THE MILL WHEEL

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★ GREETER

❖ PP **Jane Hall**, fit as a fiddle after having to bow out of the job due to illness last meeting, was back at it today. She brought with her a familiar Thought for the Day: *Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.*—**Maya Angelou.**

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Kim Jessup** at the controls. She seems to be holding up fabulously in her third term as President (2010-11; 2023-24 and 2025-2026). Way to go, Madame President!

★ VISITORS

❖ Several today: Sausalito Rotarian **Kim Huff** was the guest of **Leah Curtis**, the newest MV Rotarian (See story on Page 2); **Kam Shadan**, visiting Rotarian from Central San Rafael; **Laura Gooler**, guest of **Bernard Link**. Laura is a PhD industrial counselor, lives in Tiburon, and her mother was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa.

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?

▶ Guess who's the "Big Shot" here. Not President-Elect Jim Iavarone, left, and not the imposing Steve Bajor at right. You got it: PP Jane Hall is in charge as today's Greeter. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays**—A big one, with photo of none other than PP **Burnett Tregoning** (4/20) with a huge portion of his family. Due to illness, Burnett could not make it to today's meeting. Hopefully, we will hear more about his special day at our next meeting. PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** (4/9) celebrated with his 18-month-old grandson **Otto**, and other family members, topping his celebration off with a big bike ride in Healdsburg. A bell ringer!

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ President **Kim** reported on the Good Time she and other Mill Valley Rotarians had serving the monthly meal at Jonathon's Place in San Rafael. Next dinner is scheduled for May 13.

★ POLIO PLUS JAR

❖ Highlighting Rotary's World Immunization Week, special emphasis was placed on

★ POLIO PLUS JAR (Cont'd)

contributions to this week's Polio Plus Jar, with two anonymous donors pledging $100 each prior to the meeting. At the meeting, another $100 was kicked in by **Steve Miller**. The jar then continued around the club, netting another $36.00 for a grand total of $336.00. Thank you, Mill Valley Rotarians!

★ WELCOME, LEAH!

❖ Welcome, new member **Leah Curtis,** who was formally inducted into membership of Mill Valley Rotary during a ceremony conducted at today's meeting by President **Kim** and Membership Chair **Bernard Link**. Leah is based in Sausalito as the Preparedness & Education Coordinator for the Southern Marin Fire District. A resident of Mill Valley, Leah and her partner **Alex** have an 18-month old daughter**, Margot.** Leah has served as a community volunteer and professional educator and trainer in emergency preparedness and public safety, working closely with Mill Valley schools, seniors and myriad other groups and organizations in her day job. She looks forward to working with Rotary. Welcome aboard, Leah!

★ FLEA MARKET'S BACK!

❖ **Steve Bajor** announced that the long-dormant and much missed Marin City Flea Market is back. Steve reported that the Rotary Club of Marin City (in formation), with the support of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, will re-launch the Flea Market starting April 25. It will be held every fourth Saturday from 8:00 to 2:00 at the Saint Andrew Parking lot, 101 Donahue St., Marin City. More info at marincityflea.org.

★ SAVE THE DATES

❖ Still a lot of activities ahead, so get ready to serve!

❖ **Postal Service Food Drive** is

★ SAVE THE DATES (Cont'd)

scheduled for Saturday, May 9 from 2:30-5:00.

❖ **Jonathan's Place Dinner,** Wednesday May 13. 4:00-7:00 Check with President **Kim** or **Jane Hall** to volunteer.

❖ Registration is now open for **District Celebration 2026**, a one day event to be held 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 and district achievements. Check the District website for details and to register your attendance. This event is always fun, so sign up today.

❖ This one's *Very Special*: On Sunday, May 17 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley at a picnic you won't soon forget. Every member will have a role to play so sign up today!

▶ **Left: Membership Chair Bernard Link poses with guest Laura Gooler. Right: PP & Program Chair Bob Canepa gets his picture taken with today's speaker, Susan Wels. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)**

❖ The *Mountain Play* is back, and the Rotary Club of Mill Valley booth will be open for business again, reports PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**. The *Wizard of Oz* will be performed June 7, 13, 14 and 21, so now's the time to save a date to work in the club booth. Elizabeth will soon be

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

UNITE FOR GOOD

★ SAVE THE DATES (Cont'd)

announcing booth work schedules.
❖ Questions? Check with **Kim**, **Jane** and **Elizabeth**.

★ PROGRAM

❖ **Susan Wels,** in a presentation titled *An Assassination in Utopia: The True Story of a 19th Century Sex Cult and a President's Murder,* gave a hugely interesting, informative and fascinating talk about the Oneida Community, an utopian community in upstate New York. She weaved that society's connection to many influential men of the mid 19th century, and ultimately to the 1881 assassination of President Garfield by a former Oneida member, Charles J. Guiteau.

▶ **Left: President Kim and new member Leah Curtis get a kick out of today's pinning ceremony. Right: Mill Valley Rotary's newest member with guest Kim Huff. (Photos 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
Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

John Carmichael 4/2/22
Don Herzog 4/5/83
Michele Crncich Hodge 4/9/24
Caroline Joachim 4/9/24
Michelle Terrell 4/9/24

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: Iran—Who, What, Where, Why?

May 5: Retired US Navy Admiral **Michael Baker** will present: *Iran – Who, What, Where, Why? I Guess That's Why They Want to Call It the "Department of War."* The United States started a war by bombing Iran and assassinating its leadership. It has relentlessly destroyed military, missile, and naval assets. No war was declared. No authorization from Congress. No discussion with the American people before sending their sons and daughters into harm's way. Admiral Baker will explore the geography and history of Iran, and the deterioration of relations between the U.S. and Iran starting with the CIA actions of the 1954 coup that put the Shah in power. He plans to pose some questions about reasons for the U.S. (and Israel) to initiate this war, and speculate about the real reasons for this attack. He plans to comment about "who wins - who loses" ... and, who profits the most.

BRING A FRIEND

POLIO JAR 2025–2026

GOAL: $1,000.00

TOTAL

$ 1,428.40

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

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