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★ GREETER

❖ **Don Herzog** had the honor and the challenge today as the set-up crew arrived only to find the main meeting room already set up for another event. No problem—move to the bar area for the meeting and set up outside for the board session that involved new District Governor **Mitone Griffiths**, RC Half Moon Bay, and our new Assistant District Governor **Susanne Karch**, a member at RC Mission San Rafael. Don's Thought for the Day: *The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing—Edmund Burke.*

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Kim Jessup** looking sharp behind the bar!

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?



★ VISITORS

❖ In addition to our two District 5150 guests, we were joined by Mill Valley resident **Reneé Stephens**, former Mill Valley Rotarian **Sue Royce**, who is the current president of Novato Sunrise Rotary, and **Jacek A. Sochan** and **Linda Dold**.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays**—**John Poulson** (8/4), **Frank Leidman** (8/9), **Bernard Link** (8/21) and **Jim Iavarone** (8/30) were duly saluted by a different (could even say “strange”) version of the “Happy Birthday Song” led by **Bob Canepa**.

❖ **Club Anniversaries**—**Kim Jessup** (8/24/04) and **Bernard Link** (8/25/23) were acknowledged for their contributions to the club and the community.

❖ **Rotarian of the Month**—Guess who! Your editor was surprised and delighted when he opened and read the latest version of the District 5150 newsletter. I was it! Or, should it be “it was me?” In either case, I will leave it up to *Mill Wheel* readers to check out



► Left: DG Mitone Griffiths, center, and ADJ Susanne Karch pose with President Kim. Center: New Member Katherine Jones gets pinned by the DG. Right: Lunch is served. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)

★ CELEBRATIONS (Cont'd)

the newsletter on the District website for all the details. The topper was the fact that the DG came all the way to Mill Valley (via Stinson Beach) to present the official certificate and offer her congratulations. Your editor offers his thanks to everybody who played a part in this. It is quite an honor and I will cherish this moment and my experiences at MV Rotary forever.



► No denying it, today was Burnett's big day! Above he receives a Rotarian of the Month certificate from the DG, and below he gets to show off his 4th of July tie-die! (Photos by Tom McKlveen (top) and Lee Kirkpatrick)



► August First Sunday hikers pose on Tennessee Beach—from left, Lee Kirkpatrick, Dennis Klein, John Poulson, Lew Katcher, Frank Leidman and Doug Scherf.

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ President Kim and her partner Anne recently loaded up the van, attached Luke's car to the back, and the three of them took off for Bend, Ore., Luke's new home. After two days of camping on the street in front of Luke's new residence, Kim and Anne headed south to Mt. Shasta where they

celebrated with family before heading back to Mill Valley. A bell-ringer!

❖ PP Lee Kirkpatrick recently celebrated his grandson's 8-month birthday. One a month? Fun!

❖ ADG Susanne Karch contributed \$10 to the fine box. Why, we'll never know! Great to see you Susanne, and hope you will be able to visit more times during the year ahead.

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?

Greg Dyer
Jim Iavarone
Tom McKlveen

Stephanie Ricardo
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood

Burnett Tregoning



★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

❖ **Tom McKlveen** popped with a bell-ringer in honor of the Rotarian of the Month.

★ WELCOME, KAT!

❖ Welcome **Katherine “Kat” Jones**, the newest member of Mill Valley Rotary. Born and raised in Marin County, Kat is an attorney and grant writer who currently serves on the Mill Valley City Council. She and her husband Tripp have three children, **Eleanor, Louisa and Ward**. Kat has expressed interest in working in club programs involving local community projects and youth programs. Welcome aboard, Kat!

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Upcoming Club Events:

- ❖ Jonathon’s Place Dinner @ San Rafael Shelter, Aug. 13, 4:30 -7.
- ❖ Volunteer at Marin Food Bank August 23, 9-11.
- ❖ Rotaplast Bocce Ball Tournament & BBQ, Aug. 24th 9-3.
- ❖ Mill Valley 125 Year Celebration Parade, Sept. 1st



► It’s not often that Mill Wheel photographer Tom McKlveen gets his photo in the Mill Wheel. Here, after receiving his new Paul Harris + 3 pin, he poses with DG Mitone Griffiths in a candid snapped by Lee Kirkpatrick.

❖ Fall Arts Festival Hot Doggery Booth, Sept. 20 & 21.

To find out how you can help, check with Community Service Directors **Jane Hall and Joan Steidinger**, or **Burnett Tregoning** (Rotaplast), **Kim Jessup** (Parade Float) or **Elizabeth Suzuki** (Hot Doggery).

★ PROGRAM

❖ Membership, public image and polio will be three areas emphasized by our 2025-2026 District Governor **Mitone Griffiths**, who shared her Rotary experiences and noted her goals for the 41 District 5150 Rotary clubs scattered throughout Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties. Thanks for the visit, Mitone, and together let’s have a great year.



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

**Greg Dyer
Jim Iavarone
Ed Marshall
Stephanie Ricardo
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Burnett Tregoning**

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**Russell Burbank 8/13/12
Kathleen Delehanty 8/15/23
Kimberley Jessup 8/24/04
Bernard Link 8/25/23**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**John Poulson 8/4
Frank Leidman 8/9
Bob Roberts 8/13
Vincent Howes 8/19
Bernard Link 8/21
James Iavarone 8/30**



NEXT: PARKS in PERIL: Can they survive changing land/seascapes?



August 19: Our speaker is **Dr. Sarah Allen** who has experience in ecology and wildlife management, with a focus on marine birds and mammals. She retired from the National Park Service in 2019 after 26 years including 15 years at Point Reyes National Seashore. Her final position was as the lead of the Science Program of the Pacific West Region, identifying and leveraging science needs for parks throughout the region from Washington State to California and extending across the Pacific Ocean to American Samoa. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, and has authored and co-authored numerous publications, including the UC Press, *Marine Mammals of the Pacific Coast: Baja, California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia*. In retirement, she continues studies of marine ecosystems, especially assisting the next generation of scientists. <https://www.nps.gov/articles/sarah-allen-profile.htm>

BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2025–2026**

**GOAL
\$1,000**

**TOTAL
\$ 109.40**

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

**GOAL
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$200.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2025-2026**

**GOAL
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$1,000.00**

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