The Mill Wheel

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GREETER

❖ **Joan Steidinger** welcomed members and guests today. Her Thought for the Day: *When you see something that is not right, not just, not fair, you have a moral obligation to say something, do something*–Former Congressman **John Lewis.**

PRESIDER

❖ **President Ed Marshall** with the reins.

VISITORS

❖ Great to see former MV Rotarian **Ken Brooks** at today's meeting. Also joining us today was long-time Mill Valley resident **Annette Gabrielli,** City Clerk **Risa DeFerrari,** Mill Valley Mayor **Stephen Burke, Phil Hindenberger** of the Community Housing Foundation Mill Valley (https://chfmv.org/), and **Kyle Hughes,** who is with the Mt. Tam Community Land Trust (https://mttamcit.org/).

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?

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthday*—**Caroline Joachim** (3/15). *Club Anniversaries*—**Phil Richardson** (3/18/08) and **John Poulson** (3/1/20). Phil's favorite Rotary Memory: "*Attending the luncheon meetings. They are the key to the club's success.*"

GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Doug Scherf** and his wife **Linda** are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary.

❖ PP **Richard Rider**'s son **Kirk**, who is attending UC Law SF (Hastings), and his partner **Claudia Philipp** recently took third place in the Duberstein Bankruptcy tournament held in New York. Richard noted that the first place team beat them in the







▶ **Left: Greeter Joan Steidinger with Don Herzog. Center: MV Rotarian and Councilmember Caroline Joachim makes a pitch on behalf of the "Live Well in Mill Valley" survey. Right: Speakers Mayor Stephen Burke and City Manager Todd Cusimano receive thanks from President Ed. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)**

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

quarterfinals. "Otherwise, they likely would have finished second," said the proud papa.

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** is back from Colombia, speaking Spanish better than ever! How do you say "Bell-Ringer" in Spanish?

❖ PP/PE **Kim Jessup** loves those bell-ringers, but—my gosh, **President Ed**—please take it easy on her delicate ears!

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** reports that hubby **Steve** is on the mend following an episode that sent him to the hospital where he had a stent installed. Thank goodness for 911! Steve will be with the family when they leave for Hawaii next week. Enjoy!

❖ **Denise Acain** shared photos of her recent birthday trip to Vietnam. That was quite a celebration, indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Frank Leidman** announced that the District 5150 Assembly & Project Fair is scheduled to be held at Redwood High School Saturday, March 22. The event will run from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The club picks up the tab so all you have to do is register to attend on the District web site (www.rotary5150.org) and then let PP **Kim Jessup** know that you have done so.

❖ **Frank** also announced that he has arranged for a booth at the upcoming Mill Valley Music Festival, May 10 & 11. Contact Frank and let him know you'd like to help the club do some "advertising" at this increasingly popular event.

❖ *Ladies Hike* is scheduled for the last Sunday of every month. Contact **Joan Steidinger** or **Lisán Campbell** for information.



▶ **Former MV Rotarian Ken Brooks with the mic during his visit today. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)**

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

❖ Want to help shape the future of Mill Valley? MV Rotarian and Councilmember **Caroline Joachim** explains how you can do just that:

"**Live Well Mill Valley** is an initiative to transform our city into an inclusive, supportive, and accessible community for residents of all ages and abilities," Caroline notes. "Our advisory group is working to ensure everyone—including older adults and people with disabilities—can thrive here."

"We're embarking on a multi-year journey to become a

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
Kathleen Delehanty
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Don Herzog
Jim Iavarone
Kimberly Jessup
Caroline Joachim
Lew Katcher
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Carl Lippenberger
Ed Marshall
Peter Mason
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Phil Richardson
Bob Roberts
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
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Annette Venables

SHAPE THE FUTURE (Cont'd)

World Health Organization (WHO)-designated "Age and Disability Friendly" city. This prestigious designation demonstrates our commitment to enhancing quality of life for all residents and workers in Mill Valley."

Caroline asks us to take 20 minutes to complete this anonymous SURVEY:
•Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management
aarpresearch.qualtrics.com

PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to Mill Valley Mayor **Stephen Burke** and City Manager **Todd Cusimano** for taking time from their busy schedules to tell us *What's Next for Mill Valley?*

They focused on the city's next steps, following the passage of the Measure L sales tax, for infrastructure maintenance and enhancements, fiscal sustainability, and emergency preparedness. They addressed land use and affordable housing challenges, business and cultural vitality initiatives, the critical importance of public/private partnerships, community engagement, and Mill Valley's ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The Q&A session enabled Mill Valley Rotarians to ask questions about our city's future, which looks pretty darn good.





▶ **Left: Mill Valley City Clerk Risa DeFerrari with City Manager Todd Cusimano. Right: Program Chair Bob Canepa poses with Mill Valley Mayor Stephen Burke. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)**

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

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

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Sedano-Garcia 3/2/20

Howard Harker 3/12/02

Vince Howes 3/18/86

Phil Richardson 3/18/08

Tom McKlveen 3/18/14

John Christman 3/20/18

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Steve Bajor 3/10

Caroline Joachim 3/15

Dick Spotswood 3/25



NEXT: Nuclear Security Risks in a New Administration

March 18: Professor **Andrew Reddie** will present: *Nuclear Security Risks in a New Administration.* This talk will examine the nuclear security landscape facing the new U.S. presidential administration, emphasizing key risks posed by Russia, China, North Korea and Iran. We will explore how Russia's aggressive nuclear posture and renewed deployment of strategic assets impact global stability, with particular attention to its implications for Europe and NATO. Shifts in China's nuclear strategy, including rapid arsenal expansion and advancements in missile technology, add another layer of complexity, potentially destabilizing the Asia-Pacific region. North Korea's persistent nuclear advancements and tests underscore its ambition to become a credible nuclear power, raising challenges for denuclearization diplomacy. Lastly, Iran's nuclear program and uranium enrichment efforts, alongside regional tensions, present immediate proliferation concerns. The talk will address these evolving threats and consider strategies for the U.S. to engage diplomatically, mitigate escalation, and reinforce global nuclear norms in the face of a shifting security environment.



BRING A FRIEND

POLIO JAR 2024–2025

GOAL: $1,000

TOTAL

$ 443.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2024-2025

GOAL: $10,000

TOTAL

$3,500.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2024-2025

GOAL: $7,000

TOTAL

$4,200.00

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