



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ **PP/PE Ed Marshall**, recently returned from another PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) in preparation for 2024-25 Rotary year, served as Greeter today. Realizing that this was a big day for visitors, Ed shared two Rotary oriented Thoughts for the Day:

❖ *Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.*

❖ *Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

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?



PRESIDER

❖ President **Kim Jessup** front and center.

VISITORS

❖ Did we have visitors? Man...so many that it was necessary to "hire" an associate reporter (PP

Jane Hall) to round up the names. Here's Jane's list:

❖ **Steffie Finkelstein**, Realtor with Corcoran Icon Properties based in Greenbrae; **Jim Stephenson** and **Joan Murray**, guests of **President Kim**; **Peter Gordon**, **Michelle Terrell**, Community Engagement Liaison for the City of Mill Valley, **Caroline Joachim**, member of the Mill Valley City Council, and our speaker Mill Valley Mayor **Urban Carmel**, guests of **Bob Canepa**; **Michelle Hodge** and **Yunhee Yoo**, Mill Valley School District trustees; **Jon Peck**, guest of **Tom McKlveen**; visiting Rotarians **Roland Carr** (Marin Sunrise), **Gary Ferber** (Sausalito) and **Mark Sachs** (Ignacio); and, finally, **Jim Welte**, Executive Director of the Mill



► Left: Greeter Ed Marshall with Tom McKlveen's guest, Jon Peck. Center: President Kim poses with today's speaker, Mill Valley Mayor Urban Carmel. Right: Bob Canepa with his guest, Peter Gordon. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)

VISITORS (Cont'd)

Valley Chamber of Commerce, and architect **Michael Heacock**, both guests of PP **Ken Brooks**. Hopefully, we got them all!

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—Celebrating this month are **Steve Bajor** (3/10) and PP **Dick Spotswood** (3/25). PP **Bob Canepa** led the Happy Birthday serenade.

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—**Howard Harker** (3/12/02) and **Tom McKlveen** (3/18/14). Howard always enjoyed working in the Mt. Play Booth and Tom thinks the programs at regular club meetings are excellent. Many thanks to Howard and Tom for their many contributions to Mill Valley and the world through Rotary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **District Assembly and Project Fair (Larkspur) - March 23**—PE **Ed Marshall** made an enthusiastic pitch on behalf of the upcoming District Assembly, which is one of our District's most important events, providing a glimpse of the upcoming Rotary Year and the opportunity to learn what our clubs are doing as well as



► **Mill Valley City Manager Todd Cusimano, 2nd from right, gets his picture taken with guests, from left, Jon Peck, City of Mill Valley Community Engagement Liaison Michelle Terrell, and our old friend from Sausalito Rotary, Gary Ferber (Photo by Ed Marshall)**

learning the fundamentals of Rotary and brushing up on our Rotary Knowledge. This event is free for all District 5150 Rotarians because the cost is underwritten by the club. New this year: Participate in and browse projects showcased in our first District Project Fair and bring the Projects and Inspiration back to the club! For any questions, please contact Event Chair [Gary Butler](#). [Details and Registration](#)

❖ PP **Ken Brooks** announced that Mill Valley Rotary will have a presence at the 3rd Annual Mill Valley Music Festival (MVMF) the weekend of May 11 and May 12, from noon to 7:00 pm. At no cost to

the club, we will have a booth in an area dedicated to select Mill Valley non-profits who contribute to the betterment of Mill Valley. Ken pointed out that this is a golden opportunity to inform and educate the public about who we are and what we do in our community and around the world, with the hope of attracting new members. Please contact Ken if you want to volunteer and contribute to the success of this event.

❖ Ignacio Rotarian **Mark Sachs** challenged MV Rotarians to get out their golf clubs and get up to Marin Country Club in Novato on Monday, April 22, to participate in his club's 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. For

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

more information, registration, two and tournament sponsorships go to <http://tinyurl.com/27ewae8e>. The Ignacio Rotary web page also has details: www.ignaciorotary.org.

❖ A sign-up sheet made the rounds today for an interesting new event—*Club Socials*. Mill Valley Rotarians—**Annette Venables** (March 26), **Lisán & Kent Campbell** (April 30) and **Phil Richardson** (May 28) will host a get-together on those dates from 5:30 to 7:30. The plan is to

SAVE THE DATE:

JUNE 18, 2024

**INSTALLATION
DINNER
MV Golf Clubhouse**

enjoy each other's company while sipping wine, beer or water and munching on "heavy appetizers." An announcement will be sent to all club members and the sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

GOOD TIMES

❖ **PP Dick Spotswood** noted he lost a day returning home from his recent tour of several countries in the Far East. He made stops in Hong Kong, Bangkok and Vietnam. He passed around a "1,000" note featuring Ho Chi Minh's picture. Unfortunately, he will be able to get only 4 cents U.S. if he tries to exchange it at a local bank. Fortunately, for MV Rotary, the trip ranked as a bell-ringer for Dick, even with the missing day!



► Left: Club treasurer John Carmichael with visitors Michelle Hodge and Yunhee Yoo. Right: Todd Cusimano and Mill Valley City colleagues Council member Caroline Joachim and Mayor Urban Carmel. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



Carol Schrumpf 3/1/11
Rita Sedano-Garcia 3/2/20
Howard Harker 3/12/02
Vince Howes 3/18/86
Tom McKlveen 3/18/14
Phil Richardson 3/18/08
John Christman 3/20/18

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carol Schrumpf 3/7
Steve Bajor 3/10
Bill Lampl 3/21
Dick Spotswood 3/25



GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

❖ PP **Lisán Campbell** celebrated Valentine's Day (with **Kent**?) in downtown San Francisco where she visited a comedy club followed by a trip to Grace Cathedral. No report as to what transpired at the comedy club!

PROGRAM

❖ The annual "State of the City" program is always a big event for members off the Rotary Club of Mill Valley. This year Mill Valley Mayor **Urban Carmel**, painted an upbeat picture of how things stand right now in our special little town. We sport the lowest



► Visiting Rotarian **Roland Carr**, left, gets the Mill Valley "scoop" from **Robin Keller**, **Lew Katcher**, PP **Doug Scherf** and visitor **Steffie Finkelstein**. (Photo by **Ed Marshall**)

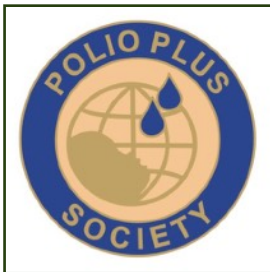
sales tax in the county with no new bonds and the downtown and E. Blithedale rehab projects are completed. But, as good as things are, there still are a lot of things to do, the mayor added.

Infrastructure will be key in 2024 with a 1% sales tax increase on the November ballot to establish funding for public safety, sewer and storm drain maintenance and other programs.

Mt. Play Booth
will be open for
business!

KINKY BOOTS!
JUNE 2, 8, 9, 16

Check your calendar
and be ready to
sign up soon



2023-2024
PolioPlus Society
MV Membership Roster

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

2023-2024 TRF HONOR ROLL

◆ Foundation Chair **Greg Dyer** salutes the following members who have donated during the 2023-2024 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Rotary Foundation Drive. Wouldn't you like to join them?

RUSS BURBANK
BOB CANEPA
JOHN CARMICHAEL
JOHN CHRISTMAN
GREG DYER
JANE HALL
VINCE HOWES
JIM IAVARONE
KIM JESSUP
LEE KIRKPATRICK
BERNARD LINK
CARL LIPPENBERGER

ED MARSHALL
TOM MCKLVEEN
STEPHANIE RICARDO
PHIL RICHARDSON
RICHARD RIDER
BOB ROBERTS
DOUG SCHERF
DICK SPOTSWOOD
ELIZABETH SUZUKI
BURNETT TREGONING
ANNETTE VENABLES



Rotary



The Next Meeting: *The Way Out: Hope for SF Homeless*

March 19: Steve Adami, Executive Director of the *The Way Out*, a Salvation Army recovery-focused homeless initiative designed to restore lives and inspire change through a Recovery System of Care, will present: *The Way Out: Hope for the San Francisco Homelessness Crisis*. Accompanying him will be Major **Darren Norton** (Golden State Divisional Commander), Captain **Mark Stearns** (Local corps officer) and **June Sargent** (Advisory Board). After two decades in and out of jails and prison, Steve Adami's life changed. After being released from prison in 2010, he earned a master's degree in public administration. In 2014 he was hired by the San Francisco Adult Probation Dept. as a reentry services coordinator and was appointed Director of the Reentry Division in 2020. In May 2023 he became the Executive Director of *The Way Out*. Steve's professional goals include creating opportunities for those who have been marginalized by the juvenile or criminal justice system by designing robust prisoner reentry programs, community-based alternatives to incarceration, and residential treatment centers for those whom the consequences of addiction, alcoholism and incarceration has impeded their ability to succeed. **BRING A FRIEND!**



POLIO JAR 2023–2024

GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
\$438.00

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2023-2024

GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
\$5,970.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2023-2024

GOAL:
\$7,000

TOTAL
\$5,655.00

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2023-2024

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