The Mill Wheel

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GREETER

✣ PP **Kent Campbell** welcomed members and guests to today's meeting. After leading the pledge, Kent offered the following as his Thought for the Day: *A wonderful thing about true laughter is that it just destroys any kind of system of dividing people*—**John Cleese**.

PRESIDER

✣ PP **Ed Marshall** at the helm.

VISITORS

✣ **Liam Campbell**, son of the aforementioned Greeter, accompanied his father to today's meeting.

CELEBRATIONS

✣ *Birthdays*—**Phil Richardson** (11/3) was the only Birthday Boy in attendance. He and **Barbara** celebrated in Wine Country topped by a special lunch in St. Helena.

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?**

GOOD TIMES

✣ A great big batch of bell-ringers:
✣ PP **Lee Kirkpatrick,** along with other MV Rotarians, put in some time sprucing up Blithedale Triangle, which features the Rotary sponsored Welcome to Mill Valley sign. Adding to the fun was the fact that Lee has recently become a grandpa,

▶ Greeter Kent Campbell slips the grip to, from left, PP Carl Lippenberger, Phil Richardson and Larry Davis. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

▶ Left: Visitor Liam Campbell with PP Jane Hall. Center: Denise Acain makes a pitch on behalf of the Redwoods Senior Prom. Right: Two of our newest members, Caroline Joachim, left, and Michelle Terrell with PP Kim Jessup. (Photos by Tom McKlveen).

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

welcoming **Otto Ryan Kirkpatrick** to the family.

✣ PP **Kim Jessup** also enjoyed working on the Blithedale Triangle project, but her bell-ringer was a memorial to "**Twinkles,**" her favorite Rat Terrier who recently passed away after more than 16 years of devoted and loving service.

✣ A two-week adventure in the United Kingdom, including some time spent in your editor's favorite Cornwall, was worth a bell-ringer to PP **Dick Spotswood** in spite of the lengthy 36 hours it took him and **Joanne** to fly home.

✣ PP **Jane Hall** recently returned from a trip to Scotland where she visited the Dundreggan Rewilding Centre near Inverness (highlandrewilding.co.uk) and also enjoyed walking around

2024-2025
PolioPlus Society
MV Membership Roster
(Join Today—Pledge $100 per year to Polio Plus)

Lisán Campbell
Greg Dyer
Ed Marshall
Mel Matsumoto
Phil Richardson
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning

2024-2025 TRF HONOR ROLL

✦ **Foundation Chairs Greg Dyer and Phil Richardson are pleased to report the following Mill Valley Rotarians have contributed to the 2024-20245 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Rotary Foundation Drive. They hope that you soon will add your name to the list.**

Russ Burbank
Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Don Herzog
Kimberly Jessup
Caroline Joachim
Robin Keller
Ed Marshall
Peter Mason
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Bob Roberts
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Burnett Tregoning
Annette Venables

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

Edinburgh.

✣ **Pres. Ed** reported a Good Time was had by himself, PP **Doug Scherf** and Community Service Chair **Dennis Klein** who recently helped out at Strawberry Recreation Center's "Scary at the Berry" Halloween celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✣ Don't forget the District 5150 Blood Drive scheduled for next Thursday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the San Rafael Elks Lodge, 1312 Mission Ave. Appointments are recommended. You can make one by visiting the donor website donors.vitalent.org or by calling 877-258-4825.

✣ The Senior Prom is back at The Redwoods. **Denise Acain** passed around a sign up sheet and encouraged MV Rotary "gentlemen" to attend and "dance and schmooze the night away." The event is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. this Friday, November 8. Featuring live music by the Swing Fever band, the revived Senior Prom will celebrate the "Roaring '20s."

▶ Left: Working at the Blithedale Triangle: Kim, Caroline and Lee represented Mill Valley Rotary. (Photographer Unknown). Right: PP Dick Spotswood shares his thoughts on today's election. (Photo by Tom McKlveen).

✣ Coming down the pike after the first of the year is the *"Wine Country Social,"* a trip up to Santa Rosa on the Smart Train featuring lunch at Railroad Square before returning home. **Phil Richardson** is in charge and will have more details shortly.

PROGRAM

✣ Our own **Dick Spotswood** presented *It's Election Day in National Politics and Lessons Learned.*

Dick noted that the status quo can change quickly. At the beginning of 2024, no political pundit could have predicted where we find ourselves today. He discussed what's happened on the national stage during the past 10 months and why, briefly examining the short-term and long-term implications for the nation and the world depending on who wins.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John Poulson 11/4/19

Bob Roberts 11/6/12

Kenneth Brooks 11/15/11

Ed Marshall 11/19/85

Bruce Wrisley 11/22/66

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

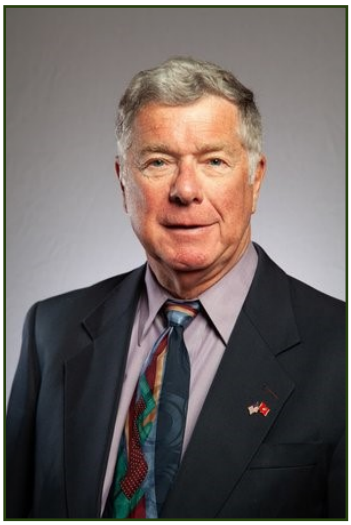
Elizabeth Suzuki 11/3

Phil Richardson 11/3

Robin Keller 11/8

NEXT: China vs. Taiwan - Destabilizing the Asia-Pacific

November 19: Retired Marine Corps Colonel **Brendan Kearney** will present: *China & Taiwan - Destabilizing the Asia-Pacific.* Col. Kearney will provide a fast-paced description of the foundations of the conflict between China and Taiwan. This will examine the contentious history between the two countries along with a review of China's increasingly aggressive posture in the Asia-Pacific. The possible "Road Ahead" in conflict resolution also will be addressed.



BRING A FRIEND!

POLIO JAR 2024–2025

GOAL: $1,000

TOTAL

$ 180.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2024-2025

GOAL: $10,000

TOTAL

$100.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2024-2025

GOAL: $7,000

TOTAL

$3,675.00

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