



THE MILL WHEEL

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★ GREETER

❖ PP Lee Kirkpatrick had the duty today. His Thought for the Day: *It always seems impossible until it is done*—Nelson Mandela.

★ PRESIDER

❖ Who else? President Jim looks totally natural running things up there in front!

★ VISITORS

❖ Mill Valley resident Suzanne Brooks stopped by today to check us out.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—PP Kim Jessup (8/24/04) and Bernard Link (8/15/23) were recognized and thanked for their service.
❖ *Birthdays*—A long list of celebrants this month: Frank Leidman (8/9); Bob Roberts (8/13); Vince Howes (8/19); Bernard Link (8/21) and President Jim (8/30). A rousing rendition of “Happy Birthday” celebrated those in attendance.

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

❖ The travelers return: Frank and Carol Leidman after some serious travel in Eastern Europe, and PP Lisán and PP Kent Campbell likewise around the

perimeter of the United States. They all have some fabulous stories to share. A bell-ringer from the Campbells.

★ DOING GOOD IN WORLD

❖ “*Doing Good in the World*” will have a regular slot on future meeting agendas, reported President Jim. The idea is to remind Rotarians of the critical role of the Rotary Foundation worldwide and its continued need for our support.

President Jim started the ball rolling by showing several appropriate videos. In a follow up, *The Mill Wheel* presents the following Foundation report by Foundation Co-Chair Greg Dyer.

TODAY'S PROGRAM A FAMILY AFFAIR

► Program Chair Bob Canepa and President Jim Iavarone pose with today's speaker Marion Fredman, center, and her son

Gabe and his daughter Sadie. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)



Rotary Club
of Mill Valley

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ DOING GOOD (Cont'd)

The Rotary structure is: 1. Clubs are members of Rotary International. 2. Individuals are members of a particular Rotary Club. 3. The Rotary Foundation is a separate, charitable entity.

Rotary International is the administrative arm of the Rotary world. RI is organized into Regions, Zones and Districts with Rotarians managing them at every level.

Our District includes all Rotary clubs in the counties of Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo. The District has about a dozen committees, all staffed by Rotarian volunteers who are very

active and dedicated. These Rotarians are a huge resource for the rest of the members of Clubs in the district. For example, they have been very helpful to the members of our Club who have worked on obtaining the money and support that has enabled our Nutrition and Economic Development projects in the altiplano highlands of Peru.

RI and the individual clubs are not tax exempt charities. The Rotary Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) charity. Rotarians benefit from their Club and from RI. Rotarians do not benefit from The Foundation which is exclusive for charitable purposes and for serving other people.



► PP Ed Marshall and PT (Past Treasurer) Stephanie Ricardo pose during lunch. Below: Greeter PP Lee Kirkpatrick with visitor Suzanne Brooks. (Photos 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! ★



★ DOING GOOD (Cont'd)

Our Rotary year which began on July 1st starts with the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Campaign, where



Rotary asks every Rotarian to give at least \$25 to the TRF Annual Fund SHARE (hopefully more!). This is the fund where in three years, our club will receive almost half of this year's donation in the form of District Designated Funds (DDF), which our club can use for local or global programs like our Peru project.

Questions? Check with Greg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ The 69th Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival returns of September



► Greeter Lee Kirkpatrick had the special honor of welcoming home PPs Lisán and Kent Campbell who have just returned from an around the country adventure. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

19-20, and you know what that means for Mill Valley Rotarians —*The Hot Doggery* returns as well! PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** has posted her sign up sheets and hopes that every Mill Valley Rotarian will be able to find time to help out. If you have not already signed up, she'll be happy to hear from you now.

❖ **Important!** Want to recommend a grant recipient? Deadline for receipt of your recommendation is August 30. Questions? Contact PP **Lee Kirkpatrick**.

❖ Bocce is just around the corner! 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't beat the official Hot Doggery uniform as exhibited here by President Jim at last year's Art Festival.**

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 recently, it's time for the

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

Rotary
District 5150

Seasons
of Love

Rotary
PEOPLE OF ACTION



★ MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Club of Mill Valley to prove it is trophy worthy!

❖ PP **Bob Canepa** passed around a signup sheet for the “*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.*

❖ Last (but certainly not least!), Ace Professional Photographer and Sausalito Rotarian **Gary**

Ferber is scheduled to come to our August 18 meeting to take his annual MV Rotary Family Portrait. *Brush your teeth!*

★ PROGRAM

❖ Holocaust survivor **Marion Seidemann Fredman** shared her family’s courageous story of love, loss, and resilience as portrayed in a visually rich, nonfiction picture book *A Time to Hide*. The book is suitable for readers as young as 9 or 10 but appropriate for all ages to learn about World War II and the Holocaust.



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

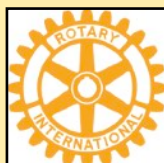


CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Link 8/15/23

Russell Burbank 8/13/12

Kimberly Jessup 8/24/04



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Frank Leidman 8/9

Bob Roberts 8/13

Vince Howes 8/19

Bernard Link 8/21

Jim Iavarone 8/30





Next: *Creating Community With The Power of Puppetry*

August 18: Matthew Purdon will present *The Power of Puppetry: Creating Community Through Wonder*. Puppetry is one of the world's oldest storytelling traditions, yet it remains a remarkably effective way to bring people together. Inspired by the tradition of community-based puppetry, Matthew Purdon explores how puppets can activate public spaces, inspire play, spark imagination, and create meaningful connections across generations. Through stories, demonstrations, and examples from local parades, library programs, community events, and the Wylding Woods project, he'll show how moments of shared wonder can transform ordinary places into memorable community experiences.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2026–2027**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 85.00**

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

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$347.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$0.00**

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2026-2027

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