



THE MILL WHEEL



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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

❖ The club's Annual Holiday Luncheon is always a gala affair and this year's event was no exception. Christmas neckties, holiday blouses and an occasional bright red elves cap were in fashion today. **Santa Claus** himself attended.

But, after all, this is Rotary, so some business must be conducted, right? Here's a capsule report:

PP **Richard Rider** started things off by leading the pledge of Allegiance. President **Ed Marshall** followed up by asking guests to be introduced. PP **Lee**

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?



Kirkpatrick announced that ladies restrooms were on the fritz—please use the mens'.

Two important events were highlighted—PP **Elizabeth**

Suzuki was honored by the presentation of her Paul Harris Plus 6 pin. That's 60 bell-ringers! And, Nominating Committee Chair PP **Richard Rider** announced the nomination of PP **Kimberly Jessup** to fill the role of President Elect and serve as club president in 2025-2026. The nomination and a second was confirmed by unanimous vote.

Finally, the lunch provided by caterer **Heath** and his partner **Gretchen**—fabulous, topped off with Kim's famous Coffee Toffee Pie. And the entertainment by the talented Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Orchestra marked this year's luncheon as a very special event indeed.



► Left: Sporting her holiday "rack," PP Kim Jessup, President Ed Marshall, Santa, PP Lee Kirkpatrick. Center: Posing cheek-to-cheek are two Mill Valley past presidents—Sue Royce (Now of Novato Sunrise) and Lisán Campbell. Right: Posing with a Santa's Elf John Poulson (right), are PP Doug Scherf, PP Jane Hall and the newest member of MV Rotary, Joan Steidinger. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (Cont'd)



► Vince and Ulla Howes pose with Santa. (Photo by Tom)



► Denise Acain and partner Andrew Bermejo with you know who. (Photo by Tom)



► Barbara and Phil Richardson get into the Santa act. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)



► The Tam High Interact Club also has been busy collecting toys for the Southern Marin Fire Dept./Performing Stars Toy Drive. Shown above braving the elements last Sunday to accept toys from drive-by donators are, from left to right, Interactors Sarah Kemper, Sierra Pearson, Lila Peacock, Johanna Friedrichdorf, Emily McMahon, Bridgette Brat and Lauren Willard. Interact advisor Emily Uhlhorn reports they filled one box to the brim.

► The photo at right shows toys donated by Rotarians and their guests who attended today's Holiday Luncheon celebration.



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 2024-2025 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

Kimberly Jessup
Caroline Joachim
Robin Keller
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Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Stephanie Ricardo

Phil Richardson
Bob Roberts
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Burnett Tregoning
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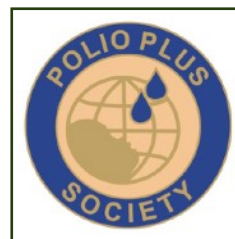
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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (Cont'd)



► Upper left: Santa explains Kim's headdress; Above: The Mill Valley Middle School Chamber Orchestra; Left: Burnett Tregoning, Santa, Richard Rider and Russ Burbank; Below: Robin and Cathy Keller with Linda and PP Doug Scherf. (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
Phil Richardson
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning**

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (Cont'd)



► Clockwise from upper left: PP Kent Campbell cozies up to Santa; The aftermath—Kim, Jane, Lisán and Heath take a break after cleaning up a after the luncheon in this selfie by Heath; PP Dick Spotswood and Bernard Link with Jim Iavarone and his wife, Bertha. At far left, Frank Leidman and his wife Carol with PP Elizabeth Suzuki. (Most photos by Tom McKlveen)

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&
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NEW YEAR**



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**Bob Canepa 12/6/83
Robin Keller 12/11/12
Lewis Katcher 12/13/16
Chuck Waldron 12/28/71**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Kenneth Brooks 12/5
Haley Leary 12/5
Carl Lippenberger 12/20
Roberta Keller 12/27
Einar Asbo 12/29**



NEXT: Nuclear Security Risks in a New Administration

January 7: 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.



POLIO JAR 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
\$ 196.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
\$150.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$7,000

TOTAL
\$3,700.00

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

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