



THE MILL WHEEL

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★ GREETER

❖ Past President **Elizabeth Suzuki** welcomed members to today's meeting. Her Thought for the Day: *Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will.*—**Zig Ziglar**, Author.

★ PRESIDER

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

★ VISITORS

❖ None today, unless you count the speaker.

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—No singing today, but members are reminded that President Jim, who celebrates his birthday at the end of the month, Likes tequila!

❖ *Club Anniversary*—Immediate Past President **Kim Jessup** celebrates 22 years as a member of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley on August 24. Among her many contributions are three different years of service as president of

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?



the club. She has been at the forefront of many service projects (see photo on page 3) and a

regular presence at meetings, where she heads up set up. So much of a presence, that when she took time for herself last month her absence was noted by the “Chief Justice,” of something called the Mill Valley Rotary Judicial Committee who threatened banishment to the “kids table” located at the back of the meeting room next to the drafty exit door. With no napkin privileges yet!

Thankfully, she received a pardon from President Jim, followed by congratulations and thanks from the membership.



❖ **Thumbs up for Rotary!** That's the consensus of, from left, John Carmichael, Lew Katcher, President Jim Iavarone, PP Elizabeth Suzuki and PP Kim Jessup. (Photo by PP Ed Marshall)





★ GOOD TIMES

- ❖ Let the bell ring! A host of Good Time reports—many bell-ringers—included:
- ❖ A new Audi A5 Quattro for **John Carmichael**.
- ❖ PP **Greg** and **Karyne Dyer** celebrate a wedding anniversary in Moorea, Tahiti.
- ❖ PP **Burnett Tregoning** plays with great grandkids in San Jose at his son's annual Cornish BBQ.
- ❖ PP **Bob Canepa** spends a delightful day exploring in The City with his grandkids.
- ❖ And PP **Kim Jessup** takes a vacation, including a visit to Crater Lake, instead of coming to last month's meetings!

★ DOING GOOD IN WORLD

- ❖ In his "Doing Good in the World" report, Foundation Co-Chair **Greg Dyer** noted that donations to The Rotary Foundation can be made to any of Rotary Foundation's Seven Areas of Focus:
 - ❖ Basic Education and Literacy
 - ❖ Community Economic Development
 - ❖ Disease Prevention and Treatment
 - ❖ Environment
 - ❖ Maternal and Child Health
 - ❖ Peace Building and Conflict Prevention
 - ❖ Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Or, they can be made to Polio Plus, The Endowment or The Annual Fund-SHARE from which our club receives half of what we donate as financial credits we can use to fund Foundation programs such as our Nutrition & Economic Development Greenhouse Project in Peru.

★ DONATIONS FOR DIAPERS

- ❖ Focusing on the Rotary area of Maternal and Child Health, Mill Valley Rotarians passed the hat today as they joined in support of the Postpartum Support Center (PPSC) and its Marin Diaper Bank. The hat did a pretty good job, collecting \$105.

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ The 69th Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival returns of September 19-20, and you know what that means for Mill Valley Rotarians—*The Hot Doggery* returns as well! PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** has posted her sign up sheets and hopes that every Mill Valley



MILL VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

PEOPLE
OF ACTION.
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE.

A DAY OF HISTORY, HERITAGE & HOSPITALITY

★ OCTOBER 10 ★

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

  HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF MARE ISLAND Explore the rich naval history, iconic landmarks, and fascinating stories of this historic site.	  PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR & TASTING OF REDWOOD EMPIRE DISTILLERY Go behind the scenes and enjoy a guided tasting of their award- winning spirits.	  A SCRUMPTIOUS LUNCH Savor great food and great company in a beautiful setting.
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\$25

**FOR BOTH TOURS
& TASTING**

LUNCH COST IS
NOT INCLUDED.



**OPEN TO
ONE MEMBER
AND ONE GUEST**



**CONTACT BOB CANEPA
TO SIGN UP!**



★ Space is limited – reserve your spot today! ★



★ MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotarian will be able to find time to help out. If you have not already signed up, she'll be happy to hear from you now.

❖ **Important!** Want to recommend a grant recipient? Deadline for receipt of your recommendation is August 30. Questions? Contact PP Lee Kirkpatrick.

❖ Bocce is this weekend! The annual **Rotaplast Bocce Ball Tournament and BBQ** will be held at the Marin Bocce Ball Court in San Rafael on Sunday, August 23. This year's event will benefit the Rotaplast mission to Nagamangala, India. Cost is \$48 per person, including lunch and drinks. At this late date, sign up by contacting **Peter Lagarias** at (415) 902-6208.

❖ PP **Bob Canepa** passed around his signup sheet for the "*A Day of History, Heritage & Hospitality*" outing scheduled for October 10. The event will include a walking tour of Mare Island, a private guided tour of a distillery and a "scrumptious" lunch. *See ad on page 2.*

❖ A Coastal Cleanup Day has been scheduled by District 5150 for September 19. Check the District website for details.



► The Mill Valley Rotary "Hot Doggery" will be open for business at the Fall Arts Festival, Sept. 19-20.



► The crew from the most recent dinner at Jonathan's Place: Left to right. Kim, Tom, Jane, Jon Peck (a friend of Tom), Elizabeth, and John, who runs the kitchen. Also helping was Jane's grandson Luke who had to leave early. It was another great volunteering opportunity with Rotary friends, and the word is that the meal was greatly appreciated by the residents. Our next visit to Jonathan's Place is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 9. Check with Jane Hall for details and to sign up.

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. The 2026-2027 Honor Roll will be published soon. Hope you will be on it!

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

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District 5150

Seasons
of Love

Rotary
PEOPLE OF ACTION



★ MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ The date for Ace Professional Photographer and Sausalito Rotarian **Gary Ferber** to come and take our picture has been changed to October 6. Be sure to plan to attend this special session. And, smile!

★ PROGRAM

❖ Inspired by the tradition of community-based puppetry, **Matthew Purdon** explored how puppets can activate public



► **Barnaby the Troll with the speaker and Pres. Jim. (Photo by Ed Marshall)**

spaces, inspire play, spark imagination, and create meaningful connections across generations.



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

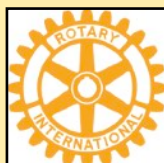


CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Link 8/15/23

Russell Burbank 8/13/12

Kimberly Jessup 8/24/04



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Frank Leidman 8/9

Bob Roberts 8/13

Vince Howes 8/19

Bernard Link 8/21

Jim Iavarone 8/30





Next: *Silicon Valley Reinvents the Wheel*

September 1: Auto industry veteran **Charlie Vogelheim** will present *Transformation of Transportation (Silicon Valley Reinvents the Wheel)*. He will examine how transportation is changing and what that means for our everyday lives and local communities. While cars have made it easier for people to get around, they've also brought challenges such as traffic congestion, pollution, limited options for those who can't drive, and ongoing safety concerns. New technologies—such as autonomous cars, electric vehicles, smarter traffic systems, and self-driving features—are beginning to address these issues. This talk will review the rollout of these technologies and explore how they could lead to safer roads, cleaner environments, and better access to transportation for everyone in our community.



BRING A FRIEND

**POLIO JAR
2026–2027**

**GOAL:
\$1,000.00**

**TOTAL
\$ 105.00**

**SERVICE FUND
(GEO. HOYLE)
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$347.00**

**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
2026-2027**

**GOAL:
\$7,750.00**

**TOTAL
\$100.00**

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2026-2027

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