



THE MILL WHEEL

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FOR
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★ GREETER

❖ **Robin Keller** had the job today. His Thought for the Day: *The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.*—**Mark Twain.**

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Kim Jessup** at the podium.

★ VISITORS

❖ Two today: former MV Rotarian **Steve Clements** and Marin County Boy Scout CEO **Michael Dybeck**. Steve stopped by to renew old friendships as he ponders joining up again and Michael took the opportunity to formally thank the club for its support of the Scouts' recent "Scouting for Food" program. Mill Valley Rotary contributed to the printing of door hangers used throughout the county to announce the food drive conducted by the Scouts in November. They collected over 43,000 pounds of food in a single day in support of the Food Bank.

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?



★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—PP **Richard Rider** (2/8/94); **Keith Papulias** (1/30/01); and PP **Carl Lippenberger** (1/16/01) were



► Greeter Robin Keller, left, puts the squeeze on PP Lee Kirkpatrick. (Photo by Tom)

recognized for their service and outstanding contributions to the life of the Rotary Club Mill Valley.

❖ Birthdays—Only one celebrant today: **John Carmichael** (1/28). John was saluted by a rousing rendition of the Happy Birthday Song, led by your guess is as good as mine. Happy Birthday, John!

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Doug Scherf** got a group of 17 together last month at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito for an excellent dinner and good seating to watch the Sausalito lighted boat parade. The group included Mill Valley Rotarians **Jane Hall**, **Stephanie Ricardo**, **Einar** and **Liv Asbo**, **Robin** and **Cathy Keller**, and **Linda** and **Doug Scherf**.

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** provided President **Kim** with photos of SF Bay and the Golden Gate, apparently taken during a Christmas holiday hike with family who visited from out of town. The photos were taken pre-atmospheric river and were spectacular indeed!



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



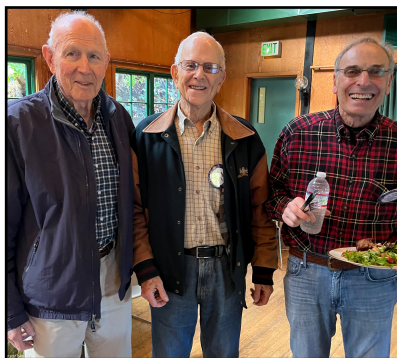
★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

❖ PP Burnett Tregoning submitted only one photo for the president's slide-deck. It featured him and seven of his 16 great grandkids, all wearing their Christmas pajamas at the home of son **Mike** in San Jose. Burnett reported a double Good Time—on the Sunday before Christmas he traveled north to Ukiah where he enjoyed the performance of great grandson **Brayton Weaver** who performed the role of Santa in a musical production titled 'Elf, Jr.' A bell-ringer!

❖ Speaking of playing Santa, next time you visit with PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** be sure to ask him how he became a Santa while visiting out of town during his holiday Good Time. He apparently performed such a good job that, in the future, he would consider "looking for a job next year if there are any department stores left."

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Dinner at Jonathan's Place shelter in San Rafael, 4:00 to 7:00, on Wednesday, January 14. Sign up for duty by contacting



► From left: Phil, Doug and Lew are all smiles as they head to and from the chow line. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

MORE HOLIDAY PARTY ACTION

► Clockwise starting at right: Former MV Rotarian Sue Royce and Honorary Member Russ Burbank pose with Santa; another former MV Rotarian John Christman and wife Lisa attend the party; and long-time Mill Valley Rotarian

Steve Miller (34 years!) with his wife Judith and you know who. You don't? That's former MV Rotarian Ken Brooks! (Photos by Tom)



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
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





★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

President **Kim** or Community Service Co-Chairs PP **Jane Hall** or **Joan Steidinger**.

❖ Board meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. via Zoom on Wednesday, January 28. Contact President **Kim** for details.

★ HOW TO BENEFIT TRF

❖ Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** urged members to consider three avenues of support for The Rotary Foundation:

- 1) *Rotary Foundation Benefactor*—commit a gift of \$1,000 to the Foundation in your estate plan.
- 2) Join the *Rotary Foundation Bequest Society* by committing future gifts of \$10,000 or more. According to Greg, the pledges above are non-binding.
- 3) Purchase a *Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)*. Greg noted that in 2026, you can transfer up to \$55,000 from your IRA as a one-time Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), allowing you to receive lifetime income payments while satisfying all or part of your Required Minimum



► Program Chair **Bob Canepa** with today's speaker, retired Marine Corps Colonel **Brendan Kearney**. (Photo by Tom)

Distribution (RMD) and avoiding immediate income tax on the transfer.

Contact Greg at 415/947-6068 for details and assistance with any of these three special avenues of support.

★ PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to retired Marine Corps Colonel **Brendan Kearney** for joining us today. His speech, "*America's Adversaries and Our Preparedness*," stimulated a lively Q&A session afterward.



**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
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning**

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**Lisán Campbell 1/7/20
Carl Lippenberger 1/16/01
Keith Papulias 1/30/01
Mel Matsumoto 1/31/89
Steven Bajor 1/31/23
Emily Uhlhorn 1/31/17**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

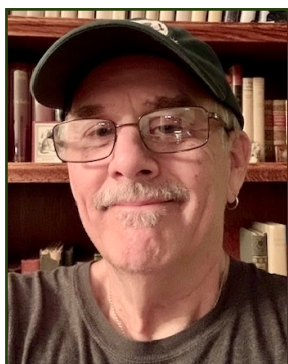
**Joan Steidinger 1/20
John Carmichael 1/28
Kathleen Delehanty 1/30**



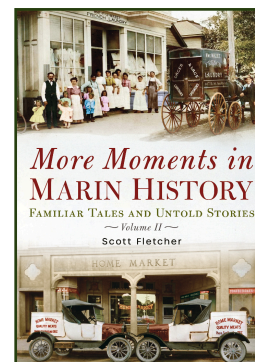


Next: Stories from Marin County's Past

January 20: Scott Fletcher will present: *More Moments in Marin History – Stories from Marin County's Past*. Travel back in time with local author Scott Fletcher when he shares his new book: *More Moments in Marin*



History: Familiar Tales & Untold Stories. Based on photographs taken from the Marin History Museum's vast image collection, the presentation tells the story of the people, businesses, organizations and events that have shaped the county we all call home.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2025–2026**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 871.40**

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$400.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$4,863.00**

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2025-2026

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