The Mill Wheel

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★ GREETER

❖ Past President **Lisán Campbell** welcomed members and guests to today's meeting. Her Thought for the Day: *Behind every great man is a woman . . . rolling her eyes*–**Jim Carrey**.

★ PRESIDER

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

★ VISITORS

❖ Three today: **James Goddard** who recently ran for a seat on the County Board of Education; **Laura McDonnell**, Founder and Executive Director of Next Steps Liaison Project, and **John Geoghegan**, Bob Canepa's guest.



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

❖ None today. See page 3 for this month's celebrants.

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ One new and one old. The new one was presented by **President Jim** who had recently returned from the upper reaches of the state where he did some fishing. The photo shows him with a steelhead caught on the Klamath River.



❖ Your editor was so busy putting together last meeting's edition that he forgot to include



▶ Greeter Lisán Campbell welcomes member Frank Leidman, left, and guest Laura McDonnell, right. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)

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★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

his Good Time experienced on the weekend of October 24-25. **Burnett** was the guest in the home of his son **Mike** and his wife **Lori** in San Jose. While there he attended Pioneer Day at the New Almaden Quicksilver Park, the spot where his Cornish miner great grandfather **Henry Tregoning** came to work and live. A bell-ringer!

★ DOING GOOD

❖ **President Jim** presented a video of a Rotary sponsored Global Eye Project in Haiti. Following the presentation, somebody's well worn hat was passed to collect funds for the project. The result: $165.00. What a hat!

★ THE NEXT STEPS STORY

❖ Next Steps Executive Director **Laura McDonnell** thanked the club for its support and gave a report on activities. The Next Steps Liaison Project is dedicated to helping detained and court-involved youth get on a positive path after detention by providing social-emotional learning and skills development while inside Juvenile Hall, and re-entry support upon release. The organization's goal is to reduce the cycle of recidivism and connect youth to their true potential. They recently received a $3,000 grant from the club.



▶ Members of the brand new Rotary Club of Marin City pose at a charter ceremony recently attended by MV Rotary President Jim Iavarone. Welcome aboard, RC Marin City!

★ COMING UP

❖ Jonathan's Place dinner at the San Rafael shelter, Wednesday, December 9, 4-7 pm. Check in with **Jane Hall** to help out.



Save the Date!
December 15
Holiday Luncheon
Fine Food & Wine
MV Middle School Orchestra Performs
12 Noon at the Clubhouse



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
Jane Hall
Vince Howes
Jim Iavarone
Kim Jessup
Robin Keller
Lee Kirkpatrick
Tom McKlveen
Steve Miller
Stephanie Ricardo
Doug Scherf
Deborah Sorondo
Elizabeth Suzuki
Burnett Tregoning

★ COMING UP (Cont'd)

❖ One of the highlights of the Mill Valley Rotary year is the annual Holiday Luncheon. This year's event will be held at the golf clubhouse at noon on December 15. You won't want to miss this special holiday treat featuring a special meal with wine, and a performance by the talented Mill Valley Middle School orchestra. Give **Elizabeth Suzuki** a call if you can help with setup/takedown.

★ PROGRAM

❖ Speaker **Susan Wels** presented a first hand overview of the exploration of the sunken Titanic in 1988, showing the complexity of searching 2 1/2 miles deep in the ocean. She also described her sometimes harrowing and sometimes sublime experiences of 32 days at sea onboard the expedition vessels. Thanks to Susan and the Program Committee for another winner!



▶ Today's clean up crew takes a break after stacking chairs. From left, Lee Kirkpatrick, Larry Davis, Lew Katcher, Frank Leidman, guest James Goddard and Dick Spotsdwood. (Photo by Tom McKlveen)

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
Burnett Tregoning*

*** Donated this 2026-27 Rotary Year.**

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Roberts 11/6/12

Edward T. Marshall 11/19/85

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Suzuki 11/3

Phil Richardson 11/3

Robin Keller 11/8





Next: Turning Love into Action in District 5150

December 1: District Governor **LuHui Chen** will present *One District, One Heart — Turning Love into Action.* Join us as District Governor YuHui Chen shares her vision for Rotary District 5150 and this year's theme, "Seasons of Love." Through personal stories, inspiration, and practical ideas, YuHui will highlight how we can strengthen our clubs, grow membership, deepen engagement, and create lasting impact through service. Her message focuses on the power of connection, collaboration, and leadership—and how every Rotarian can help shape Rotary's future. Come ready to be inspired, share ideas, and discover what we can accomplish together! One District. One Heart. Turning Love into Action. Creating Lasting Impact.



POLIO JAR 2026–2027

GOAL: $1,000.00

TOTAL

$ 313.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2026-2027

GOAL: $7,750.00

TOTAL

$1,147.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2026-2027

GOAL: $7,750.00

TOTAL

$2,714.00

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