



THE MILL WHEEL

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★ GREETER

❖ **Caroline Joachim** welcomed members to today's meeting. Her Thought for the Day: *Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of people*—**Roy T. Bennett**.

★ PRESIDER

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

★ VISITORS

❖ One today—**Stella Perone** dropped by to check us out and hear today's speaker.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—PP **Bob Canepa** (9/2) and **Low Katcher** (9/17) were recognized and celebrated today by a very special rendition of "Hippo Birdie Two Ewes" sung by mezzo-soprano PP **Kim Jessup**. Talk about talent!

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ A week in Maui is always a fun adventure, especially if you

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?



► That's some greeting as Caroline Joachim, left, puts the squeeze on PP Lisán Campbell. (Photo by Tom)

have a two-year-old in the group. That's why PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** coughed up a bell-ringer for the recent Hawaiian visit by him, wife **Margo**, son **Ryan** and his wife **Katie**, and their son **Otto**. As Lee noted, vacationing with a two-year-old is a different experience!

❖ To PP **Lisán Campbell**, who recently returned home with hubby PP **Kent** from a lengthy around the country adventure, a trip to Pittsburgh, PA to visit a friend was not much more than a stroll next door. But, it was fun!

❖ Another bell-ringer: PP **Jane Hall** and family last month hopped on a Seattle bound train and then an Alaska bound cruise ship for their summer adventure. Jane was accompanied by her daughter and two grandsons, visiting Alaska ports including Ketchikan, Juneau and Glacier Bay.

❖ Two wedding anniversaries were recently celebrated by members and their spouses. **Frank and Carol Leidman** chalked up 46 years while Honorary Member and Past President **Mel Matsumoto** and his wife, **Carol**, celebrated 40 years together (a bell-ringer!).

Rotary Club
of Mill Valley

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ DOING GOOD IN WORLD

❖ Foundation Chair PP **Greg Dyer** reminded members that it's EREY time—*Every Rotarian Every Year*. The District is conducting the regular EREY drive with raffle tickets going for \$25 each, the minimum contribution. You'll get four tickets when you kick in \$100. This year's District 5150 EREY drive culminates at a special celebration at the San Francisco Zoo on November 7. Details on the District website.

❖ Greg also put in a good word for charitable gift annuities offered by The Rotary Foundation. Details on the Rotary website, or ask Greg.

❖ *And don't forget:* contributions to The Rotary Foundation received by the end of September will receive double points toward a Paul Harris Fellowship.

★ COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY

❖ Dust off your hats and work gloves. District 5150 is holding its fifth annual Coastal Clean-up Day from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, September 19, and we have been invited to get in on the action. Rotary, Interact



► Guest Stella Perone flanked by speaker Charlie Vogelheim and President Jim. (Photo by Tom)

and Rotaract clubs are all welcome, and you can send two members, 20 or more. Last year, 16 Rotary clubs, 10 Interact clubs and two Rotaract clubs took part. Feel free to invite family members, friends and prospective Rotarians to lend a hand and enjoy some Rotary fellowship. Details on the District website.

★ WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR!

❖ Close but no cigar! That's the gist of the following report from **President Jim** regarding the recent Rotaplast Bocce Ball Tournament:

"We gave it our best, but sadly came up well short of the championship trophy again. Our



MILL VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

A DAY OF HISTORY, HERITAGE & HOSPITALITY

★ **OCTOBER 10** ★

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

PEOPLE
OF ACTION.
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE.



**HISTORICAL
WALKING TOUR OF
MARE ISLAND**

Explore the rich naval history, iconic landmarks, and fascinating stories of this historic site.



**PRIVATE GUIDED
TOUR & TASTING OF
REDWOOD EMPIRE
DISTILLERY**

Go behind the scenes and enjoy a guided tasting of their award-winning spirits.



**A SCRUMPTIOUS
LUNCH**

Savor great food and great company in a beautiful setting.

\$25

FOR BOTH TOURS
& TASTING

LUNCH COST IS
NOT INCLUDED.



**OPEN TO
ONE MEMBER
AND ONE GUEST**



**CONTACT BOB CANEPA
TO SIGN UP!**

★ Space is limited – reserve your spot today! ★



★ CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR!

team, including my "ringer," **Dave DellaZoppa**, cruised through our first two games, but got beat in our third game by the team from Tiburon."

"After a nice lunch, we had high hopes going into the afternoon 'sudden death' round of play, but were brought low again by that same Tiburon team."

"We had a 5-man team, with players rotating in and out when it was our turn to roll. **Lew, Dick, Frank, Dave** and I had a great time despite the early exit from tournament play. **Kent** and his son, **Braedan**, also represented our club at the event."

★ COMING UP

❖ A reminder that our **group photo day** will be on **Tuesday, October 6**. Photographer **Gary Ferber** will be on hand to take our 2026-27 Rotary Club of Mill Valley photo. *Smile!*

❖ **Mare Island Tour, October 10**. PP **Bob Canepa** has two spots available. Call him today if you want to get in on the action.

❖ Dinner at Jonathan's Place Shelter in San Rafael, 4-7 pm.,



► The Mill Valley Rotary "Hot Doggery" will be open for business at the Fall Arts Festival, Sept. 19-20.



► The Mill Valley "Marauders" pose during a break in the recent Rotaplast Bocce Ball Tournament. From left: Lew Katcher, Dick Spotswood, Frank Leidman, Jim Iavarone, and his friend Dave DellaZoppa. Missing are Kent Campbell and his son Braedan.

Wednesday, Sept. 9. Call **Jane Hall** to participate.

❖ Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival, Old Mill Park, September 19 and

20. To help out in the Hot Doggery, contact Head Pooch PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** at esuzuki54@gmail.com.

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. The 2026-2027 Honor Roll will be published soon. Hope you will be on it!

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





★ PROGRAM

❖ Auto industry veteran **Charlie Vogelheim** presented *Transformation of Transportation (Silicon Valley Reinvents the Wheel)*. He detailed new technologies—autonomous cars, electric vehicles, smarter traffic systems, and self-driving features while noting how they could lead to safer roads, cleaner environments, and better access to transportation for everyone. Will your editor be taking Waymo to Rotary soon? Maybe!



► The speaker gets his bottle.
(Photo by Tom McKlveen)



**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
Mel Matsumoto
Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Michelle Terrell
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CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Roberta Keller 9/14/10
Peter Mason 9/21/10
Haley Leary 9/24/24
Steve Miller 9/27/91



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Canepa 9/2
Emily Uhlhorn 9/11
Lew Katcher 9/17
Doug Scherf 9/18
Russell Burbank 9/26





Next: *The State of the Tam High School District*

September 15: Tamalpais Union High School District Superintendent **Dr. Courtney Goode** will present *The State of the District*. Dr. Goode will provide a brief overview of the current and future goings-on in the District. Covering topics ranging from the current financial landscape, student achievement, Measure B construction, and other significant accolades, Dr. Goode's presentation will leave you both informed and inspired by our students and District.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2026–2027**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 125.00**

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$1,047.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$654.00**

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