



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Joan Steidinger** took a turn at greeting members and guests today, offering the following Thought for the Day: *Don't let fear stop you. Don't give up because you are paralyzed by the odds, because in giving up, you give up hope. Understand that failure is a process in life, that only in trying can you enrich yourself and have the possibility of moving forward. The greatest obstacle in life is fear and giving up because of it.*—**Sonia Sotomayor**, Supreme Court Justice.

PRESIDER

❖ Back in the saddle again... President **Ed Marshall** survives an adventure in the mountains with his 16-year-old grandson.

VISITORS

❖ Had five today. **Jerry Cahill** was the guest of PP **Greg Dyer**. Membership Chair **Bernard Link** introduced **Marilyn Harrison** and **Chris Commock**. Marilyn is the Director of Retail Marketing for Helpers Community, a nonprofit supporting disabled artists and is pretty close to being our newest member, having been approved by the club board. Chris is a member of the Rotary Club of

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?



Sausalito. He recently moved to Mill Valley and, according to Bernard, he hopes to work as a close associate to our club by developing collaborative projects with Sausalito Rotary. Also visiting today were **Linda Dold**, aquatic fitness and yoga instructor with Rosen Method Bodywork, and **Jacques Andre Sochan** of Pacific Universal Productions.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—PP **Lee Kirkpatrick**, **Don Herzog**, **Larry Davis** and **Chuck**

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 17, 2025

**ANNUAL
INSTALLATION
DINNER**

Waldron were recognized for choosing this month to add another yearly notch to their belts. Lee celebrated in Japan while Don stayed home and Larry's big day was yet to come. Honorary member **Chuck Waldron's** birthday was noted by **Frank Leidman**, whose daughter **Eva** is married to Chuck's stepson **Bryan Thomas**. Small world!

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—**Tom McKlveen**, **Bernard Link** and **Margareth Tanner** were recognized for their service.

FOUNDATION REPORT

❖ Foundation Chair PP **Greg Dyer** reported that, as of today, 27 members of the club have contributed to The Rotary Foundation during 2024-25. The Annual Fund has received \$5,093 with Polio Plus netting \$1,180 for a total of \$6,275. Greg noted that 23 members of Mill Valley Rotary contributed \$100 or more. We still have a little over two months to achieve 100 per cent participation this year. Go for it!

GOOD TIMES

❖ **Burnett Tregoning's** backyard is getting much closer to being able to host the upcoming Easter/Birthday family picnic gathering this coming Sunday, thanks to a volunteer

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

work crew consisting of Mill Valley Rotarians PP **Kim Jessup**, PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** and PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**, and former Mill Valley Rotarian **Barbara Hofling**. Burnett promised to report next month as to whether or not their hard work resulted in a bell-ringer event.

❖ PP **Lee Kirkpatrick**'s recent birthday trip to Japan, plus all of the fun he had weed-whacking Burnett's backyard and other work done at Mill Valley's Community Garden, netted the club a double bell-ringer.

❖ **President Ed**'s bell-ringer celebrated his recent Spring Break adventure with his 16-year-old grandson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ San Rafael Rotary's Fish 'n' Fowl Feast is scheduled for April 24 at the San Rafael Airport, 400 Smith Ranch Rd. This year's event will benefit the Rotary Manor Tenant Assistance Fund. For details contact **Otis Bruce** at obruce999@gmail.com.

❖ The Rotary Club of Ignacio has announced its 4th Annual Golf Tournament to be held at the Marin Country Club on Monday, June 2. Registration, tee and tournament sponsorships information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/3yxfs2vc>.

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** reported that the initial Men's Hike was a smashing success. Check with him if you want to participate in the next edition scheduled for the first Sunday in May.

❖ We have been asked to mark our calendar and participate in the April 26th Mill Valley Evacuation Drill and the Safety Fair to be held at the Mill Valley Middle School. Details on the

► Seen at today's meeting — Clockwise from right: Membership Chair **Bernard Link** poses with prospects **Marilyn Harrison** and **Chris Commock**, **Dennis Klein** receives a warm



greeting from today's Greeter **Joan Steidinger**; PP **Greg Dyer** stands guard as PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** prepares to fill in for the club treasurer. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)



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.

Russ Burbank
Lisán Campbell
Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Kathleen Delehanty
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Don Herzog
Jim Iavarone

Kimberly Jessup
Caroline Joachim
Lew Katcher
Robin Keller
Lee Kirkpatrick
Carl Lippenberger
Ed Marshall
Peter Mason
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller

Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Bob Roberts
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning
Annette Venables



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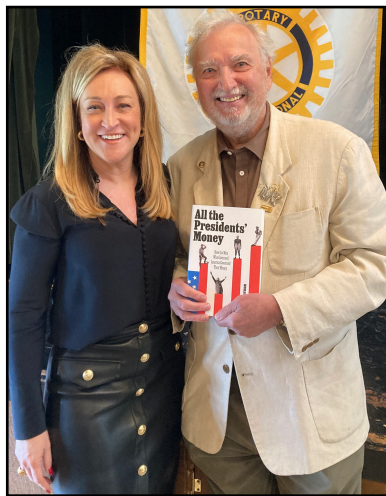
city's web site.

❖ Don't forget the upcoming performances of the fantastic Mill Valley Philharmonic, urged **Tom McKlveen**. Tom noted that the group is commemorating its 25th anniversary with performances at the Mt. Tam United Methodist Church on May 2 and May 4. For information and tickets go to www.millvalleyphilharmonic.org.

❖ The club is planning to participate in Mill Valley's Memorial Day Parade on May 26, reports **Joan Steidinger**. Details to come.

PROGRAM

❖ Author/attorney **Megan Gorman** presented *All The Presidents' Money: What The Finances of Our Leaders Can Teach Us About Wealth*. How exactly did our presidents handle their financial affairs? Megan offered plenty of anecdotes from



► **President Ed poses with today's speaker Megan Gorman and a copy of her book, "All the Presidents' Money. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)**

her book by the same title. For example, how a president born wealthy died broke (**Thomas Jefferson**, whose last correspondence was about buying wine on credit), a president born poor who died rich (**Lyndon Johnson**, who used his government connections to build a tiny Texas radio station

bought by his wife for \$17,500 in 1942 that netted the family \$105 million 30 years later after LBJ died. The Program Committee came up with another fun event. Hope she sold some books!



**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**

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John Carmichael 4/2/23

Don Herzog 4/5/83

Michele Crncich Hodge 4/9/24

Caroline Joachim 4/9/24

Michelle Terrell 4/9/24

Margareth Tanner 4/28/09



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lee Kirkpatrick 4/9

Mel Matsumoto 4/12

Don Herzog 4/14

Chuck Waldron 4/14

Todd Cusimano 4/16

Burnett Tregoning 4/20

Larry Davis 4/23



NEXT: Delivering Medical Aid in Ukraine

May 6: Christian Thwaites, a Rotarian at Novato Sunrise, will present *Driving Ukraine*, detailing his experiences while driving 1,800 miles to deliver medical equipment, ambulances and aid to Ukraine's military. He worked in the investment management industry for four decades in London, New York and the Bay Area. He was President and CEO of Sentinel Investments and a partner at Cerity Partners, a \$100 bn investment adviser. He is married with two sons and has lived in Marin since 2013. He recently was part of a convoy delivering aid, medical supplies and vehicles to front line military in Ukraine.



BRING A FRIEND

POLIO JAR 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
\$ 568.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
\$3,600.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$7,000

TOTAL
\$6,375.00

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

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