



THE MILL WHEEL

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★ GREETER

❖ PP Ed Marshall welcomed members and guests to today's meeting. His *Thought for the Day* was an early Rotary motto highlighting how serving the community ultimately benefits everyone involved: *They profit most who serve best.* He also noted that *"The best antidote for international fear is international understanding; the best way to cultivate international understanding is through business and social intercourse."*

★ PRESIDER

❖ President Jim Iavarone at the helm.

★ VISITORS

❖ None today, unless you count the speaker and our latest new member (See page 2).

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ No new celebrations today. See page 4 where July birthdays and club anniversaries are presented. Congratulations, all!

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

❖ Glad to see that new president Jim Iavarone is having a really Good Time after only a few days in office. Jim reported that several Bay Area Rotary Clubs joined together to put together a float for the San Francisco Gay

Pride Parade on June 28 (Photo below). Word got out that he had access to a flatbed truck, so he agreed to donate its use and drive in the parade. The group gathered at the staging area on Beale Street around 9:00 a.m. and spent almost three hours decorating the truck before it was time to take their place in the parade and drive down Market Street.

Jim reported that about 10 Rotarians rode the truck, while about 30 more marched in front with banners and flags. Jim was delighted to report that he heard several cries of "Yeah, Rotary!" as they made their way along the parade route. The other photo below? That's President Jim decked out in his Gay Pride Parade best with our new District 5150 Governor, YuHui Chen.



Rotary Club
of Mill Valley

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ WELCOME, DEVIN!

❖ For the second meeting in a row, Mill Valley Rotary welcomes a new member. This week it was Mill Valley based architect **Devin Lewis** who was inducted into membership during a ceremony conducted by Membership Chair **Bernard Link**.

During the induction, Bernard noted that Devin lives in Mill Valley with his wife and their two children – a 3 year old and a 5 month old. You can find him trail running around town – he has run marathons in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento.

He is a licensed architect and the owner of an architecture studio here in Mill Valley. Native to Northern California, Devin is a graduate of the University of Southern California. He has designed houses, town houses, apartment buildings, and high-rises – but his work now is centered around remodels.

He has been orchestrating architectural drawing sessions for 20 years and feels strongly that you don't need to travel to Europe to enjoy public spaces.

He is passionate about strengthening his local

community, building lasting relationships, and using his professional experience to help others.

His first experience with Rotary was an all-boys leadership camp that he was invited to as a teenager called Camp Royal.

According to Bernard, Devin is honored to join the Mill Valley

Rotary and he looks forward to contributing his time, skills, and energy to the club's service efforts.

★ OUTDOOR DRAWING

❖ Devin took the opportunity to invite members of the club to attend an outdoor drawing session he will conduct at the



► New member Devin Lewis poses with President Jim. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)



MILL VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

PEOPLE
OF ACTION.
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE.

A DAY OF HISTORY, HERITAGE & HOSPITALITY

★ OCTOBER 10 ★

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

  HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF MARE ISLAND Explore the rich naval history, iconic landmarks, and fascinating stories of this historic site.	  PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR & TASTING OF REDWOOD EMPIRE DISTILLERY Go behind the scenes and enjoy a guided tasting of their award-winning spirits.	  A SCRUMPTIOUS LUNCH Savor great food and great company in a beautiful setting.
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\$25

**FOR BOTH TOURS
& TASTING**

LUNCH COST IS
NOT INCLUDED.



**OPEN TO
ONE MEMBER
AND ONE GUEST**



**CONTACT BOB CANEPA
TO SIGN UP!**



★ Space is limited – reserve your spot today! ★



★ DRAWING (Cont'd)

Frank Lloyd Wright designed Marin Civic Center at 1 p.m. of Friday, July 24. The group will meet the courtyard fountain outside of the 2nd floor cafeteria. Devin will provide some helpful hints during a demonstration, then the group will draw, spread apart, everyone at their own pace. No cost. All skill levels and all ages welcome. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own paper pad, sketchbook, pens, or pencils. All skill levels welcome!

★ CLUB WILL MATCH

❖ It takes 1,000 points to create a Paul Harris Fellowship. If you already have yours, you can use your points to make your spouse, your parents, your children or anyone you choose a Paul Harris Fellow.

To help you achieve this, Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** has announced that our Club will match any donation to the Rotary Foundation up to \$250 for a limited time. Donate \$200 and you will receive 400 Paul Harris Points. This will apply to any Foundation donation until September 15th.

You can earmark your donation to The Annual Fund, The Endowment Fund, Polio Plus or any of the Foundation's Seven Areas of Focus. Just let Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** know your desire and he will see to it.

LOTS TO DO!

❖ *Homeward Bound* is seeking volunteers to help distribute back-to-school clothing to



► Smile! You're on the McKlveen Camera: PP Lee Kirkpatrick, Lew Katcher and Robin Keller give it their best at today's meeting. (Photo by Tom).

children in the Target parking lot in San Rafael on Saturday, August 1. Each volunteer will receive detailed clothing requests for two to three students and will be walking the aisles to find the

requested sizes and colors for each child. Contact **Andrea Rey** at arey@hbofm.org.

❖ The next *Jonathan's Place Dinner* at the San Rafael Shelter is scheduled for 4 to 7 pm on

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. The 2026-2027 Honor Roll will be published soon. Will you be on it?

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





★ LOTS TO DO! (Cont'd)

Wednesday, August 5th. Contact Community Service Chief **Jane Hall** if you can help.

❖ **Reminder—our next luncheon meeting is Tuesday, August 4 (Details on page 5).**

❖ Bocce will be here soon! 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 need to inform the event organizers how many Mill Valley Rotarians will attend. This is the 22nd year for the tournament, and as we noted in the last issue, it's time for the Rotary Club of Mill Valley to prove it is trophy worthy!

❖ PP **Bob Canepa** announced "*A Day of History, Heritage & Hospitality*" outing scheduled for

October 10. The event will include a walking tour of Mare Island, a private guided tour of a distillery and a "scrumptious" lunch. See ad on page 2.

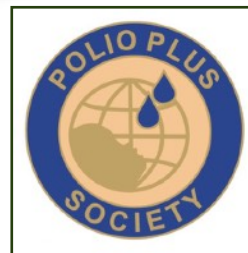
❖ **Save the date:** Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival, September 19 & 20.

★ PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to **Jeff Shankle** who presented a thought-provoking program titled *Waking Up! Listening to the Human Realities of Conflict Zones*. He gave us a lot to think about regarding life in the Middle East.



► **Speaker Jeff Shankle poses with President Jim. (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

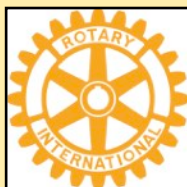
Michelle Terrell

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: *Bay Area Holocaust Survivor Shares Family Story*

August 4: Holocaust survivor **Marion Fredman** will present *Bay Area Holocaust Survivor Shares Her Family Story*. When **Grete** and **Julius Seidmann** fled Nazi Germany, they never imagined they'd be forced into hiding in a Dutch attic. While in hiding, their daughter Marion was born—a moment of light amid the darkest of times. Years later, Marion Seidemann Fredman shares her family's courageous story of love, loss, and resilience in this visually rich, nonfiction picture book *A Time to Hide*. It is suitable for readers as young as 9 or 10 but appropriate for all ages to learn about World War II and the Holocaust. Through a blend of historical documents, family photos, a collage of paintings and illustrations, including newly commissioned illustrations by acclaimed artist **Elisa Kleven**, Fredman makes history accessible to young readers while preserving the emotional truth of the courage and humanity needed to survive.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2026–2027**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 60.00**

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

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$100.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$0.00**

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