



THE MILL WHEEL

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★ GREETER

❖ **Michelle Terrell** wore the Greeter badge today. Her Thought for the Day: *Our maturity will be judged by how well we are able to agree to disagree and yet continue to love one another; to care for one another; and cherish one another and seek the greater good of the other—Desmond Tutu.*

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Jim Iavarone** at the podium.

★ VISITORS

❖ One today. Checking us out was recently retired Mill Valley resident **Steven Burger** who noted that he is looking for a way to serve his community. Hope he found it!

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—Nothing like a rendering of the Happy Birthday Song, led by musical magician PP **Lee Kirkpatrick**, to mark the

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?



► Visitor **Steve Burger** poses with Greeter **Michelle Terrell**. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

celebration of another year!

That's what PP **Bob Canepa** (9/2), **Emily Uhlhorn** (9/11) and PP **Doug Scherf** (9/18) received, thanks to a boisterous if not so melodious chorus by the club.

❖ It has been and continues to be a busy birthday week for **Doug** who reported the following activities: He and **Linda** saw six Film Noir movies at the Lark Theater; he helped make dinner at Jonathan's Place; he had a great Indian buffet lunch and did some hiking with his youngest son; he is cooking dinner for the Druids with his Sirs cooking class; he is attending the Rotary District Conference of a friend who became Rotarian of the Year and District Governor within seven years of joining; and, he is having dinner with his granddaughter and oldest son to celebrate his birthday. Just proves that MV Rotarians never run out of gas!

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Kim Jessup** reported a Rotary Good Time during which she, PP **Doug Scherf**, **Stephanie Ricardo** and **Caroline Joachim** had a great evening at Jonathan's



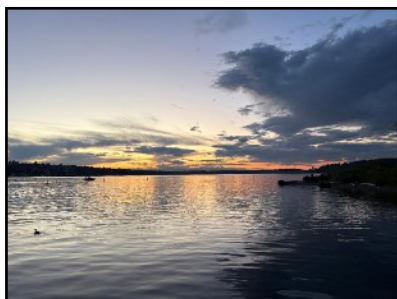
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

Place serving dinner to the residents.

❖ PP **Elizabeth** and **Steve Suzuki** went to Seattle for a long weekend to visit their older son. The view from their hotel on Lake Washington looking



toward the Olympic range in the background. Elizabeth: "We always love seeing Mt. Rainier when she's out."

❖ *Mill Wheel* ace photographer **Tom McKlveen** got "aced" himself during a recent vacation in Carmel. While exploring the beaches he ran upon two spear fishermen who agreed to pose with him for the photo below. Apparently, this was as close to the water as Tom got. Still ranks as a pretty darn good "Good Time."



★ DOING GOOD IN WORLD

❖ Foundation Chair PP **Greg Dyer** reminded members that it's EREY time—*Every Rotarian Every Year*. The District is conducting the regular EREY drive with raffle tickets going for \$25 each, the minimum contribution. You'll get four

tickets when you kick in \$100. This year's District 5150 EREY drive culminates at a special celebration at the San Francisco Zoo on November 7. Details on the District website.

❖ Greg also put in a good word for charitable gift annuities offered by The Rotary Foundation. Details on the Rotary website, or ask Greg.



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.

\$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)

❖ *And don't forget:* contributions to The Rotary Foundation received by the end of September will receive double points toward a Paul Harris Fellowship. Send your check, payable to *The Rotary Foundation*, to Greg Dyer or John Carmichael.

★ EAGLE SCOUT SUPPORT

❖ Rotary Club of Mill Valley has been supporting the work of Mill Valley's Troop 1, Scouting America, for many years. Recently, the club provided \$200 in support of the Eagle Scout Project completed by Scout **Samuel DeLancey**. Samuel's project was a trail build in Homestead Valley where he and fellow scouts repaired a 200-foot section of trail at the end of North Ferndale Ave. in the Homestead Valley Open Space. The trail was eroding and causing hikers to hike off-trail and trample plant life.



► Two MV Past Presidents, Kim Jessup and Dick Spotswood, smile for the camera. (Photo by Tom)

► Congrats to PP Bob Canepa, who received his Paul Harris Pin Plus 5 at today's meeting. Foundation Co-Chair PP Greg Dyer, center, and President Jim Iavarone pose with Bob. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)



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. Hope you will 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





★ ROSTER UPDATE

❖ Copies of the 2026-2027 Mill Valley Rotary membership roster were available at today's meeting and will again be on the treasurer's table at the upcoming October 6 meeting. Copies that are not picked up then will be mailed to the membership. Help the club save on postage by making a note to get yours on October 6.

★ COMING UP

❖ **Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival**, Old Mill Park, September 19 and 20. To help out in the *Hot Doggery*, contact Head Pooch PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**.
❖ A reminder that our **group photo day** will be on **Tuesday, October 6**. Photographer **Gary Ferber** will be on hand to take our 2026-27 club photo. *Smile!*
❖ **Mare Island Tour, October 10**. Call PP **Bob Canepa** if you want to get in on the action.
❖ **Dinner at Jonathan's Place** Shelter in San Rafael, 4-7 pm., Wednesday, October 14. Call **Jane Hall** to participate.



► **TUHSD Superintendent Dr. Courtney Goode poses with MV Rotarian Emily Uhlhorn, a member of the District Board.**
(Photo by Tom McKlveen)

★ PROGRAM

❖ Our thanks to **Dr. Courtney Goode**, Superintendent of the Tamalpais Union High School District, for bringing us up to date on the achievements and the future of the organization in his presentation, *The State of the District*.



**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

Roberta Keller 9/14/10
Peter Mason 9/21/10
Haley Leary 9/24/24
Steve Miller 9/27/91



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Canepa 9/2
Emily Uhlhorn 9/11
Lew Katcher 9/17
Doug Scherf 9/18
Russell Burbank 9/26





Next: *District Governor YuHui Chen Visits*

October 6: “Welcome to a new Rotary year filled with opportunity, purpose, and the power to change lives. As we begin this journey together, I invite you to embrace our theme: *The Season of Love.*” Those are the words of 2026-2027 District Governor YuHui Chen, a member of the Rotary Club of Menlo Park, in her message to District 5150 Rotarians on the District website. She believes that love is at the heart of Rotary. “It is reflected in every act of service, every hand extended in friendship, and every effort to bring hope and dignity to those who need it most. Rotary is more than an organization—it is a community of people united by a shared commitment to making the world a better place.” Let’s show the new DG some Love on October 6. **And, bring a friend!**



POLIO JAR 2026–2027

GOAL:
\$1,000.00

TOTAL
\$ 160.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2026-2027

GOAL:
\$7,750.00

TOTAL
\$1,047.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2026-2027

GOAL:
\$7,750.00

TOTAL
\$654.00

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

President: James Iavarone
Past President: Kimberly Jessup
Secretary: Lisán Campbell
Treasurer: John Carmichael
Service Fund (Ex Officio): Lee Kirkpatrick
International Service: Rita Sedano-Garcia
Community Service: Jane Hall
Fellowship: Elizabeth Suzuki
Membership: Bernard Link
Foundation Chairs: Greg Dyer & Phil Richardson
Public Relations: Frank Leidman
Youth Service: Emily Uhlhorn

Committees
FireWise: Richard Rider

Greeters: Michelle Terrell
Program: Bob Canepa & Elizabeth Suzuki

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Robin Keller, Webmaster

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