The Mill Wheel

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★ GREETER

❖ **Michelle Terrell** greeted members and guests today. Her Thought for the Day: *The vote is precious. It is the most powerful, non-violent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it*— **John Lewis**, late civil rights activist and member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Georgia.

★ PRESIDER

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

★ VISITORS

❖ Joining us today were two guests of PP **Bob Canepa**: **Joy Koo**, a candidate for Tamalpais Union High School District board, and **James Goddard**, a candidate for the Marin County Board of Education Area 6.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Club Anniversaries:* PP **Kent Campbell,** a Rotary Club of Mill Valley member for 16 years, and PP **Jane Hall**, in absentia, a member for 18 years. Both past presidents—Kent in 2016-2017 and Jane in 2014-2015.

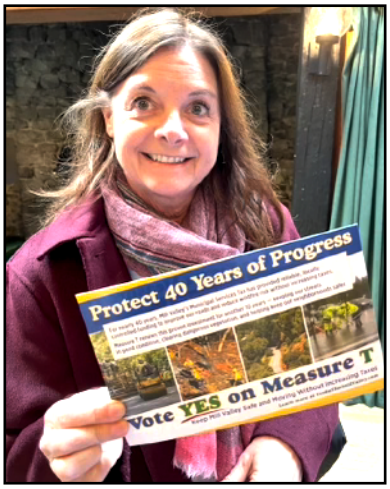
The Four-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



▶ **True to the theme of the day, Caroline Joachim poses with a flyer urging a yes vote on Measure T. (Photo by Tom)**

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ PP **Kim Jessup** and her crew had a Rotary Good Time cooking and serving at Jonathan's Place again this month.

❖ **Don Herzog** reported that his granddaughter, recently an elementary school teacher in Mill Valley, is now a trapeze artist performing with a circus in Germany. Don did not provide any photos, but we're hoping to see some next meeting.

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** recently hosted a small late afternoon picnic outing at Paradise Beach Park in Tiburon, a perfect way to wind down the day.

★ DOING GOOD

❖ **President Jim** showed a short Rotary Foundation moment video of the need to continue the work of Polio Plus, as "The Jar" was passed around the membership by PP **Doug Scherf**.

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★ COMING UP

❖ **Emily Uhlhorn** announced that the Tam High Interact Club is collecting Inclement Weather Gear for elementary and high school students. Gear can be dropped off at receptacles at any elementary school or the middle school. Emily also mentioned that our guest today, **Joy Koo**, helps organize the Job Fair, which our Club helps sponsor.

❖ The Redwoods Collective Thrift Sale is coming up on Friday, October 23, and Saturday, the 24th, from10:00 to 3:00 each day. In addition to shopping the sale, the Collective is in need of volunteers.

❖ Don't forget 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.





▶ Left: Greeter Michelle Terrell with candidates James Goddard and Joy Koo. Right: All smiles—Rotarians Lew Katcher, Don Herzog and PP Lee Kirkpatrick (Photos by Tom)



▶ Now, that's what we call a fantastic Rotary Club! Members and guests attending the club's October 6 meeting posed for this picture snapped by our good friend and neighbor professional photographer Gary Ferber, a member of the nearby Rotary Club of Sausalito. Thanks, Gary. You got most of us to smile!

★ CONGRATS, ELIZABETH!

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** has been honored as Bank of Marin's *Spirit of Marin Business Citizen of the Year* for her ability to bring people together, serving as a lifelong community builder and dedicating her talents, leadership, and energy to enhancing the quality of life in Marin County, according to the most recent Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

To quote the Chamber: "Elizabeth Suzuki has left a mark on Mill Valley through her



professional accomplishments, civic leadership, and unwavering commitment to the community she's called home since 1985. As co-founder and principal of Sutton Suzuki Architects, she has combined thoughtful design, environmental stewardship, and a collaborative approach to help shape the character of Mill Valley and communities throughout Marin County."

"Elizabeth's record of service includes leadership roles with many of Mill Valley's most influential community organizations. As board chair of Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Mill Valley, Mill Valley Little League, Tam High Boosters, Tam High Foundation, and Kiddo!, she brought strategic vision, collaboration, and a can-do spirit to every endeavor."



▶ The Long & Short of It! Just had to feature this photo of Todd Cusimano and PP Kim Jessup, taken at our October 6th meeting. Just proves you can't "keep a Good Gal" down! (Photo by Tom)





2026-2027 TRF HONOR ROLL

✦ Foundation Co-Chairs Greg Dyer and Phil Richardson are pleased to report the following Mill Valley Rotarians have contributed to the 2026-2027 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Rotary Foundation Drive.

Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Greg Dyer
Jim Iavarone
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Stephanie Ricardo
Doug Scherf
Elizabeth Suzuki
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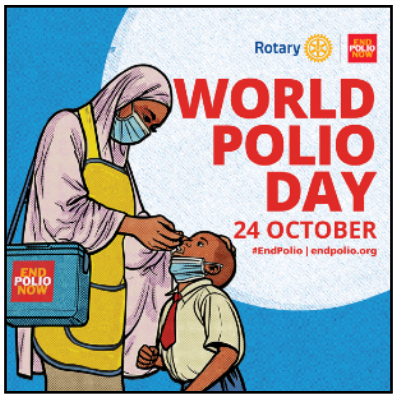
★ CONGRATS (Cont'd)

Serving as club president in 2004-05, Elizabeth has been super active in MV Rotary ever since she joined in 1996. Way to go, Elizabeth! Congratulations!

★ PROGRAM

❖ Mill Valley Rotarian PP **Dick Spotswood** provided an overview of the upcoming election. He discussed the national outlook for the post election composition of the US House and Senate and noted that two races to watch on election night would be the Kansas and Michigan senate races. Dick reviewed the local races, and specifically discussed the $5M plus spent on the State Assembly race between **Jackie Elward** and **Eric Lucan**, noting that the vast majority of those funds were from PACs not directly affiliated with the candidates. He also outlined the local tax measures before the voters.

During the Q & A session, he was pressed to predict 2028 presidential candidates. As always, Spotswood provided an educational program for the members. Now, time to vote!





▶ **Dick gratefully accepts his bottle of wine for a job well done. (Photo by Tom)**

2026-2027
PolioPlus Society
Mill Valley
Membership Roster
(Join Today—Pledge $100 per year to Polio Plus)

Lisán Campbell
Greg Dyer*
Jim Iavarone
Kim Jessup
Mel Matsumoto
Steve Miller*
Stephanie Ricardo*
Phil Richardson
Doug Scherf
Elizabeth Suzuki*
Dick Spotswood
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*** Donated this 2026-27 Rotary Year.**

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jane Hall 10/7/08

Kent Campbell 10/9/12

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Rider 10/1

Kimberly Jessup 10/10

Lisán Campbell 10/17

Rita Sedano-Garcia 10/30





Next: Marin's Hippies & Gurus

November 3: Local Historian **Carol Acquviva** will present *Hippies & Gurus: Marin Cults and Communes in the '60s and '70s.* During the 1960s and 1970s, Marin County became a magnet for communes, spiritual movements, and social experimentation. What drew people here, and why did some groups flourish while others unraveled? Carol will explore the cultural forces, changing values, and distinctive landscape that made Marin an epicenter of alternative living. Discover why so many people came here seeking new ways of living — and what remains of their legacy today.



BRING A FRIEND

POLIO JAR 2026–2027

GOAL: $1,000.00

TOTAL

$ 240.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2026-2027

GOAL: $7,750.00

TOTAL

$1,047.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2026-2027

GOAL: $7,750.00

TOTAL

$1,950.00

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