



THE MILL WHEEL

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★ GREETER PLUS

❖ President **Jim Iavarone** kicked off the new Rotary year by serving as the presiding officer and greeter for the day. His Thought for the Day: *The past was not that great, the present is not that bad, and the future is not that certain.*

★ PRESIDER

❖ See above.

★ VISITORS

❖ None today.

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

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—President Jim (7/11/23) marks his third year as a member of Mill Valley

Rotary this week. Now, he'll get to know what this outfit is all about!

❖ *Birthdays*—Only two Birthday Boys were in attendance—PP **Ed Marshall** (7/27) and **Tom McKlveen** (7/22). Ed plans to celebrate with his four grandkids and Tom is looking forward to a neighborhood block party. PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** led the singing of the Birthday Song.

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ Pleased with the results of the Mt. Play booth (see Page 2) and also of her retirement as President



He can do it all!

► Our new President Jim Iavarone proved his versatility today by assuming the role of Greeter—at left, welcoming PP Ed Marshall—and Presider—at right, pinning new member Deborah Sorondo during her induction as the club's newest member. More about Deborah on Page 3. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)



Rotary Club
of Mill Valley

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

of the club, PP3 **Kim Jessup** kicked in with a bell-ringer. Our new president **Jim Iavarone** did likewise to celebrate his twin granddaughters first birthday. Treasurer **John Carmichael** flew to the East Coast where he and his three sons attended the FIFA match featuring Croatia vs. Ghana. **Tom McKlveen** was so impressed by the professionalism of his fellow Mt. Play booth mates that he donated a bell-ringer and almost a half (\$147), the figure representing the total years in Rotary by the crew. Another bell-ringer came from PP **Lee Kirkpatrick**, who recently traveled and biked in Europe. **Law Katcher** also did some far-off cycling, traversing the Arctic Circle in Norway with his son.

★ BE A BENEFACTOR

❖ Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** reminds us that as Rotary members, we share the same goal: making meaningful positive change in our Mill Valley and Marin County communities and in communities around the world. We do it with our club projects and in partnership with The Rotary Foundation, one of the world's leading charitable institutions.

There are many ways to support the Rotary Foundation, some of which result in Foundation money available every year to support our club projects locally and internationally.

A "painless" way to help make the world a better place and continue our Rotary work after we pass on is to become a Foundation Benefactor by



► The club's Mt. Play booth netted a profit of \$6,914 to be shared equally by the club and the Service Fund, thanks to these and others who worked hard during the four performances of *The Wizard of Oz*. The two top photos show the June 13 crew including five Troop 1 Boy Scouts. The photos below feature more Troop 1 Scouts who worked with the Mill Valley Rotary crew shown at right at the June 14 performance. We were pleased to note that joining the Mill Valley booth crew on this date were PP Mel Matsumoto, left, and District 5150 Assistant District Governor Susanne Karch, kneeling.



★ **BENEFACTOR (Cont'd)**

putting a provision in our will, living trust, IRA or other estate planning document to distribute \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation after we pass on. A pledge of \$1,000 becomes a Foundation Benefactor and folks making pledges of \$10,000 or more become members of the Bequest Society.

The Rotary Club of Mill Valley has 11 Benefactors and 4 members of The Bequest Society. The Notification Form is available from Greg, and if you have questions or need help filling it out, he will be very happy to assist.

★ **WELCOME, DEBORAH!**

❖ Welcome, **Deborah Sorondo!** Deborah was inducted into membership at today's meeting. She is a 30+ year resident of Mill Valley and current board chair of the Mill Valley Library Foundation. She also served as President of the MVLFF for four years. She is a member of the Outdoor Art Club. Now retired, Deborah held senior financial positions with The Sierra Club (National CFO) and American Express. She has one adult son. She has expressed interest in local community and international projects and in meeting programs. Again, welcome to Mill Valley Rotary, Deborah!

★ **IT'S BOCCE TIME!**

❖ Get ready for a fun day! The annual Rotaplast Bocce Ball Tournament and BBQ will be held at the Marin Bocce Ball Court in San Rafael on Sunday,

August 23. This year's event will benefit the Rotaplast mission to Nagamangala, India. Cost is \$48 per person, including lunch and drinks. If you'd like to participate, let Community Service chair PP **Jane Hall** know right away. We can purchase tickets at the event but we do



► **Lew Katcher** shows us how during last year's tournament.

need to inform the event organizers how many Mill Valley Rotarians will attend. This is the 22nd year for the tournament, and it's time for the Rotary Club of Mill Valley to prove it is trophy worthy!

★ **GRANT APPROVED**

❖ Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** reported today that The Rotary Foundation has approved the latest global grant application for our greenhouse project in the Altiplano Highlands of Peru near the border with Bolivia.

Greg noted that this project enables subsistence farming families who have been scratching out an existence above the tree line in extremely harsh conditions at 12,000 feet elevation since before the Incas ruled the area to grow vegetables and produce they have never seen before.

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. Won't you join them in 2026-2027?

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





★ ROTARY GRANT (Cont'd)

For the first time ever these peasant farmers have a reliable food source, and also for the first time ever they have surplus crops to sell in the regional marketplace to obtain cash to improve their standard of living. Rotarians, working in partnership with these farmers and Kusimayo, a Peruvian non-profit NGO, have changed many lives for generations into the future.
(Editor's Note: We'll have more on the history of the Greenhouse Project in the next issue.)

★ BYLAWS UPDATE

❖ The club approved several changes to the bylaws, including:
Article 2: President-elect added to directors required and Club Service & Fellowship added as an example to areas of focus for individual directors.
Article 3: The timing of the annual sequence of activities to elect new officers and board members is revised later to be more realistic.
Article 5: Approval for

disbursements is revised to allow for the use of bank bill payment services and that banks no longer offer a service where two signatures are required on checks.
Article 10: When deciding on an application for membership, "classification" is removed from the things the board will consider.

★ PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to Astronomist **Linda Shore**, shown below with President Jim, who presented a fascinating look into the U.S. space program in her address, *Artemis - Return to the Moon*.



(Photo by Tom McKlveen)

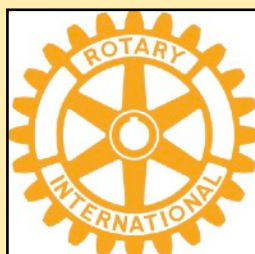


**2025-2026
PolioPlus Society
Mill Valley
Membership Roster**
(Join Today—Pledge \$100 per year to Polio Plus)

Lisán Campbell
Greg Dyer
Jim Iavarone
Kim Jessup
Ed Marshall
Mel Matsumoto
Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Larry Davis 7/7/92
Jim Iavarone 7/11/23



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kent Campbell 7/5
Howard Harker 7/14
Tom McKlveen 7/22
Ed Marshall 7/27





Next: *The Human Realities of Conflict Zones*

July 14: Jeff Shankle will present *Waking Up! Listening to the Human Realities of Conflict Zones*.

Having recently returned from another trip to Palestine and Israel, Jeff will reflect on the human realities behind the headlines. Drawing from encounters with people like Israeli reservists, Palestinian pastors, peace activists, teenagers, and more, he will explore the complexity of the conflict while also highlighting the underlying structures that shape daily life. Through stories and visuals, he helps audiences better understand what makes the situation so complicated and what, at a broader level, is not. Jeff invites listeners to “stay awake” to perspectives often overlooked and to consider how awareness and presence can contribute to peace.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2026–2027**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 33.00**

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

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$100.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$0.00**

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2026-2027

President: James Iavarone
Past President: Kimberly Jessup
Secretary: Lisán Campbell
Treasurer: John Carmichael
Service Fund (Ex Officio): Lee Kirkpatrick
International Service: Rita Sedano-Garcia
Community Service: Jane Hall
Fellowship: Elizabeth Suzuki
Membership: Bernard Link
Foundation Chairs: Greg Dyer & Phil Richardson
Public Relations: TBA
Youth Service: Emily Uhlhorn

Committees
FireWise: Richard Rider

Greeters: TBA
Program: Bob Canepa & Elizabeth Suzuki

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