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★ GREETER

❖ **Steve Miller** welcomed members and guests to today's meeting. He offered two Thoughts for the Day, thanks to **Albert Einstein**: *There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle...and Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.*

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Kim Jessup** literally "at the helm" today as the rain pelting the clubhouse roof continues to remind us that winter is not yet behind us.

★ VISITORS

❖ Several today, including **Laura Jiménez-Diecks**, board member at NAMI Marin, who joined us today to thank the club for its recent contribution from the club's Service Fund. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Marin is based in San Rafael and serves residents across the county with free

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?



mental health support, online groups, resources and education.

Others joining us today included **Jenn Mesina, Craig Sultan and Maureen Parton,**



► Great to have USA travelers **Kent and Lisán Campbell** back for a visit. Here Kent gets snapped with **John Carmichael**. (Photo by Ed Marshall)

and Past MV Rotary Presidents **Lisán and Kent Campbell**, who are taking a break from their travels around the country.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthday**—**Steve Miller** (2/7) was recognized. Congratulations, Steve!

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ **PP Lee Kirkpatrick's** grandson **Otto** is a fast learner as exhibited in a video showing the 14-month-old's spinning ability. Way to go, Otto. Soon you'll be on a bike with Grandpa!

❖ **PPs Kent and Lisán** were having a Good Time on the spot, with their visit to Mill Valley. They are taking a break in their travels with a tour up the East Coast starting soon. Lisán noted that they are getting to appreciate other parts of the country.

★ SPECIAL VALENTINES

❖ The Mill Valley Rotary Interact club joined with other local students recently to produce valentines for Mill Valley Village



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ VALENTINES (Cont'd)

members. MV Village Chair **Connie Dubin** reports that Villagers opened their mailboxes on Valentine's Day to the delightful discovery of a hand-crafted card from a Mill Valley student. (See photos on Page 3). In its 9th year, the heartwarming Valentine tradition continues thanks to all players necessary to make it happen—the schools, the Rotary Interact Club, and Mill Valley Village. Connie offered special appreciation to Rotarian **Emily Uhlhorn** who coordinated the school side and **Seela Lewis** who coordinated the Mill Valley Village side.

BREWERY TOUR & LUNCH

❖ *Beer lovers alert!* PP **Bob Canepa** again circulated the sign up sheet for the March 14 Mill



► **What's in those kegs? Join the Fieldwork Brewing Tour & Lunch tour and lunch scheduled for March 14 in Berkeley and you should be able to find out. Call Bob Canepa to sign up. (Photo by Ed Marshall)**

Valley Rotary tour and lunch event at Fieldwork Brewing in Berkeley (see photo above). Bob noted that there are six spots left. Deadline for sign up with payment of the \$30 per person fee directly to **John Carmichael** is March 3. Need more info? Call Bob. He wants to hear from you!

THE MT. PLAY'S BACK!

❖ Great news! *The Mountain Play* is back, and the Rotary Club of Mill Valley booth will be open for business again too, reports PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**. *The Wizard of Oz* will be



► **Left: PP Bob Canepa and his guest Maureen Parton. Center: PP Lisán Campbell poses with Burnett Tregoning and Robin Keller. Right: Speaker/Concert Violinist Beni Shinohara. (Photos by Ed Marshall)**

District Celebration 2026



Westin Hotel
San Francisco Airport
May 02, 2026

5150 Celebration!

Every Piece Matters

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PEACE BUILDING THROUGH ROTARY

Saturday, May 23rd, 2026
8:30am - 12pm
Rotary Terrace
312 Miller Ave., So. S.F.





★ MT. PLAY (Cont'd)

performed June 7, 13, 14 and 21, so now's the time to save a date to work in the club booth.

★ DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

❖ The *District 5150 Learning Assembly and Project Fair* is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, at Redwood High School in Larkspur. Held from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the event is free to all District Rotarians and features a keynote speaker, recognition of incoming club presidents, informative breakout sessions, the Project Fair and a delicious BBQ lunch.

★ CELEBRATE 2026

❖ Registration is now open for *District Celebration 2026*, a one-day event to be held on Saturday, May 2, at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel.

The event celebrates the 2025-2026 Rotary year in District 5150 and will feature a festive lunch with club awards, afternoon fellowship and networking, and an evening celebration dinner recognizing outstanding clubs and district achievements. Details on the District 5150 website.

★ INTERACT JOB FAIR

❖ The City of Mill Valley, the Tam High School College & Career Center, and the Mill Valley Rotary Interact Club are co-hosting the [Marin Youth Job Fair](#), a dynamic event designed to connect local young adults and students with employers, career resources, and hands-on guidance for taking the next step toward employment. The fair will be



► Above: Mill Valley Village valentines created by MV Rotary Interactors and other Mill Valley students are enjoyed by, from left, Barbara Jacobs, Liz Stone and Mary Hammond. The cat belongs to Seela



Lewis, who led the Village team over several days of preparing the valentines for mailing to Mill Valley Village members. Looks like the kitty is enjoying its role in the project! (Photos by Ginna Fleming)

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?

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



Every Piece
Matters

Rotary
District 5150





★ JOB FAIR (Cont'd)

held at the Community Center on Wednesday, March 18, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

★ AND DON'T FORGET

- ❖ **February 25:** Board of Directors Meeting
- ❖ **March 11:** Jonathan's Place Dinner.
- ❖ **March 14:** Brewery Tour
- ❖ **March 21:** Marin Food Bank
- ❖ **June 16:** Annual Installation Dinner.

★ PROGRAM

❖ A heartfelt thanks to San Francisco Opera/San Francisco Ballet Orchestra violinist **Beni Shinohara** who presented *Music: A Wordless Language of Expression and Emotion*. This was a very special program presented by a classically trained violinist whose artistry has been defined by warmth, refined technique, and a deep sensitivity to musical nuance. Thank you, Beni, for sharing your fantastic talent with us.

► Residents of Jonathan's Place had to be pleased last Wednesday when they were treated to dinner by this august group: from left, President Kim, Joan Steidinger, PP Elizabeth Suzuki, PP Jane Hall and PP Doug Scherf.

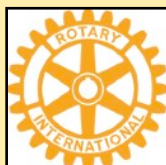


**2025-2026
PolioPlus Society
Mill Valley
Membership Roster**
(Join Today—Pledge \$100 per year to Polio Plus)

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

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Rider 2/8/94
Richard D. Spotswood 2/9/93
Douglas Scherf 2/20/90
Elizabeth Suzuki 2/20/96



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Miller 2/7
Michelle Terrell 2/14
Dennis Klein 2/18
Denise Acain 2/21





Next: Raised in the Shadow of the Bomb

March 3: Author **Leah Steinberg** will present *Raised in the Shadow of the Bomb: Children of the Manhattan Project*. A daughter and niece of two scientists who worked on the Manhattan Project, the secret undertaking to develop the first atomic weapons, Leah grew up with the knowledge and shadow of the cold war, and the long-term effects it had for herself and others with the same legacy of being so close to the origins of the creation of the bomb. A shadow followed the author throughout her life and was the motivation to find others who had this personal history with a parent who worked on the project and discuss their experiences and feelings around this shared history.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2025–2026**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 975.40**

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$6,600.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$10,213.00**

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2025-2026

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