



THE MILL WHEEL

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FOR
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★ GREETER

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** welcomed members and guests today. Her Thought for the Day: *We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.*—**Fred Rogers**.

★ PRESIDER

❖ President **Kim Jessup** at the helm.

★ VISITORS

❖ Quite a few today: Mill Valley Architect **Devin Lewis** joined us for lunch. PP **Bob Canepa** was accompanied by several guests: **Peter Gordon**, co-founder of Crystal Geyser; and **Lynsey Vera** and **Alex Fong** of Mill Valley Murals, a company that produces murals for homes, businesses, schools, you name it. (More about Lynsey and Alex in Good Times.) Hope we haven't missed too many others.

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

❖ *Club Anniversaries*—PP **Doug Scherf** (2/20/90) and PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** (2/20/96) were recognized.



► **City Manager Todd Cusimano with Dennis Klein and PP Lee Kirkpatrick. (Photo by Tom)**

❖ *Birthdays*—The club passed along congratulations to **Michelle Terrell** (2/14) and **Dennis Klein** (2/18). Happy Birthday!

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ Some pretty impressive Good Times today:

❖ PP **Bob Canepa** recently treated himself to a fancy Marine inspired mural in his home office (photo on page 2). The mural was painted by his guest **Lynsey Vera** and **Bob** commissioned it as a gift to himself to celebrate the 250th birthday of the USMC on 11/10/25. *Oorah!*

❖ PP **Burnett Tregoning** celebrated a birthday in special fashion too. He and a couple dozen of his relatives traveled up to the town of Caspar on the Mendocino Coast where they celebrated his “little” brother **Pete**’s 90th birthday. They celebrated in the house constructed by his Great Grandfather **Alexander Jefferson** in 1875, which is now owned by the nonprofit Man in Nature and open to the public as Jughandle Creek Farm & Nature Center. Check out their website:



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

www.jughandlecreekfarm.org. If you're planning a visit to the north coast any time soon, you might want to visit or stay at Jug Handle Creek Farm. It's a great place and certainly worth a bell-ringer or two!

❖ **Bernard Link's** recent ski adventure at Heavenly Valley with high school buddies was followed by trip to Peninsula Papagayo in Costa Rica where he cavorted in the sunshine with family and friends. Another bell-ringer!

❖ Perhaps the biggest bell-ringer of the day is the one your editor has had the most difficulty reporting on. **Dennis Klein** was the author, and his Good Time involved an announcement by an Open Geospatial Consortium (international spatial standard referee). Lacking a Science Editor, we'll have to sit down with Dennis and get the facts for a later edition of *The Mill Wheel*.



► Here's the Marine Corps mural now decorating a corner of Bob Canepa's home office. It features the iconic flag raising at Iwo Jima, the USMC emblem Semper Paratus (Always Faithful), the USMC mascot, OORAH!—a favorite USMC chant, a self-propelled 155mm howitzer and a towed 155mm howitzer and Bob when he had hair. The good ol' days!



► In a recent Good Time, members of the Tregoning clan gather at the house built in 1875 by Burnett's Great Grandfather to celebrate his brother Peter's 90th birthday. (Photo by Michael Tregoning).



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
Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning



BREWERY TOUR & LUNCH

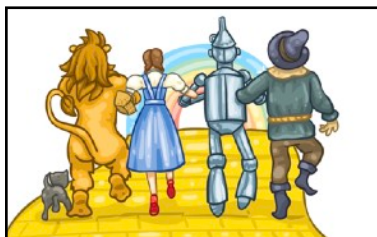
❖ *Beer lovers alert!* PP **Bob Canepa** passed around the sign up sheet for the March 14 Mill Valley Rotary tour and lunch event at Fieldwork Brewing in Berkeley. Members have received an email with details of this special club event. Deadline for sign up with payment of the \$30 per person fee directly to **John Carmichael** is March 3. Need more info? Call Bob.

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ *Jonathon's Place* Dinner at the San Rafael shelter Wednesday, February 11, 4 - 7. Check with **President Kim** or PP **Jane Hall** for information and to volunteer.

❖ *Marin Food Bank* work party on Saturday, February 14, 12-2:00 p.m. Check with Kim or Jane.

❖ Great news! *The Mountain Play* is back, and the Rotary Club of Mill Valley booth will be open for business again too, reports PP **Elizabeth Suzuki**. *The Wizard of Oz* will be performed June 7, 13, 14 and 21, so now's the time to save a date to work in the club booth. Elizabeth will keep us advised as to when signups open.



❖ It's that time of year again, especially for new club members! Actually, even the old-timers can learn a thing or two at the *District 5150 Learning Assembly and Project Fair*,



► **Mill Valley city officials pose with President Kim after a special presentation of a resolution celebrating the club's upcoming 100th anniversary. From left: City Clerk Risa De Ferrari, Sea Level Rise Project Manager Mari Swim, City Manager Todd Cusimano, Mayor Max Perrey, Vice Mayor Caroline Joachim and Community Engagement Liaison Michelle Terrell. (Photo by Bob Canepa)**

which is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, at Redwood High School in Larkspur. Held from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the event is free to all District Rotarians and features a keynote speaker, recognition of incoming club

presidents, informative breakout sessions, the Project Fair and a delicious BBQ lunch prepared by the Rotary Club of Foster City. Hope to see you there!

❖ Registration is now open for the *District Celebration 2026*, a

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. Won't you join them?

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



Every Piece
Matters

Rotary
District 5150





★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

one-day event to be held on Saturday, May 2, at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel.

The event celebrates the 2025-2026 Rotary year in District 5150 and will feature a festive lunch with club awards, afternoon fellowship and networking, and an evening celebration dinner recognizing outstanding clubs and district achievements.

Ticket options include full-day, lunch-only, or dinner-only experiences, with group hotel rates available for those who want to turn it into a weekend getaway. Details on the District 5150 website.

❖ Another date to save: Mill Valley Rotary's *Annual Installation Dinner*, Tuesday, June 16.

★ INTERACT JOB FAIR

❖ The City of Mill Valley, the Tam High School College & Career Center, and the Mill Valley Rotary Interact Club are co-hosting the [Marin Youth Job Fair](#), a dynamic event designed to



► **Left: Your editor and visitor Devin Lewis in a smile contest. Right: City execs Risa De Ferrari, center left, and Mari Swim get snapped with PP Doug Scherf and PP Ed Marshall. (Photos by Tom McKlveen)**

connect local young adults and students with employers, career resources, and hands-on guidance for taking the next step toward employment. The fair will be held at the Community Center on Wednesday, March 18, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

★ PROGRAM

❖ Mill Valley Mayor **Max Perrey**, Mill Valley City Manager **Todd Cusimano** and **Mari Swim**, Mill Valley Sea Level Project Manager, teamed up to present

the annual *State of the City Report*.

The PowerPoint link below details subjects covered with emphasis on sea level rise mitigation. In a special salute to the club, the three speakers were joined by City Clerk **Risa De Ferrari**, Vice Mayor **Caroline Joachim** and Community Engagement Liaison **Michelle Terrell** in a special presentation of a proclamation celebrating Mill Valley Rotary's upcoming 100th birthday. [2026 State of The City PowerPoint_Final_260203.pptx](#)

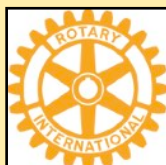
CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Rider 2/8/94

Richard D. Spotswood 2/9/93

Elizabeth Suzuki 2/20/96

Douglas Scherf 2/20/90



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Miller 2/7

Michelle Terrell 2/14

Dennis Klein 2/18

Denise Acain 2/21





Next: Music—A Wordless Language of Emotion

February 17: San Francisco Opera/San Francisco Ballet Orchestra violinist **Beni Shinohara** will present **Music: A Wordless Language of Expression and Emotion**. Beni Shinohara is a classically trained violinist whose artistry is defined by warmth, refined technique, and a deep sensitivity to musical nuance. Drawn to the violin from an early age, Beni approaches the instrument as a voice - capable of conveying emotion, memory, and quiet intensity beyond words. Originally from Japan, Beni now lives in Marin County. She is actively engaged in the local arts community, supporting and participating in cultural activities at the 142 Throckmorton Theatre. For well over 8 years, Beni has curated the popular, free Noon Concert series, offering once a month, bringing a range of talented musicians to play cross-genre music. Beni is devoted to refining her craft and sharing music, bringing people together, without words, to listen to sound waves - a deeply unifying language for all to enjoy.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2025–2026**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 948.40**

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$6,600.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2025-2026**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$10,213.00**

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