



THE MILL WHEEL



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GREETER

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** had the honor today. His Thought for the Day: *A wonderful thing about true laughter is that it just destroys any kind of system of dividing people*—**John Cleese**. Because he was in a good mood and in apparent recognition of today's program theme, Kent also offered a Joke for the Day: *"What do you call a teacher who never passes gas (our words, not his) in public? Answer: A private tutor.*

PRESIDER

❖ President **Ed Marshall** at the bell, hammer in hand and ready for action.

VISITORS

❖ **Jacek A. Sochan** and **Linda Dold** made a return visit today. Other guests included Mill Valley residents **Renée Stephens**, **Diana von Welzeck** and **Deborah Sorondo**, Board Chair of the Mill Valley Library Foundation.

CELEBRATIONS

❖ *Birthdays*—**Keith Papulias** (5/28) and **Greg Dyer** (5/29) were honored with a rousing rendition of the Happy Birthday song led by **Dennis Klein**.

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?



❖ *Club Anniversary*—Fifty-three years! That's the mark PP **Greg Dyer** reached this past May 2nd. He served as president of the club in 1984-85 and as District Treasurer in 1991-92. He currently serves as club's Foundation Co-Chair. His Mill Valley Rotary highlight, other than the famous "busted water pipe" brouhaha a few years ago, was leading Rotary Exchange trips to Pakistan and Central Japan. Many thanks, Greg, for your many contributions to our community and the world. Indeed, we are lucky that you have "Rotary" in your blood!

**SEE YOU
THERE**

JUNE 17, 2025

**ANNUAL
INSTALLATION
DINNER**

GOOD TIMES

❖ PP/PE **Kim Jessup** had a great time working with her Postal Carriers Food Drive crew, offering them a hearty thanks for their efforts. **Margareth Tanner**, **Elizabeth Suzuki** and friend **Feme**, PP **Lee Kirkpatrick**, **Jim Iavarone**, **Haley Leary** and daughter **Isobel**, and **Phil Richardson**—take a bow!

❖ **Kim** also reported having a Good Time while attending the Schurig Center for Brain Injury Recovery Gala/Fundraiser recently at the Marin Art and Garden Center.

❖ PP **Richard Rider** is a proud papa, and no wonder! The photo



shows son **Kirk**, right, with twin brother **Luke**, posing at his graduation May 12 from UC Law San Francisco. Kirk's dad reports that he is on the Honors Society magna cum laude, and now will be busy studying for the bar exam.

❖ **Michele Crncich Hodge** was greatly impressed when taking part in the recent Mill Valley

GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

Outdoor Art Club Garden Tour. So much so, in fact, that she contributed a bell-ringer!

❖ PP **Doug Scherf** also praised the OAC Garden Tour. His Good Time also included a visit to Oracle Park where he and friends watched the Giants roll on to victory.

❖ PP **Kent Campbell** announced his recent purchase of a truck. Not a Cybertruck, a Chevy Silverado with a 42-ft. long 5th Wheel! Someone suggested that this event should result in a triple bell-ringer. Kent responded, "Maybe two!"

THE POLIO PLUS JAR

❖ For years club members have been passing around and contributing to the Polio Plus Jar. Today PP **Doug Scherf** added a little pizzazz to the event. Somehow, he ended up with a dozen tubes of hand cream when he wanted only two. So, he offered one to each person who donated to the jar today. The result: \$56 for Polio Plus and some super soft hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Annual Installation Dinner**, June 17 at the Golf Clubhouse. Invitations are out. Have you responded? Don't miss this fun event!

❖ PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** also wants us to save the dates September 20-21—when the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival will feature the fabulous MV Rotary Hot Dog Booth.

❖ **Dr. Joan Steidinger** requests that Rotary marchers in the Memorial Day parade assemble at Old Mill School no later than 10:15 a.m.



► This has been a busy May: Clockwise from top: PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** exhibits some of the results of the recent Postal Carriers Food Drive; **Frank Leidman** and friend at the club's Mill Valley Music Festival booth; and, PP **Lisán Campbell** and "Einstein" get better acquainted at the recent club "social."

2024-2025 TRF HONOR ROLL

♦ Foundation Chairs **Greg Dyer** and **Phil Richardson** are pleased to report the following Mill Valley Rotarians have contributed to the 2024-2025 Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Rotary Foundation Drive. They hope that you soon will add your name to the list.

Russ Burbank
Kent Campbell
Lisán Campbell
Bob Canepa
John Carmichael
Kathleen Delehanty
Greg Dyer
Jane Hall
Howard Harker
Don Herzog

Jim Iavarone
Kimberly Jessup
Caroline Joachim
Lew Katcher
Robin Keller
Lee Kirkpatrick
Carl Lippenberger
Ed Marshall
Peter Mason
Tom McKlveen

Steve Miller
Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Bob Roberts
Doug Scherf
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning
Annette Venables



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

❖ **Dr. Joan** also announced that a special event titled “*Pellegrino, Pinot & Piano*” will be held at 300 Summit, from 3:00 to 6:00, here in Mill Valley on June 8th. Joan explained that the event, with a suggested minimum donation of \$20, is a benefit for The Kern Project, which rescues dogs and cats from Kern County.



The project was initiated by **Melinda, Janine** and **Cookie** at Mill Valley’s *Doggie Styles*. You can contact Dr. Joan at doctorjoans@gmail.com with questions or to let her know you plan to attend.

GO TO THE SIGN

❖ Do you know where your Community Refuge Area is? A project funded by Mill Valley



► **Save the Date!** The Hot Doggery will return to serve hungry art lovers during the 2025 Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival, September 20-21. Prepare to have fun in Old Mill Park.

Rotary in partnership with the City and the Southern Marin Fire District is about to introduce seven well-marked areas for residents to go to in case of an emergency.

Mill Valley Rotarian **John Poulson**, who helped spearhead the design, fabrication and installation of CRA signs, recently announced the public dedication of the signs, which will be located at:

*Old Mill School
Park School
Mill Valley Middle School
Hauke Park
Boyle Park
Freeman Park
Mill Valley Golf Course*

John has announced a dedication ceremony planned for June 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mill Valley Golf Course sign, which is posted on the fence by the ramp to the pro shop off Buena Vista Ave. There John will introduce the stakeholders followed by brief remarks from **Mayor**

Burke, Chief Tubbs and Mill Valley Rotary President **Ed Marshall**. Hope to see you there!



**2024-2025
PolioPlus Society
MV Membership Roster**
(Join Today—Pledge \$100 per year to Polio Plus)

**Lisán Campbell
Greg Dyer
Ed Marshall
Mel Matsumoto
Stephanie Ricardo
Phil Richardson
Dick Spotswood
Elizabeth Suzuki
Michelle Terrell
Burnett Tregoning**

THE FOUNDATION STORY

❖ Rotary Foundation Co-Chair PP **Greg Dyer** took a few minutes of today's meeting to refresh our memories regarding the goals and achievements of the Rotary Foundation. Greg noted the following Foundation Causes:

*Promoting Peace
Fighting Disease
Providing Clean Water,
Sanitation and Hygiene
Saving Mothers & Children
Supporting Education
Growing Local Economies
Protecting the Environment
Ending Polio Forever*

Time is getting short for Mill Valley Rotarians to get their 2024-25 Rotary Foundation contribution to either Greg or Co-Chair **Phil Richardson**. Get it in by the next meeting and you can help the club achieve 100% EREY participation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

❖ **President Ed** briefed us on his attendance at the Annual



► **Another May Event: Dennis Klein and PP Lee Kirkpatrick fix Lost Trail bridge in Muir Woods.**

District Conference, held May 15-18 at the Wine Country Wyatt in Santa Rosa. Ed noted that Rotary International membership has been declining except in Asia where it is growing. A dues increase is in the works and a

Polio Update showed increased wild Poliovirus and circulating Vaccine Derived Poliovirus to date compared to last year. Ed also reported that RI has stated its non-political nature and will not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure unless it is relevant to the mission or programs of RI or The Rotary Foundation.

PROGRAM

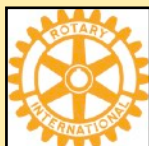
❖ **Dr. Elizabeth Kaufman**, Superintendent of the Mill Valley School District, with the assistance of Board Trustee and Mill Valley Rotarian **Michele Hodge**, joined us today for an update. The district is busy operating five elementary schools with 1600 students and a middle school with 720 students.

THINGS WE FORGOT

❖ **Hikers**—1st Sunday of next month (June 1st): Tennessee Valley Trail. Men gather and start at 9:00 a.m. Women at 9:30.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Einar Asbo 5/1/12
Gregory C. Dyer 5/2/72
Burnett Tregoning 5/5/98
Lee Kirkpatrick 5/19/09
Stephanie Ricardo 5/24/11



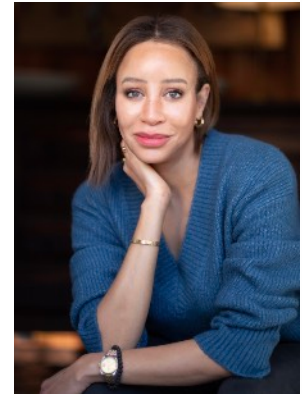
MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jane Hall 5/2
Keith Papulias 5/28
Gregory C. Dyer 5/29



NEXT: The Kneeling Man & Why History is Not Past

June 3: Author **Leta McCollough Seletzky** will present: *The Kneeling Man and Why History Is Not Past*. Leta is the author of *The Kneeling Man: My Father's Life as a Black Spy Who Witnessed The Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.* She will share the intimate and powerful story of a Black undercover police officer who famously knelt by the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** in his dying moments—and the implications of this tragic event for a daughter and a nation.



CELEBRATE!



- ★ Annual Installation Dinner
- ★ June 17, 2025
- ★ Contact Elizabeth Suzuki

POLIO JAR 2024–2025

GOAL:
\$1,000

TOTAL
\$ 647.87

SERVICE FUND (GEO. HOYLE) 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$10,000

TOTAL
\$3,800.00

ROTARY FOUNDATION 2024-2025

GOAL:
\$7,000

TOTAL
\$6,400.00

ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY—OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2024-2025

President: Edward Marshall
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