



THE MILL WHEEL



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★ CELEBRATION!

❖ Members and their guests gathered at the Mill Valley Golf Club clubhouse this evening to mark the end of a very special Rotary year, honor those who helped create it, and welcome those who will lead the club in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The traditional Annual Installation Dinner was held almost exactly 100 years after the establishment of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley. What a great time to celebrate!

The evening began with a reception in the clubhouse bar area, with event organizer-in-chief PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** behind the bar. In addition to the many spouses/partners, we were joined by Honorary member **Russ Burbank** and incoming Assistant District Governor **Bruce Huff**, a member of the Rotary Club of Sausalito.

Moving into the main meeting room, members and guests sat down to a scrumptious dinner provided by **Charles** of Debbie Ghiringhelli Catering.

With **President Kim** at the podium, the evening took a

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?



magical turn with the introduction of PP **Dick Spotswood** as Carnac the



► **President Kim Jessup** “pins” 2026-27 President **Jim lavarone** to wrap up the festivities. (Photo by Tom)

Magician, who looked into his very small crystal ball and shared some thoughts about Mill Valley Rotary, circa 2126:

In Mill Valley, we will still have in person meetings but only once a month.

We will have long left the Golf Clubhouse, meeting now on the 17th floor of one of Mill Valley's many new downtown residential high rises.

Inflation will factor in fines levied by our president. When the club was founded the first fine paid was with a \$5 gold piece. Now, in 2126, the typical fine is \$1,000 in crypto currency.

In 2126 Mill Valley Rotary's annual installation event will take place atop Mt. Tam at the restored Tamalpais Tavern and reached by the rebuilt and thriving Mt. Tamalpais & Muir Woods Railway.

President Kim followed Carnac, thanking the club and its leaders for responding nicely to her beginning-of-the-year challenge to “Do Something.”

“Together we did some fantastic things,” Kim noted. Among them: Over \$55,000 in grants awarded to local nonprofits and the Peru Project;



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ CELEBRATION! (Cont'd)

Increased visibility in the community as a result of the stupendous float in the Mill Valley 125 Year Celebration parade; Volunteering for a plethora of community service projects ranging from the Food Bank, the USPS Food Drive and Mill Valley Beautification Projects; and, the club surpassed its fundraising goals (see P. 5).

President Kim presented Paul Harris awards to **Steve Miller** (Plus 4), **Russ Burbank** (Plus 7) and **PP Burnett Tregoning** (Plus 8) before introducing and turning the meeting over to incoming president **Jim Iavarone**.

Jim noted that he is honored to be the next president, and that his board will be exactly the

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★ CELEBRATION! (Cont'd)



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





★ CELEBRATION! (Cont'd)

same as Kim's—they have all volunteered to stay on!

With Kim presenting and Jim receiving, the official pinning ceremony was completed and we look forward to 2026-27 with thanks for the wonderful year just past.



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





July 7: *Artemis—Return to the Moon*

Next: July 7: Astronomist **Linda Shore** will present *ARTEMIS - Return to the Moon*. Last April, four astronauts captured the world's imagination when they flew around the Moon and returned safely back to Earth. It's been over 50 years since Apollo 17 brought astronauts to the Moon. Learn about the NASA Artemis program, why we are heading back to the Moon now, and the aspirational goals for future Artemis missions.



❖ The editorial staff of *The Mill Wheel* wishes to honor and thank our own Ansel Adams, **Tom McKlveen**, for his photographic contributions over the years. As part of this special tribute we searched through three years of club photos, and only found one of Tom that we could use. He has not yet learned the art of the “selfie.” Thanks, Tom, for the great pictures!



**POLIO JAR
2025–2026**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 1,497.40**

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

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$58,122.93**

**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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