The Mill Wheel

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★ GREETER

❖ Enthusiastically welcoming members and guests today was Past President **Jane Hall**. Her Thought for the Day: *The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing*—**Edmund Burke**.

★ PRESIDER

❖ Bet she wasn't planning to start her year like this! Club President **Kim Jessup**, looking chipper as usual had to face up to one major problem: *laryngitis*. Just back to Mill Valley from a big family gathering up at Mt. Shasta, perhaps she stressed the vocal chords sharing family stories. In any case, Kim forged ahead in good style behind the podium. Maybe we'll be able to hear her next time!

★ VISITORS

❖ Several today—**William Ross** from San Rafael and **Gary What's His Name**, both checking us out; and President Kim's sister **Carson Taylor**, visiting from the midwest.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—**Kent Campbell** (7/5); **Tom McKlveen** (7/22) and **Margareth Tanner** (7/25) were saluted today with a semi-rousing rendition of the Happy Birthday Song led by **Lisán Campbell**.

❖ *Club Anniversaries*— **Larry Davis** (7/7/92) and **Jim Iavarone** (7/11/23).

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?

★ A BUSY YEAR AHEAD

❖ At last month's Installation dinner, incoming Mill Valley Rotary President **Kim Jessup** had a few things to say to those attending the event.

▶ President Kim with her predecessor Ed Marshall.

" My message to you is to get your money's worth from your membership," Kim urged. "Get involved. Say yes. Make a difference. Step out of your comfort zone. Participate. Make the most out of the opportunity of being a Rotarian. *Do Something*!

She followed up this challenge by sharing the following list of 2025-2026 activities that have been lined up for club members who are inclined to say, "Yes!"

Jonathon's Place—dinner at homeless shelter one night a month.

Food Bank—work there every other month.

Painted Bins Reception—sponsor.

Terwilliger Marsh—Rotary Corner garden work at the Community Center five times a year.

Postal Carrier Food Drive—pitch in and help as needed next May.

Bocce Ball Tournament—Annual team event supporting Rotaplast (See article on page X)

Work Projects—bridges, paths & steps, including the Rotary Service Project Map and Signs and the Peace Pole.

Music Festival Booth—Help "sell" MV Rotary to attendees.

★ BUSY YEAR (Cont'd)

Memorial Day Parade—Perfect time to start celebrating the club's 100th anniversary!

Mill Valley Beautification Brigade—sprucing up our home town.

Fundraising—Manning the booth at the Fall Arts Festival and getting back up the mountain if and when the Mt. Play returns.

Kim wrapped up her remarks by noting: "The Rotary motto is 'Service above Self,' but participating in club events is really so much more than that. It is about the enrichment of our lives through the people we meet, the projects we work on and the community we support."

"Join me and let's **Do Something**!"

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** came armed with a bell-ringer, and as he described his three-and-a- half weeks of travel in Europe that's what it turned out to be.

❖ **Tom McKlveen** wasn't expecting more than the usual "fine time" as he prepared to come to Rotary today. But, as fate would have it, an hour before leaving for the clubhouse, he received a phone call from his neighbor who was at SF International, about to fly to Europe without her backpack that she had left at home. She called Uber. Tom found the backpack. It got to her with minutes to spare, and she is happily on her way to Europe. Another bell-ringer?

★ NEW MEMBER

❖ Welcome, **Marilyn Harrison**, our newest member. More to follow about Marilyn in later issues. She gets pinned on P. 3.

▶ The club's newest Paul Harris Fellow, Jim Iavarone, poses with Foundation Co-Chair Greg Dyer and President Kim. (Photo by Tom)

★ ANGEL ISLAND AHOY!

❖ Planning to make the Angel Island trip on Saturday, July 12? Better let **John Carmichael** (415/942-3175 or treasurer.mvrotary@gmail.com) know right away.

John will be leading a group on a relaxing ferry ride followed by a shuttle ride to visit the

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.

Russ Burbank
Kent Campbell
Lisán Campbell
Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
John Christman
Kathleen Delehanty
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Don Herzog
Jim Iavarone
Kimberly Jessup
Caroline Joachim
Lew Katcher
Robin Keller
Lee Kirkpatrick
Bernard Link
Carl Lippenberger
Ed Marshall
Peter Mason
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Bob Roberts
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning
Annette Venables

★ ANGEL ISLAND (Cont'd)

Angel Island Immigration Station. Event cost is $35.00, including the ferry ride, island shuttle and guided tour. Lunch is available at extra cost.

The plan is to meet at the Angel Island-Tiburon Ferry, 21 Main Street, in Tiburon by 9:45 a.m. at the latest to board the 10.00 a.m. ferry.

★ PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

❖ Mill Valley Rotary's newest Paul Harris Fellow is **Jim Iavarone** whose latest contribution to the Rotary Foundation combined with matching points brought him right up to exactly 1,000 points, reports Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer**. In a brief ceremony conducted by Greg and Co-Chair **Phil Richardson** today, Jim received his Paul Harris pin and a certificate suitable for framing. Congratulations, Jim!

★ POLIO REPORT

❖ Time to join the Polio Plus Society? Here's how you help:

▶ Guess who was having a ball at the recent Rotary International convention in Calgary, Canada. Immediate Past President Ed Marshall, that's who! Here Ed shares some selfies he snapped of himself and his new friends from around the globe.

From the Rotary General Secretary's report to the recent Calgary convention:

Polio remains endemic in only two countries — Pakistan and Afghanistan — but we can't be complacent. When a polio outbreak was reported in Gaza in August 2024, Rotary committed US$500,000 toward vaccination efforts carried out by our partners. Together, in collaboration with governments and our partners, we helped nearly 560,000 children get vaccinated. That's 94% of the target population of children under 10.

Thanks to MV Rotary Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** who passed this along to us.

▶ Left: Membership Chair Bernard Link "pins" new member Marilyn Harrison. Right: President Kim poses with her sister Carson Taylor who is visiting from Missouri. (Photos by Tom)

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

★ GIVING MECHANICS

❖ A message from your Foundation Committee co-chairs **Phil Richardson** and **Greg Dyer**: Contributions to The Rotary Foundation can be made online at my.rotary.org or by check made out to "The Rotary Foundation." Please give or mail your checks directly to Phil or Greg who will fill out and mail the paperwork with your check so the Foundation will credit your account and direct your donation according to your wishes to the Annual Fund, the Polio Eradication Project, the Permanent Endowment or one of Rotary Foundation's other programs. Many thanks!

★ PROGRAM

❖ *Generative AI - What is it and Why Does it Matter to You? A Conversation About AI and What You Need to Know!* That was the title of today's presentation by Artificial Intelligence expert **Susan Gonzales.** She reminded us that AI isn't coming someday; it is here, and everyone needs to understand the impact of this unprecedented technology. Susan shared much of the knowledge collected by her nonprofit, AI and You, which she established in 2019. If you'd like to understand the opportunities and challenges with AI, we suggest that you go to www.aiandyou.org where you will be able to learn all about it. Thanks, again, to the Program Committee for another outstanding presentation.

Is This Our Year?

▶ Mill Valley Rotary Bocce enthusiasts, it's that time of year again! The Rotaplast Bocce Ball Tournament and BBQ is on tap Sunday, August 24, at the San Rafael Bocce Courts. A sign up sheet will be circulating at upcoming meetings, and the hope is that this year one of our teams will finally bring home the District Bocce Trophy.

Not sure whether the team comprised of Lee, Dennis, Ed and Dick shown at at right at last year's event were the "skunkers" or the "skunkees" in the match highlighted on the scoreboard, but we do know that each one of them had a ball competing with fellow District 5150 Rotarians at this annual Rotaplast fundraiser. This year's event is a benefit supporting the Rotaplast mission to New Delhi, India.

A signup sheet is making the rounds at luncheon meetings, but also feel free to sign up for Bocce by contacting Burnett at casparkid@aol.com. Cost is $48 payable at the event.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Denise Acain 7/16/24

Larry Davis 7/7/92

James Iavarone 7/11/23

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kent Campbell 7/5

Howard Harker 7/14

Tom McKlveen 7/22

Margareth Tanner 7/25

Ed Marshall 7/27

NEXT: *A Sporting Life*—50 Years of Reporting

July 15: Sportswriter **Mark Soltau** will present *A Sporting Life.* He will focus on his most unique and interesting first-person experiences during a 50-year career writing about sports, many included in his new book "*Right Place, Write Time."* In addition to covering all five 49er Super Bowl wins, Mark spent 20 years working for Tiger Woods as content editor of his official website *Tigerwoods.com* and traveled around the world with him to document most of his tournaments. Mark has covered 75 major golf championships, all Bay Area teams, spent 10 years at Golf Digest covering the PGA Tour and 10 years in the Stanford Athletics department as Assistant Director of Communications. For the last five years, he has worked for *Youth on Course*, a Monterey non-profit that subsidizes rounds of golf for underserved kids in all 50 states, Canada and Australia as a Senior Development Consultant. Mark is also producing a feature series about Oakland native and golf legend **Champagne Tony Lema** and his remarkable and inspiring relationship with black instructor **Lucius Bateman**, and a documentary about the evolution and progress of minority golf with filmmaker **Clark Brigham** and Executive Producer **Stephen Curry**.

BRING A FRIEND

POLIO JAR 2025–2026

GOAL: $1,000

TOTAL

$ 33.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2024-2025

GOAL: $10,000

TOTAL

$3,800.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2024-2025

GOAL: $7,000

TOTAL

$7,750.00

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2024-2025

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