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★ GREETER

❖ **Kathleen Delehanty** filled in for PP **Jane Hall** who had to bow out due to last-minute illness. After leading the pledge, Kathleen presented the Thought for the Day: *Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better—* **Maya Angelou**.

★ PRESIDER

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

★ VISITORS

❖ Two today: **Deborah Sorondo** and **Kathy Huber**, director of Painted Bins, a project of the nonprofit Sustainable Marin.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Anniversaries*—**John Carmichael** (4/2/22) and **Caroline Joachim** (4/9/24) were saluted. John's favorite Rotary moment: organizing the recent club trip to Angel Island.
❖ *Birthdays*—PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** (4/9), PP **Burnett**

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?



► President Kim welcomes PP Lee Kirkpatrick into the Mill Valley Rotary "I Did it Too!" pipe busting fraternity. See Good Times for details. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

Tregoning (4/20) and **Larry Davis** (4/23) were the only "Birthday Boys" in attendance. Their celebratory plans included time on a bike for Lee, a family picnic in the backyard for Burnett and a mystery event for Larry.

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ President **Kim** reported on two Rotary Good Times—1) She, PP **Ed Marshall**, PP **Greg Dyer** and International Service Director **Rita Sedano-Garcia** attended the recent District 5150 Assembly at Redwood High School (See photo on page 4); and, 2) She, PP **Lee Kirkpatrick**, **Caroline Joachim**, and **Tom McKlveen** survived a stint at Rotary Corner last Saturday. We say survived because Lee managed to hit a water pipe, creating a huge geyser that qualifies him for membership in the club's *Smash a Pipe Fraternity*, joining you know who!

❖ PP **Burnett Tregoning** celebrated Easter at his daughter's home in Cloverdale with seven of his great grandchildren. Great fun!

Rotary Club
of Mill Valley

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ DAVE PECK PASSES

❖ A moment of silence was held to honor the memory of former Mill Valley Rotarian **David R. Peck** who passed away on March 15. Mr. Peck, well known in Mill Valley for his work at Peck Stanton Hockett Insurance Agency, served as president of MV Rotary in 1988-89. He was a "Classic Rotarian," PP **Dick Spotswood** noted during the tribute.

★ SAVE THE DATES

❖ **Postal Service Food Drive** is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 from 2:30-5:00.



► **Visitor Kathy Huber and President Kim** examine examples of children's art that may end up on a local Painted Bin. For more details go to www.paintedbins.org. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)



► **The Tam High Interact Club** played a key role at the recent Job Fair sponsored by the City of Mill Valley, Tam High and Mill Valley Rotary. Shown above at their Boba stand are, from left, Olivia Purchase, Siena Vera-Bouchristiani, Flynn Rossington, Sarah Kemper, Lyla Heacock, Finley Robinson, Stewart Walker, and Sophia Uhlhorn-Thornton. At right PP **Jane Hall** poses with Job Fair Coordinator **Joy Koo** and **Tammy Herndon**, City of Mill Valley.



❖ **Jonathan's Place Dinner**, Wednesday May 13. 4:00-7:00 Check with President **Kim** or **Jane Hall** to volunteer.
❖ Registration is now open for **District Celebration 2026**, a one day event to be held May 2 at the Westin San Francisco

Airport Hotel.

The event celebrates the 2025-2026 Rotary year in District 5150 and will feature a festive lunch with club awards, afternoon fellowship and networking, and an evening celebration dinner recognizing

District Celebration 2026



Westin Hotel San Francisco Airport May 02, 2026

Every Piece Matters

Rotary District 5150 Every Place Matters

PEACE BUILDING THROUGH ROTARY

Saturday, May 23rd, 2026
8:30am - 12pm
Rotary Terrace
312 Miller Ave., So. S.F.





★ SAVE THE DATES (Cont'd)

outstanding clubs and and district achievements. Check the District website for details and to register your attendance. This event is always fun, so sign up today.



► MV Rotary work crew poses with Terwilliger Marsh boss Jill Young, 2nd from left, during a break at last Saturday's work day. Others are, from left, PP Lee Kirkpatrick, President Kim Jessup, Caroline Joachim and Tom McKlveen.



Former Exchange Student Joins Food Bank Crew

► That tall young lady posing with Stephanie, Elizabeth and Jane during their March 21 visit to the Marin Food Bank is Janeke Nemitz, a former Rotary exchange student who stayed with the Suzukis during the 2017-18 school year. Following the Covid pandemic, Janeke, from northern



Germany, has been visiting her former host family annually. This is her second time working at the SF Marin Food Bank.

❖ This one's *Very Special*: On Sunday, May 17 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley at a picnic you won't soon forget. Every member will have a role to play

so put this one on your calendar now!

❖ The *Mountain Play* is back, and the Rotary Club of Mill Valley booth will be open for business again, reports PP Elizabeth Suzuki.

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)

The *Wizard of Oz* will be performed June 7, 13, 14 and 21, so now's the time to save a date to work in the club booth.

Elizabeth will soon be announcing booth work schedules.

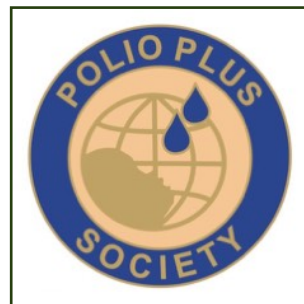
❖ Questions? Check with **Kim, Jane** and **Elizabeth**.

★ PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to **Jim Van Buskirk** for sharing his experiences during a talk entitled: *Talking About Death Won't Kill You*. His stories and personal experiences no doubt inspired many of us to become more comfortable discussing this often stigmatized topic.



► International Service Director Rita Sedano-Garcia gets a hug from President Kim at Rita's District Assembly booth highlighting the club's Peru Project.



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

Phil Richardson

Doug Scherf

Dick Spotswood

Michelle Terrell

Burnett Tregoning

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John Carmichael 4/2/22

Don Herzog 4/5/83

Michele Crncich Hodge 4/9/24

Caroline Joachim 4/9/24

Michelle Terrell 4/9/24



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lee Kirkpatrick 4/9

Mel Matsumoto 4/12

Don Herzog 4/14

Chuck Waldron 4/14

Todd Cusimano 4/16

Burnett Tregoning 4/20

Larry Davis 4/23





Next: An Assassin in Utopia

April 21: Bestselling author, historian and journalist **Susan Wels** will present: *An Assassin in Utopia: The True Story of a 19th-Century Sex Cult and a President's Murder*. From 1848 to 1881, a small utopian colony in upstate New York—the Oneida Community—was known for its shocking sexual practices, from open marriage and free love to the sexual training of young boys by older women. And in 1881, a one-time member of the Oneida Community—**Charles Guiteau**—assassinated President **James Garfield** in a brutal crime that shook America to its core. Sharing fascinating research from her latest book, *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Wels will weave together these explosive stories in a tale of utopian experiments, political machinations, and murder.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2025–2026**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 1,092.40**

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

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$6,600.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$10,213.00**

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President Elect: James Iavarone
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