



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **Stephanie Ricardo** had the honor today. Her Thought for the Day: *I was going to quit all my bad habits for the New Year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter*—Anonymous.

PRESIDER

❖ An achy **President Ed** who showed up to lead us once again in spite of suffering from medical issues related to his back. We wish you the best, Ed, and hope that that back of yours gets back to 100 percent very soon.

VISITORS

❖ Only one today: local electrician **John Martin** joined us at lunch today as the guest of Membership Chair **Bernard Link**.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ **Birthdays**—**Joan Steidinger** (1/20), **John Carmichael** (1/28), and **Kathleen Delehanty** (1/30) all celebrated their birth dates early at today's meeting. Each was saluted with a different version of the Happy Birthday song, led by **Robin Keller**, **Keith Papulias** and **Michelle Terrell**, respectively. Note that we did not say respectfully!

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?



❖ **Club Anniversaries**—PP **Richard Rider** (2/8/94) celebrated his 31st anniversary a little early and we're looking forward to him doing it again next month so we can again hear that delightful Rotary Good Time featuring PP **Kim Jessup** and the broken water pipe. Others



► **Stephanie Ricardo** receives her new **Paul Harris Plus 3** pin courtesy of MV **President Ed Marshall**. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

celebrating anniversaries today were **Keith Papulias** (1/30/01) and PP **Carl Lippenberger** (1/16/01).

2024-2025 GRANTS

❖ Mill Valley Rotary grants in 2024-25 will total \$56,350, according to Service Fund President **Lee Kirkpatrick** who announced this year's contributions last month.

Leading the list again this year are 10,000 Degrees with a grant of \$12,500 intended to support five students and The Redwoods Retirement Center with \$10,000 in support of its senior bus. Others by category include:

Youth & Young Adult: Big Brothers Big Sisters \$2,200; Eagle Scout Projects \$500; Hannah Project Freedom School \$4,000; Next Steps Liaison Project \$3,400; Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA) \$500; First Base Foundation \$1,000; Book Exchange of Marin \$750; Mill Valley Schools Foundation (KIDDO!) \$1,000; and Slide Ranch \$500.

Seniors: Marin Villages \$2,500 and The Redwoods \$10,000.

Community: Automated External Defibrillator for the Clubhouse \$1,500; Clubhouse Beautification Project \$3,000; Green & Clean Mill Valley

2024-2025 GRANTS (Cont'd)

\$1,000; Homeward Bound \$900; Semper Fi Fund & America's Fund \$2,500; StART Marin \$1,500; Schurig Center for Brain Injury Recovery \$1,000; Mill Valley Philharmonic \$500; Rotary Peace Pole \$1,000; Map Site Plaques \$600.

International: Rotaplast International \$1,000; Tribe Rising India \$2,000; Cambodian Legal Education for Women \$1,000.

All of this thanks to Mill Valley Rotarians and their support of the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund established in 1993 to honor the long service the late Mill Valley Rotarian George Hoyle.



► **Mill Valley pharmacist George Hoyle served our Club as treasurer for many years from 1958 to the time of his death in 2004 and is the inspiration for the Service Fund and the George Hoyle Fellowships available to those who donate up to \$1,000 to it.**

GOOD TIMES

❖ **Jim Iavarone's** daughter just announced her pregnancy—she's expecting twins! That's a double bell-ringer from the proud grandpa-to-be!

❖ **PP Burnett Tregoning** had a special Christmas Holiday,



► **Last month's Marin Food Bank crew gets ready to apply corrected stickers on packages of Peanut Butter Cup cereal. From left: Doug Scherf, Kim Jessup, Caroline Joachim, Kent Campbell, Jim Iavarone and Lisán Campbell. The group unloaded, corrected and reloaded four pallets of the cereal. According to Kent, that's about 256 boxes, making it 1,536 bags of cereal bagged and tagged. Kent also noted that Kim was again denied "her fondest Christmas wish—to drive the forklift." Maybe next Christmas, Kim!**



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 2024-2025 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Rotary Foundation Drive. They hope that you soon will add your name to the list.

Russ Burbank
Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Kathleen Delehanty
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Don Herzog
Jim Iavarone

Kimberly Jessup
Caroline Joachim
Robin Keller
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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GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

treated to lunch by his three children and then spending Christmas Eve and Day in San Jose where he romped and played with great grandchildren and met the “real” Santa. A bell-ringer for the Service Fund!

❖ Current Foundation Co-Chair PP **Greg Dyer** acknowledged and thanked the members on this year’s TRF Honor Roll (see page 2) and contributed two bell-ringers—one to TRF and one to the Mill Valley Rotary Service Fund. He followed up by recounting the many outstanding

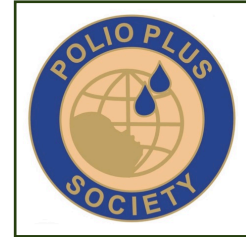
achievements of the Rotary Foundation throughout the world.

PROGRAM

❖ It was bound to happen. The speaker scheduled for today’s meeting had to cancel, so Program Chair **Bob Canepa** was forced to come up with a last-minute alternative—a sharing of *Bizarre Traveling Experiences* by attendees.

Seven Rotarians jumped at the chance to share their stories, and it probably would have been at least twice as many if time had not expired.

Our thanks to **Bob Canepa, Lew Katcher, Joan Steidinger, Greg Dyer, Doug Scherf, John Carmichael** and President **Ed Marshall** for sharing their remarkable stories with us. **Rick Steves** couldn’t have done better.



**2024-2025
PolioPlus Society
MV Membership Roster**
(Join Today—Pledge \$100
per year to Polio Plus)

**Lisán Campbell
Greg Dyer
Ed Marshall
Mel Matsumoto
Phil Richardson
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning**



► Left: Michele Hodge and Joan Steidinger smile for the camera. Center: Could John Carmichael’s story be true? Right: Visitor John Martin (center) with Bernard and Burnett. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



NEXT: White Elephant Technology



January 21: John Geoghegan will present *White Elephant Technology: An Entertaining Look at Unusual Inventions*. From Jeeps that flew to tanks that shouldn't; from a wave-powered boat that took forever to reach its destination to a jet-powered train that nearly shook itself apart, an entertaining look at

WETech inventions which showcase an inventor's talent for building something nobody asked for. This talk will be lavishly illustrated with rare photographs and brief film clips demonstrating that failure is not just entertaining, but has something important to teach us.



**POLIO JAR
2024-2025**

**GOAL:
\$1,000**

**TOTAL
\$ 225.00**

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2024-2025**

**GOAL:
\$10,000**

**TOTAL
\$150.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2024-2025**

**GOAL:
\$7,000**

**TOTAL
\$3,950.00**

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

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