. Questions? Check with PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**.



► **More Picnic photos. Above, from left: Barbara and Phil Richardson, Rita Sedano-Garcia (with hat) and her guest, PP Burnett Tregoning and Keith Papulias. Right: the Heath De Fountain-Haberman trio provides some very special music at the 100th Anniversary event. Let's do it again....soon!**



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?

Russ Burbank
Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Don Herzog
Jim Iavarone
Kim Jessup

Lew Katcher
Robin Keller
Lee Kirkpatrick
Carl Lippenberger
Ed Marshall
Mel Matsumoto
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Keith Papulias

Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Bob Roberts
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Burnett Tregoning





★ PROGRAM

❖ PP and Club Historian **Dick Spotswood** took us on a tour of the first 100 years of Mill Valley Rotary. Here are a few highlights:

❖ The first president of the club was **Harry Petrie**, vice president of the Muir Woods Toll Road Company. The first fine ever levied against a Mill Valley Rotarian was paid by Mr. Petrie for “forgetting to address members by their first names.” After that symbolic act, charter member **Ralston White** had the honor of making the first cash fine by paying with a five dollar gold piece.

❖ On March 16, 1987, Mill Valley Rotary shattered one of the oldest Rotary practices. The club, under the leadership of president **Dale Leuhring** became the first Rotary in Marin and one of the first in California to admit women as full members.

❖ Since then, eight women have served as president of Mill Valley Rotary.

❖ *More to come in future issues.*



► Above: “I’m so glad you finally showed up!” Below: The Mill Valley Record reports an exclusive—Women join MV Rotary! (Photos by Tom)



2025-2026

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

Frank Leidman 6/18/24

Todd Cusimano 6/27/23



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Peter Mason 6/7

Stephanie Ricardo 6/25





June 16: *Installation Dinner—Thanks, Kim; Welcome, Jim!*



President Kim Jessup

Next: Mill Valley Rotary's Annual Installation Dinner, scheduled to be held at the Golf Club Clubhouse on June 16, will celebrate the year just past and look to the new year starting July 1st. Deadline for reservations is June 12, so sign up today!



President Elect Jim Iavarone

**POLIO JAR
2025–2026**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 1,497.40**

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$6,600.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$11,013.00**

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

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