The Mill Wheel

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★ GREETER

❖ PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** had the honor today. His Thought for the Day: **Lady Astor**: *Winston, if you were my husband, I'd poison your tea.* **Churchill:** *Nancy if you were my wife, I'd drink it*. Leave it to Lee to make us think about things!

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Jim Iavarone** at the helm.

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

❖ *Birthdays*—Congratulations and best wishes to the three Mill Valley Rotarians celebrating birthdays this month: PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** (11/3); **Phil Richardson** (11/3) and **Robin Keller** (11/8). All three were in attendance today and were treated to a very special boisterous rendering of the Happy Birthday Song lead by Maestro PP **Kent Campbell**.





▶ **Mill Valley Rotarians and guests tour Mare Island, October 10. At left posing in front of the island's St. Peter's Chapel, at right, in front of a portion of a submarine built there. (Photos by Lisán Campbell).**

Rotary Club of Mill Valley **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD**

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** has been celebrating her birthday virtually nonstop, with lunches with friends and family. The fun just keeps coming!

❖ **President Jim** noted that the recent tour of Mare Island was a "Great Good Time," a thought seconded by many members who made the journey, including **Tom McKlveen** who dedicated his Good Time to PP **Bob Canepa** who organized the event.

❖ **Frank Leidman** is a proud new Grandpa. His Good Time was the announcement of the birth in Atlanta recently of granddaughter, **Poppy**. A bell-ringer! Congratulations, Frank and welcome, Poppy!

❖ New member **Devin Lewis** didn't take long to get on the Good Time bandwagon. Devin recently returned from Austria where he enjoyed the "hippie" atmosphere. A bell-ringer?



▶ Above: New friend Bonni joins Steve Bajor at today's meeting. Below: Assistant chefs Kim Jessup and Elizabeth Suzuki spice up the luncheon. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)



★ DOING GOOD

❖ This week's *Foundation Moment* featured the club's Peru Greenhouses, a reminder of the importance of the Foundation.



▶ Ordered your Holiday Wreath yet? Deadline is Saturday, Nov. 7, so if you want to Support Troop 1 and get a great Holiday decoration at the same time, contact Yi-Shin Chiou now. Her telephone number is 415/964-7812; her email is yischiou@icloud.com.

★ COMING UP

❖ *Jonathan's Place Dinner* at the San Rafael Shelter, Wednesday, November 11, 4 to 7 p.m. Check with **Kim** or **Jane** if you want to help.

❖ District 5150 *Foundation Event* at the San Francisco Zoo, November 7. Details on the District website.

❖ Marin's newest Rotary Club—the Rotary Club of Marin City—has issued invitations to attend a Charter Ceremony to be held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 101 Donahue St., Marin City. Information regarding how to



▶ Greeter Lee Kirkpatrick, right, welcomes PP Richard Rider to today's meeting. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)





▶ Remember that granddaughter Kira Don Herzog told you about at the last meeting? Here she is flying high in Germany with Circus Krone. We're wondering if grandpa could do that.



2026-2027 TRF HONOR ROLL

✦ **Foundation Co-Chairs Greg Dyer and Phil Richardson are pleased to report the following Mill Valley Rotarians have contributed to the 2026-2027 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Rotary Foundation Drive.**

Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Vince Howes
Jim Iavarone
Kim Jessup
Robin Keller
Lee Kirkpatrick
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Stephanie Ricardo
Doug Scherf
Elizabeth Suzuki
Burnett Tregoning

★ COMING UP (Cont'd)

contact the club can be found on the District website.

❖ **Frank Leidman** announced that SF Rotary's DEI Film for November is *The Pilgrims,* a documentary that presents the history, religious origins, trans-Atlantic sailing, and first years of settlement Plymouth Colony established when the Mayflower arrived in 1620. Created by filmmaker **Ric Burns** (father of **Ken Burns**), the ticket price of $20 includes the film, snacks, beverages, dinner, and a discussion after the film. The film will be shown at Rotary Terrace, 310 Miller Ave., South San Francisco. (650) 763-1333. Time and register on the District website.

❖ Looking ahead, **Steve Bajor** reported on a special event scheduled for downtown Mill Valley next year. *World Water Day* on the Depot Plaza is scheduled for March 22. Clean, safe water for everyone is a Rotary goal worldwide. We can expect Steve to keep us up to date on this special event.



▶ Speaker Carol Aquaviva gets her reward from President Jim. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

★ PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to local historian **Carol Acquaviva** who presented *Hippies & Gurus: Marin Cults and Communes in the '60s and '70s.* Her tour of the 1960s and 1970s when Marin County became a magnet for communes, spiritual movements, and social experimentation was fascinating indeed. A lot of us old-timers remember those days Hippie Days fondly.

2026-2027
PolioPlus Society
Mill Valley
Membership Roster
(Join Today—Pledge $100 per year to Polio Plus)

Lisán Campbell
Greg Dyer*
Jim Iavarone
Kim Jessup
Mel Matsumoto
Steve Miller*
Stephanie Ricardo*
Phil Richardson
Doug Scherf
Elizabeth Suzuki*
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*** Donated this 2026-27 Rotary Year.**

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Roberts 11/6/12

Edward T. Marshall 11/19/85

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Suzuki 11/3

Phil Richardson 11/3

Robin Keller 11/8





Next: The Inside Story of the Titanic Disaster

November 17: Susan Wels will present **The Inside Story of a Voyage to the Titanic's Wreck.** Susan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Titanic: Legacy of the World's Greatest Ocean Liner*, will share the inside story of her extraordinary experience as the correspondent on the 1998 Titanic Research and Recovery Expedition, which explored the *Titanic*'s wreck, recovered priceless objects, and raised a gigantic section of the *Titanic*'s hull for the first time since it sank on the early morning of April 15, 1912.



BRING A FRIEND

POLIO JAR 2026–2027

GOAL: $1,000.00

TOTAL

$ 302.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2026-2027

GOAL: $7,750.00

TOTAL

$1,147.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2026-2027

GOAL: $7,750.00

TOTAL

$1,950.00

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