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★ GREETER

❖ **Caroline Joachim** welcomed members and guests to today's meeting. Her Thoughts for the Day: *The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members—Mahatma Gandhi; and Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth—Shirley Chisholm.*

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Kim Jessup** behind the podium.

★ VISITORS

❖ Several today: **Lee Larsen** attended as the guest of **Don**

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?



Herzog; Adam Mengs accompanied our Membership Chair **Bernard Link**; and **Jennifer Imbimbo**, aide to today's speaker Supervisor **Stephanie Moulton-Peters**, was on hand to assist her boss.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Club Anniversaries**—Past President **Jane Hall** and **John Poulson** were recognized today. Jane marked her 17th anniversary's a MV Rotarian today. Even with her many Habitat trips abroad helping to build homes she found time to be club president in 2014-15. John joined Mill Valley Rotary in 2019 and has been an active member and leader ever since. Congratulations to both of these outstanding Rotarians!

❖ **Birthdays**—**President Kim's** birthday is fast approaching. Friday, October 10, is the date. With the current government shutdown, she's going to miss seeing the Blue Angels but hopes



MEETING SNAPSOTS

Left: Greeter Caroline Joachim gets a big smile out of Frank Leidman.

Right: President Kim "pins" long-time Mill Valley Rotarian Don Herzog who received his Paul Harris Plus 5 pin at today's meeting.

(Photos by Tom McKlveen)



★ CELEBRATIONS (Cont'd)

that the Canadians are up to a spectacular performance. **Rita Sedano-Garcia** “almost forgot” that her birthday is coming on October 30. Your reporter does not recall hearing the singing of the “Happy Birthday” song, so we’ll say it now: *Happy Birthday, Rotarians!*”

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** thanked club members and friends who put in busy hours making the recent Hot Doggery at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival a big success. More to come on this later.

❖ Trip of the Year so far has to be the September month-long adventure to South America by treasurer **John Carmichael**. John visited Ecuador, Peru and Chile and spent time exploring in the Galapagos.



► **John Carmichael's** month-long adventure in South America included this trip to the top of 16,500 ft. Rainbow Mountain close to Machu Picchu in Peru.



► What can the Rotary Club of Mill Valley do to celebrate World Polio Day? How about stuffing the next meeting's Polio Jar full of cash and checks (Payable to The Rotary Foundation with the notation that the contribution is for Polio Plus), all of which will be matched up to \$250 by an anonymous benefactor? Go for it, Mill Valley Rotary! Let's load that Polio Jar on October 21st!

★ THE RED HOT DOGGERY

❖ Guess what we had for lunch today. You got it—big, juicy hot dogs! We assume these tasty treats were the leftovers from the Fall Arts Festival Hot Doggery where over 700 were served to Mill Valley art patrons who

visited Old Mill Park to take in the event. Gross receipts will be announced after all of the math is done.

Head Hot Dog PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** noted that many MV Rotarians plus Interactors from Tam High and local Scouts pitched in to make the Hot Doggery a success.

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?

Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Don Herzog

Jim Iavarone
Kim Jessup
Robin Keller
Ed Marshall
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller

Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Burnett Tregoning



★ HOT DOGGERY (Cont'd)

Mill Valley Rotarians participating in the project included **President Kim, Caroline Joachim, Jim Iavarone, Diana Von Welzceck, Dick Spotswood, Keith Papulias, Robin & Cathy Keller, Carl Lippenberger, John Poulson & Joan Steidinger, Lee & Margo Kirkpatrick, Greg Dyer, Jane Hall, Margareth Tanner, Steve Miller, Frank Leidman and Dennis Klein.**

With those guys behind the barbecue and the sales counter, no wonder the Hot Doggery was a success. Many thanks, Rotarians, friends of Rotarians, Interactors and Mill Valley Scouts for your hard work. And, a special thank you to the Head Hot Dog **Elizabeth Suzuki**, who has a habit of making the tough jobs look easy.

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **President Kim** noted that three Rotarians—herself, **Caroline Joachim** and **Denise Acain**—participated in the recent Walk to End Alzheimer's at The Redwoods. Looking ahead, there



► **Don Herzog** with his guest **Lee Larsen.** (Photo by Tom)



► **Seen at last month's Mill Valley Art Festival's world famous Hot Doggery:** Above—from left, **Jane Hall, Jane's Grandson Luke Pielert, Frank Leidman, Margareth Tanner, Dennis Klein and Steve Miller.** Below left: **Chef John Poulson** preps some tasty treats. Below right: **Joan Steidinger, left, and Margo Kirkpatrick** at the ready to serve art festival visitors. (Photos by Lee Kirkpatrick)



★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

is an important event for you to consider—*Jonathon's Place* dinner will be hosted by MV Rotary at the San Rafael shelter from 4:30 to 7 on November 12. Contact President Kim for details and to sign up to help.

★ PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to **Stephanie Moulton-Peters**, Marin County Supervisor representing District 3



which covers Belvedere, Mill Valley, Sausalito and Tiburon as well as much of the nearby unincorporated area. Stephanie (shown at left with President Kim in a photo snapped by Lee Kirkpatrick) made it easy on your editor by providing a copy of her presentation which accompanies this issue of The Mill Wheel.



► Supervisor Moulton-Peters poses with two of MV Rotary's finest—Robin Keller and Jim Iavarone. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)



**2025-2026
PolioPlus Society
MV 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
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CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jane Hall 10/7/08

Kent Campbell 10/9/12



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Rider 10/1

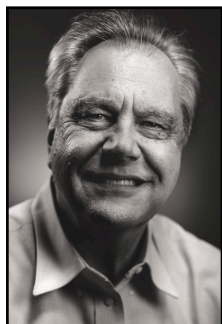
Kimberly Jessup 10/10

Lisán Campbell 10/17

Rita Sedano-Garcia 10/30



Next: Looking for Peace in the Middle East



October 21: Michael Blodgett will present *A Desert Mirage? Looking for Peace in the Middle East*. The Middle East, meaning roughly that region between Pakistan and Libya and from Turkey south to the Indian Ocean, has been wracked by conflict since the end of the First World War. As politicians have searched for ways to end regional conflict, they have sought to understand it in terms of the borders created by Britain and France at the Versailles peace conference of 1919. So, modern statesmen who have sought peace in the Middle East have put forward political solutions to what they see as political problems. Apart from the 1976 peace treaty between Egypt and Israel this approach has clearly not worked. Nor has military action solved the region's problems. If anything, military action has frequently made the violence worse. Instead of focusing on Middle Eastern states, we need to understand the cultural, economic, and political interests and concerns of the peoples involved. The modern economy, for instance, has led to dramatic job growth in the region, but also to an influx of foreigners. This in turn has led many to see 'westernization' as a threat to traditional cultures and led to the growth of religious fundamentalism. Cultural differences have also driven conflict.

POLIO JAR 2025-2026

GOAL:
\$1,000.00

TOTAL
\$ 196.40

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2025-2026

GOAL:
\$7,750.00

TOTAL
\$200.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2025-2026

GOAL:
\$7,750.00

TOTAL
\$3, 025.00

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