The Mill Wheel

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GREETER

❖ **Michele Crncich Hodge** had the honor today, quoting Rev. Dr. **Marin Luther King**, Jr. for her Thought for the Day: Nothing is impossible. The word itself says, "I'm possible."

PRESIDER

❖ All smiles, President **Ed Marshall** at the podium for his final business session of this 20224-25 Rotary year.

VISITORS

❖ The big-wigs are in town—joining us at lunch today were District Governor **Steve Wright**, Rotary Club of Pacifica, and Assistant District Governor **Erik Brown**, Rotary Club of Novato Sunrise. Also visiting today were

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?

Renee Stephens (her second visit) and **William Ross**, a member at Marin Evening.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ Birthdays—**Stephanie Ricardo** (6/25) and **Peter Mason** (6/7) were feted today. PP **Kent Campbell** led a semi-spirited version of the Birthday Song. Stephanie is planning a trip to Denmark, Sweden and Norway over her birthday while Peter has no special plans other than staying active in Rotary.

❖ Club Anniversaries—Recognized for their contributions to the club and the community were **Larry Davis** (7/7/92) and **Frank Leidman** (6/18/24).

WE'LL MISS YOU, JOHN!

❖ Mill Valley Rotarian and Past President **John Christman** has announced his intention to transfer his membership to the Rotary Club of Novato. The decision has not come easily, John notes, "as my time with the Mill Valley club has been filled with joy, purpose, and deep connections. I am sincerely grateful for the fun times we've



Lisán & Kent Campbell Honored as Major Donors

▶ **Flanked by DG Steve Wright on the left and ADG Erik Brown at right, Lisán and Kent Campbell pose with their Major Donor certificate presented to them at today's meeting. In addition to contributing $10,000 to the Rotary Foundation, both have served as president of Mill Valley Rotary, Kent in 2016-17 and Lisán in 2021-22. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)**

WE'LL MISS YOU, JOHN!

shared, the meaningful service we've accomplished together, and the honor and privilege of serving as your Club President. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

After moving to Novato five years ago and relocating his business there two and one-half years ago, John noted a growing need to more actively engage with the immediate community. In a note to the Club Board, John stated: "Please know that this is not a goodbye—far from it. I will always hold the Mill Valley club close to my heart and look forward to maintaining our friendships and visiting often."

"I can't wait to celebrate 100 years with you all next year, and I am willing to help in some way if needed! Thank you again for all the memories, support, and inspiration. I'm excited about this next chapter, and I carry the spirit of our club with me as I continue my Rotary journey."



▶ Past President John Christman with wife Lisa and son Julian.

ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT

❖ Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** thanked members who





▶ Mill Valley Rotarians showed their stuff in the Memorial Day parade. Hoofing it all the way from Old Mill School to the Middle School were Joan Steidinger, John Poulson, Lisán and Kent Campbell, Linda Dold, Michele Crncich Hodge and husband Jeff Hodge, Lee Kirkpatrick, Dennis Klein, Carl Lippenberger and Frank and Carol Leidman. The group was accompanied by four dogs—Jesse and Dakota (Poulson), Cuka (Campbells), and Einstein (Leidman). PP Dick Spotswood took the easy route—riding in the cab of Engine no. 9 as it "puffed" its way down Miller Ave.

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.**

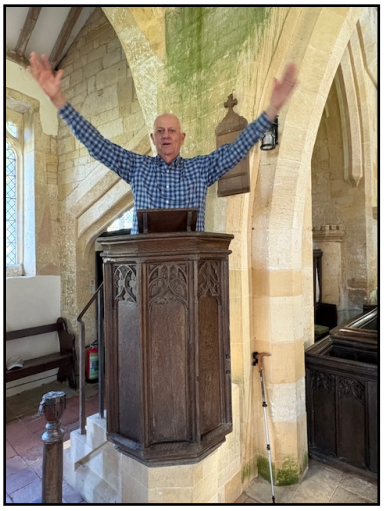
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Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Bob Roberts
Doug Scherf
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TIME'S GETTING SHORT

have contributed to the Rotary Foundation this Rotary year. "Your support enables Rotary to be Rotary for the benefit of all of humanity," he noted. According to Greg, two-thirds of the members have contributed thus far, and he urged the remaining third to please do so in the next two or three weeks. As an incentive, the club is offering matching Paul Harris points for every donation up to $1,000 between now and June 30. Also, he noted, to acknowledge and thank members who have already given to either the Annual Fund or Polio Plus, $100 worth of points will be deposited in your Paul Harris account for gifts to both funds. He further explained that and donations made between now and June 30 also will be matched.

GOOD TIMES

❖ Thirty-one days in the United Kingdom, Scotland with a brief visit with relatives in Genoa, Italy. That's PP **Bob Canepa**, shown above preaching to the



choir in a Broadway church, for you! When he returned to Mill Valley, he had to admit that "it is nice to sleep in my own bed again." A bell-ringer!

❖ PP **Kim Jessup** and **Tom McKlveen** had a Rotary Good Time, putting in a few hours of planting and cleaning at Rotary Corner last Saturday. Kim was weed whacking and Tom reported a big effort to keep her away from the newly planted sunflowers.

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** recently returned to Mill Valley after visiting her son in Seattle.

❖ Participating in the Memorial Day parade served as a Good Time for **Joan Steidinger**. She also tackled a half-marathon recently in preparation for a bigger test yet to come.



▶ Last Sunday's Men's Hiking Group lines up on Tennessee Beach for a selfie by Kent Campbell. Others are, from left, Bernard Link, Greg Dyer, Doug Scherf, Lew Catcher and John Poulson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **John Poulson** reminded the club that a Community Refuge Area (CRA) sign dedication is scheduled for Monday, June 16, at 10:00 a.m. at the Golf Course. The ceremony will take place at the CRA sign that is posted adjacent to the stairs leading to the pro shop. The CRA signs, funded by Rotary and fabricated and emplaced with the cooperation of the City of Mill Valley and Southern Marin Fire District are posted at seven locations around town, including



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

Old Mill School, Park School, Mill Valley Middle School, Hauke Park, Boyle Park, Freeman Park and at the Golf Course. They indicate safe places for residents to stage and await further instructions in the event of evacuation. During the dedication, John will introduce the stakeholders followed by brief remarks from **Mayor Burke**, **Chief Tubbs** and Mill Valley Rotary President **Ed Marshall**. John hopes to see you there!

❖ **Dr. Joan** reminded the club that the special event titled "Pellegrino, Pinot & Piano" will be held at 500 Summit, from 3:00 to 6:00, here in Mill Valley on this Sunday, June 8th. The event, with a suggested minimum donation of $20, is a benefit for The Kern Project, which rescues dogs and cats from Kern County. Contact Dr. Joan at doctorjoans@gmail.com with questions or to let her know you plan to attend.

❖PP **Elizabeth Suzuk**i also had a reminder for the club—our next meeting is the Annual Installation Dinner and she must hear that you are attending by June 13.



▶ Today's greeter Michele Crncich Hodge poses with, from left, Bernard Link, visitor Erik Brown, John Poulson and Phil Richardson. Can you spot John Christman in the background? (Photo by Tom McKlveen).

❖ A special July club outing featuring a cruise to and a tour of Angel Island was announced by **John Carmichael.** The event is scheduled for July 12 at 9:30 a.m. The plan is to enjoy a relaxing ferry ride, then a shuttle ride to visit the Angel Island Immigration Station to learn the history of this important landmark in San Francisco Bay. Cost is $35, which includes the ferry ride, the Angel Island shuttle and guided tour of the Immigration Station. After the tour, an optional lunch can be had in Tiburon. Check with John if you have questions or want to sign up.

PROGRAM

❖ Author **Leta McCollough Seletzky** presented *The Kneeling Man and Why History Is Not Past*. Leta, the author of *The Kneeling Man: My Father's Life as a Black Spy Who Witnessed The Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.,* shared the intimate and powerful story of a Black undercover police officer who famously knelt by the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr**. in his dying moments—and explored the implications of this tragic event for a daughter and a nation.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Leidman 6/18/24

Todd Cusimano 6/27/23

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Peter Mason 6/7

Stephanie Ricardo 6/25



NEXT: Annual Installation Dinner

CELEBRATE!

Annual Installation Dinner **June 17, 2025**
Mill Valley Golf Club Clubhouse **5:30 p.m.**
Questions?: Contact Elizabeth Suzuki

POLIO JAR
2024–2025

GOAL:
$1,000

TOTAL
$ 941.55

SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2024-2025

GOAL:
$10,000

TOTAL
$3,800.00

ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2024-2025

GOAL:
$7,000

TOTAL
$6,400.00

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