



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ PP **Lisán Campbell** had the honor today. With tongue deeply imbedded in cheek, she offered the following as her Thought for the Day: *I think the international community should unite to fight such inhuman phenomena as terror attacks and the murder of totally innocent people—Vladimir Putin.* (Ed. Note: Now, that's really something to think about!

PRESIDER

❖ President **Ed Marshall** chalks up another meeting.

VISITORS

❖ At the end of the meeting, your editor approached the mysterious couple seated at Table No. 1 to get their particulars. This all happened at the speaker's table, and with all the last-minute buzz going on there, all he got was their names—**Jacek A. Sochan** and **Linda Dold**. Also attending today was the speaker's wife, **Stephanie**.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—PP **Jane Hall** (5/2). Still waiting to hear what she did to celebrate.
❖ Club Anniversaries—PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** (5/19/09) and PP **Burnett Tregoning** (5/5/98).

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?



GOOD TIMES

❖ Spring Cleaning in the Clubhouse: PP **Kim Jessup** and PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** handled one day with **Jim Iavarone** and **Dennis Klein** scrubbing things on another. Didn't check out the "Rotary Room" in back, but bet it's shining brightly now.
❖ Club Bikers **Lee Kirkpatrick**, **Lew Katcher** and **Don Herzog** were at it recently when they tackled a recent Wine Country cycling event. Congratulations are in order, since all three made it over the 62 miles!

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 17, 2025

**ANNUAL
INSTALLATION
DINNER**

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** reported that this month's Men's Hike on the Tennessee Valley trail proved another smashing success (photo on page 2). Check with him if you want to participate in the next edition scheduled for the first Sunday in June. **John Poulson** marked May's event as his Good Time.

❖ **Joan Steidinger** has been putting in running time on the mountain, getting in shape for some future races.

❖ A long trip (by air, we hope!) awaits **Frank Leidman** who soon leaves for New Jersey to attend his son's PhD graduation ceremony.

❖ **Tom McKlveen's** Good Time was a little closer to home. He enjoyed the recent Mill Valley Philharmonic performance celebrating its 25th anniversary, noting that "we are so fortunate to have this talent in Mill Valley."

❖ PP **Burnett Tregoning** celebrated his 92nd birthday in his backyard on Easter Sunday. Among family guests were all of his 16 great grandchildren. What fun! Worth a bell-ringer!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ 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

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information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/3yxfs2vc>.



❖ Mill Valley Rotary is planning to participate in Mill Valley's Memorial Day Parade on May 26, reports **Joan Steidinger**. The sign-up sheet for MV Rotary walkers is now available for you to add your name. [ACCESS THE SIGN-UP SHEET HERE!!](#)

❖ The Marin Villages *Pop-Up Thrift Boutique* is coming back bigger and more beautiful than ever at **Northgate Mall** in Terra Linda. Sale dates are **May 29 – 31**, but before that . . . **you may donate items!**

If you're starting on some spring cleaning or just have gently loved items you know you don't need but someone else might be thrilled to discover, please bring them. Volunteers will be collecting donations every **Friday and Saturday, 11:00am – 4:00pm, through May 17th**. Look for the curbside sign and open door on the **east** side of the mall—same parking lot as HomeGoods—near the **center** mall entrance. You may pull up and wait for a volunteer attendant to help you unload.

They are looking for women's clothes, accessories, and shoes; housewares; linens; home décor, including artwork and lamps; small furniture; gardening and other tools; sports equipment; and men's shirts, T-shirts, and jeans.

They will not be accepting men's suits or shoes, kids clothes or toys, electronic devices, books, CDs, or DVDs.

Marin Villages Executive Director **John Power** notes:



► **Sunday's Mens' Hiking Group** poses on Tennessee Beach before heading back to the starting point. From left: **Kent Campbell, Larry Davis, Doug Scherf, Lew Katcher, John Poulson and Dennis Klein**. Call PP **Kent Campbell** for details about their next outing.

"Your wonderful donations make the Pop-Up our biggest annual fundraiser—thank you on behalf of all the older adults we serve across Marin!"

❖ The *Letter Carrier Food Drive* is scheduled for this Saturday, May 10th. Food Bank funding has been decimated so they really need our help.

PE **Kim Jessup** has three requests:

- 1) Let her know if you can volunteer that day at the Mill Valley Post Office to help unload the trucks. It would be in the afternoon starting around 3pm.
- 2) Put food out at home for the postal carriers to pick up Saturday morning, May 10th.

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
Kent Campbell
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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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

3) Help the Postal Service get the word out by letting friends,



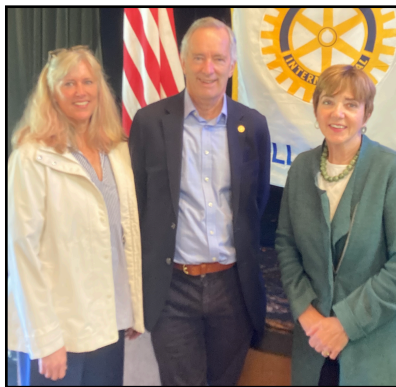
► PP Lee Kirkpatrick and Greeter Lisán Campbell dance the Fine Box Tango. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

clients, neighbors know about the event.

❖ **Frank Leidman** reported room for more booth attendants at this weekend's Mill Valley Music Festival. Give him a call if you can help out.

PROGRAM

❖ **Christian Thwaites**, a Rotarian at Novato Sunrise, presented *Driving Ukraine*, during which he detailed his experiences while driving 1,800



► Speaker Christian Thwaites poses with his wife, Stephanie and Program Chair Elizabeth Suzuki. (Photo by Tom McK)

miles to deliver medical equipment, ambulances and aid to Ukraine's military. A fascinating story which you can learn more about by checking out drivingukraine.org.



**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

**Einar Asbo 5/1/12
Gregory C. Dyer 5/2/72
Burnett Tregoning 5/5/98
Lee Kirkpatrick 5/19/09
Stephanie Ricardo 5/24/11**



MAY BIRTHDAYS

**Jane Hall 5/2
Keith Papulias 5/28
Gregory C. Dyer 5/29**



NEXT: The Focus is on Mill Valley Schools



May 20: Elizabeth Kaufman, Superintendent of Mill Valley School District, will be our speaker, giving us an update on the district's fiscal situation. Dr. Kaufman has served as the Superintendent of the Mill Valley School District since July 1, 2023. With over 18 months in the role, she continues to lead the district with a vision centered on excellence, equity, and community collaboration. Dr. Kaufman brings a wealth of leadership experience to her position, having held various roles throughout her career in education. She earned a Doctorate in Organizational Development from the University of San Francisco, a Master's in Curriculum & Instruction from Dominican University, and a Bachelor's in Psychology from Reed College. Before joining the Mill Valley School District, Dr. Kaufman served as Acting Superintendent and Associate Superintendent for Educational Services in the Sonoma Valley Unified School District. Her experience also includes serving as a high school superintendent, TK-12 principal, and principal of a dual immersion school. Additionally, Dr. Kaufman has extensive expertise in special education, gifted programs, and served as Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services in the Tamalpais Union High School District.

POLIO JAR 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
\$ 591.87

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
\$3,800.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$7,000

TOTAL
\$6,375.00

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

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