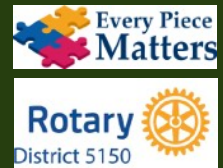




THE MILL WHEEL



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★ GREETER

❖ **Phil Richardson** at the door today. His Thought for the Day: *Success is not final. Failure is not final. It is the courage to continue that counts—Winston Churchill.*

★ PRESIDER

❖ Short-timer President **Kim Jessup**, smiling more every day as she gets closer to the end of the term.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries—*
Stephanie Ricardo (5/24/11) was congratulated upon her 15th anniversary as a member of Mill Valley Rotary. Her contributions to the life of Mill Valley Rotary include several years as treasurer. Her favorite MV Rotary moment: "Just being around people who care."

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ **Phil and Barbara Richardson** recently returned from a European jaunt that took them

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?



through Belgium and Holland. A bell-ringer of a cruise for sure!

❖ **President Kim** popped for a bell-ringer on behalf of her experience at Sunday's picnic celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley.

★ MV ROTARY PICNIC 100

❖ If you weren't there, you missed a very special fun event. Thanks to a committee composed of **Steve Bajor, Elizabeth Suzuki, Michelle Terrell, Caroline Joachim, PP Dick Spotswood** and **President Kim**, members and their guests turned out in Mill Valley's Boyle Park

WELCOME ABOARD, MATES!

► Greeter **Phil Richardson** welcomes **Stephanie Ricardo, Steve Bajor and Kathleen Delehanty** to today's meeting. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)



Rotary Club
of Mill Valley

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ PICNIC 100 (Cont'd)

last Sunday to a very special celebration of the club's pending 100th anniversary. Beautiful weather, tasty barbecue from *Pig In a Pickle*, wonderful music by **Heath De Fount-Haberlin** and his cohorts **Liberty Ellman** and **Natalie John** provided the base for this special event.

In addition to Mill Valley Rotarians, members of their families and a few former members, we were joined by several dignitaries representing Rotary's District 5150. District Governor **Mitone Griffiths** (Half Moon Bay Rotary), Assistant District Governor **Susanne Karch** (Mission San Rafael Rotary) and District Governor Nominee **Tony**



► District 5150 big shots ADG Susanne Karch and DG Nominee Tony Villanueva ham it up during MV Rotary Picnic 100. Others are, from left, MV President Kim Jessup, Past President Burnett Tregoning, District Governor Mitone Griffiths and MV President Elect Jim Iavarone. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

Villanueva (San Mateo Rotary) attended. And, as you can see in the photo above, they were having fun! Photos taken at the event are featured here and on

page 3. We hope to share more with you in future editions of the Mill Wheel as we continue to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of a very special Rotary Club.



► Left: Former MV Rotarian and president Sue Royce, standing, visits with luncheon servers PP Carl Lippenberger, Stephanie Ricardo and PP Bob Canepa. Center: Steve Bajor. Right: Heath De Fount-Haberlin and friends provide 100th Anniversary Picnic music. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)





★ EREY REPORT

❖ Our club's contributions to The Rotary Foundation this fiscal year to date (starting last July 1st) total \$10,913, reports Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer**. Greg noted that works out to about \$207 per capita compared to the average contribution by Rotarians in our district of \$423.

The Rotary Foundation is an organization we can support with confidence, Greg notes. It is one of the premier charities in the world. The Foundation has dedicated over 90 percent of total spending to programs over the past 10 years, far exceeding the efficiency standards set by independent charity-rating services.

Those who haven't made a donation recently are urged to go online to Rotary.org and donate at least \$25 before June 30. Our Club # is 393 - our District # is 5150. Or, send a check to our Rotary PO Box 506, MV 94942.

★ ATTN EARLY BIRDS!

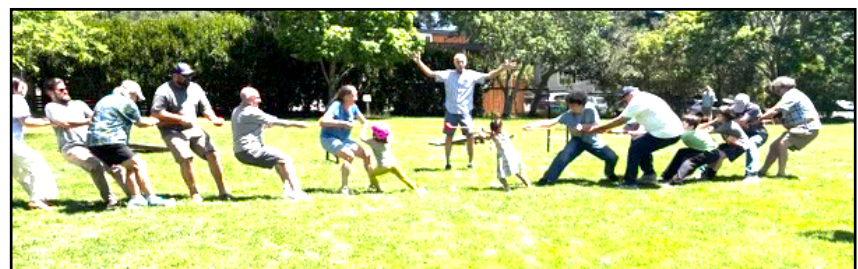
❖ Believe it or not, registration is now open for the *Summer of Love* District Conference 2027 scheduled again for downtown San Francisco. Rotarians registering now can take advantage of the **Hippie Rate** (early bird), available through **June 10**, or join the **Founders Circle** for a chance to attend a private dinner with the special keynote speaker during the Foundation Dinner. Details on the District 5150 website.

★ SAVE THE DATES

❖ It's time to sign up for Mt. Play booth duty. The *Wizard of*



► Above: Sunday celebrants pose for a "formal" portrait in the shade of Boyle Park oaks. Right: Kitchen crew, including Mill Wheel photographer Tom McKlveen, right, serves up yummy BBQ. Below: PP Lee Kirkpatrick referees a spirited tug-o-war match.



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





★ SAVE THE DATES (Cont'd)



Oz will be performed June 7, 13, 14 and 21. Shifts are 8-12 and 12-4. PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** is awaiting your call or email. You can contact her at esuzuki54@gmail.com.

❖ **Jonathan's Place Dinner**, Wednesday, June 10, 4:00 - 7:00.

❖ **Installation Dinner**, June 16, 5:00 - 8:30. Let's have a big turnout to celebrate Kim's year and welcome Jim to 2026-27.

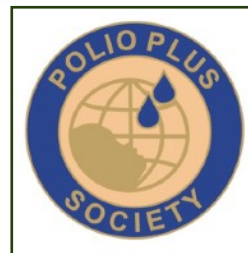
★ PROGRAM

❖ In a presentation entitled *San Francisco's DNA*, author **Alec Scott** talked about the institutions that have helped make San Francisco San Francisco. The remit of his book, *Oldest San Francisco* (Reedy Press) was to

identify the oldest businesses, cultural organizations, charities in the city – and to try to tell the city's story through those. Here are potted histories of some Gold Rush-era businesses and non-profits – the oldest restaurant (Tadich Grill), bakery (Boudin), hardware store (Center) and children's charity (Edgewood). Thanks, Alec, for reminding us why we enjoy living next door to a very special city.



► **Matching Pair: Today's speaker, Alec Scott, left, and MV Program Chair Bob Canepa almost became a dynamic duo with their matching shirts. If only the color hadn't been a little off!** (Photo by Tom McKlveen)



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

Einar Asbo 5/1/12

Gregory Dyer 5/2/72

Burnett Tregoning 5/5/98

Lee Kirkpatrick 5/19/09

Stephanie Ricardo 5/24/11



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jane Hall 5/2

Keith Papulias 5/28

Marilyn Harrison 5/29

Gregory Dyer 5/29





Next: History 1A—MV Rotary Hits 100!

June 2: Dick Spotswood—*History of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley*



Scholarships,
Dictionaries,
Greenhouses,
Mt. Play Booths,
Food Bank Support & Much, Much More!

**POLIO JAR
2025–2026**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 1,492.40**

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

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$6,600.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$10,913.00**

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