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★ GREETER

❖ President Elect **Jim Iavarone** welcomed members and guests to today's meeting. In keeping with today's visiting speaker theme, Jim, wearing his favorite Grateful Dead tee-shirt, went straight to the boss for today's Thought for the Day:

To get really high is to forget yourself. And to forget yourself is to see everything else. And to see everything else is to become an understanding molecule in evolution, a conscious tool of the universe. And I think every human being should be a conscious tool of the universe. That's why I think it's important to get high.—**Jerry Garcia**.

Jim noted that Jerry, using this philosophy, could have been a wonderful Rotarian.

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Kim** at the helm.

★ VISITORS

❖ Several today: the speaker's daughter **Kiley** accompanied her dad and assisted with his presentation. Others included **Jen Massina**, who was introduced by club Membership Chair **Bernard Link**, and **Debbie Loughran**, principal designer and proprietor of Shop Camino located on Miller Ave., the guest of **Bob**

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?



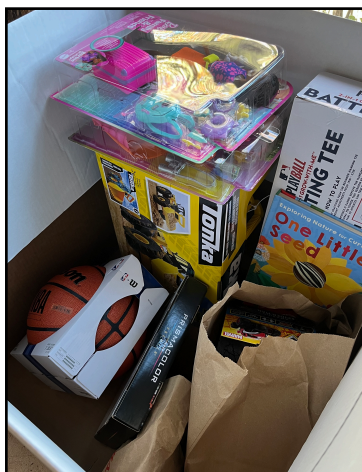
Canepa. And, last but not least, we were honored by the attendance of Immediate Past District Governor **Steve Wright**, Rotary Club of Pacifica.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—Two of our favorite “old-timers” were honored today. **Bob Canepa**, who joined Mill Valley Rotary on December 6, 1983, and **Ed Marshall**, who signed on in late November of the same year, were both recognized and saluted by members attending for their many contributions to the city and to the world through their very active membership in Rotary.

❖ *Birthdays*—None of those celebrating this month were in attendance. Best wishes to **Roberta Keller**, PP **Carl Lippenberger** and **Einar Asbo!**

It's a Start but More to Come next Meeting!



► Toys (left) and contributions for the Food Bank have arrived. We're looking for much more on the 16th!

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Activities:** *Jonathon's Place Dinner* at San Rafael Shelter, 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, December 10; *Homeward Bound Gift Wrapping* in Novato, 10 - 2:00; *Board of Directors Meeting*, Wednesday, December 17 via Zoom at 12 p.m. Contact **President Kim** or Community Service Co-Chairs **Jane Hall** and **Joan Steidinger** for details or to sign up.

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ **Editor's Note:** *Blame this report on the total misuse of the floating microphone by those reporting Good Times. We know who had one, but exactly what it was, that's a different matter!*

❖ **PP Jane Hall**—two pies went missing on Thanksgiving Day. Also, thanks to the great crew that worked at the Food Bank on Saturday, November 29.

❖ **PP Lee Kirkpatrick**—a 13-year-old grandchild wowed 'em at Thanksgiving.

❖ *This one we got right (she knows how to operate the mic!).* **President Kim** was wowed by the sight of lenticular clouds while up at her Shasta property over the holiday. She snapped a photo (see page 3) and popped for a bell-ringer!

★ HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

❖ *Very Important:* If you are planning to attend the December 16 Holiday Luncheon, PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** must be informed to facilitate planning. Call 415/269-3139 or email her at esuzki54@gmail.com. And don't forget: bring new toys for the Performing Stars Toy Drive and food for the SF-Marin Food Bank (no glass, please).



► **Left:** Haley Leary gets re-pinned by President Kim. PP Ed Marshall accepts certificate acknowledging the club's contributions to Polio Plus during the previous 2024-25 Rotary year. Making the presentation is Past District Governor Steve Wright, member of the Rotary Club of Pacifica. (Photos by Tom)

★ GIFT CARDS WORK TOO

❖ **PP Lee Kirkpatrick** informed us that you can donate gift cards through the Performing Stars website. He found this an easy way to contribute something for an older child (ages 10-18) without buying a toy. Go to the organizations website:

performingstars.org. In the middle of the screen you will find the link *Donate Teen Gift Cards*. Click on that link and follow the instructions. Another reminder: **Elizabeth Suzuki** needs to know if you intend to attend the Holiday Luncheon. Please let her know now if you do plan to do so. Hope to see you there!

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
Robin Keller
Lee Kirkpatrick
Ed Marshall
Mel Matsumoto
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Keith Papulias

Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
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Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
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Every Piece
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★ WELCOME BACK, HALEY

❖ **Haley Leary** is back in the fold! After a brief period as a “civilian,” Haley has rejoined Mill Valley Rotary and today was formally inducted in a ceremony conducted by Membership Chair **Bernard Link**.

Haley, her husband **Dennis** and two young children live in Blithedale Canyon in Mill Valley. She is the owner of Leary Law Offices, an estate planning and business law firm in downtown Mill Valley.

Haley has over 10 years’ experience as an Estate Planning and Business Law Attorney. She is licensed in both California and Nevada.

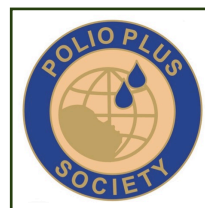
Haley previously worked at a large law firm and has a background as a Wealth Planner and a Trust Administration Officer for banking institutions. She has substantial education and experience in the areas of trusts and wills, business succession planning, working with blended families and mediation.

Welcome back, Haley!

★ PROGRAM

❖ Fairfax-based filmmaker and author **Len Dell'Amico** presented *Friend of the Devil: Len Dell'Amico reflects on a career with Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead*. Len shared stories and insights from his 2025

book *Friend of the Devil*, a fascinating look at his years working with the Grateful Dead and the creative spirit that defined one of America’s most iconic bands.



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
Stephanie Ricardo
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Michelle Terrell
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► Left: President Kim’s lenticular cloud with Mt. Shasta in the background. Right: Program Chair Bob Canepa poses with today’s speaker and his daughter, Kiley. (Photos by Kim & Tom).

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Canepa 12/6/83

Robin Keller 12/11/12

Lew Katcher 12/13/16

Chuck Waldron 12/28/71



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carl Lippenberger 12/20

Roberta Keller 12/27

Einar Asbo 12/29



Next: Middle School Orchestra Helps Celebrate the Holiday

December 16: The Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Orchestra will be performing at our annual Holiday Luncheon. Their performance is entitled: *Not So Silent Night*. The elite award-winning orchestra and their music teacher **Steve Gardner** are proud to present a selection of holiday music to celebrate "The Season." It always feels great to bring a little warmth when it's Cold Outside. The tradition of our Winter Holiday is very special to them, and they hope we'll enjoy their interpretations of some of the classics and not so classics. The culmination of five years of music education, the group is supported by generous community donations through the Kiddo! foundation. Steve considers it an honor to be the leader of this program. *Cost of the special lunch is \$55 per person. Reserve your spot today by contacting Elizabeth Suzuki at 415/269-3139.*



BRING A FRIEND

POLIO JAR 2025–2026

GOAL:
\$1,000.00

TOTAL
\$ 843.40

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2025-2026

GOAL:
\$7,750.00

TOTAL
\$200.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2025-2026

GOAL:
\$7,750.00

TOTAL
\$4,413.00

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