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★ GREETER

❖ PP Carl Lippenberger greeted members and guests today. Carl, in a fit of generosity, came up with three Thoughts for the Day:

❖ *The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces.*—Will Rogers

❖ *Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.*—Thomas Edison

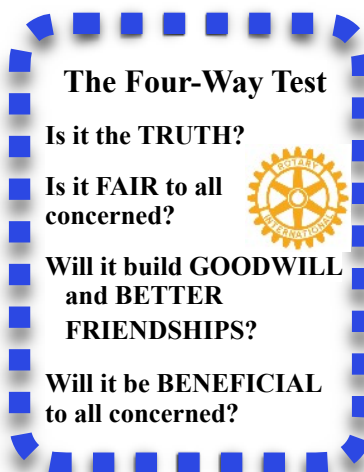
❖ *Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition.*—Marilyn Monroe

★ PRESIDER

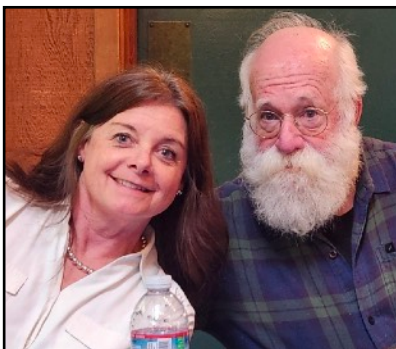
❖ President Kim Jessup at the helm.

★ VISITORS

❖ A pot full today, headlined by Marin's Ace Professional Photographer Gary Ferber who also happens to be a member of the Rotary Club of Sausalito, and by Ken Brooks, former member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley. Ken presented a bell-ringer to the club



to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Accompanying Gary was his friend Winston. Britt and Greg



► Caroline Joachim poses with Past President Ken Brooks who was visiting today. (Photo by Ed)

Long and Chris Roberson were guests of President Kim. Membership prospect Debbie Sorendo attended today's meeting as did Devin Lewis. Welcome, all!

★ CELEBRATIONS

❖ Birthdays—Accompanied by family, PP Jane Hall (5/2) recently visited New Orleans where her explorations netted MV Rotary a bell-ringer. In exchange (equal?), the club asked PP Bob Canepa to lead the singing of the Happy Birthday song! PP Burnett Tregoning (4/20), unable to attend the meeting immediately following his birthday, reported a fantastic family celebration in his backyard.

❖ Club Anniversaries—PP Lee Kirkpatrick (5/19/09) and PP Burnett Tregoning (5/5/98) were recognized for their contributions to the club.

★ GOOD TIMES

❖ President Kim had a Rotary Good Time this past weekend assisting the volunteer crew at



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



★ GOOD TIMES (Cont'd)

the Marin Food Bank in San Rafael.

❖ Reporting a family Good Time, PP **Lee Kirkpatrick** noted that his wife **Margo** created 21 flower arrangements as her donation to a fundraiser lunch benefiting Marin General Hospital. They filled her delivery driver's SUV, as the photo in President Kim's slide deck so dramatically exhibited!

★ CONFERENCE REPORT

❖ President Elect **Jim Iavarone** and PP **Ed Marshall** represented MV Rotary at last Saturday's *District Celebration 2026*, held at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel.

Jim's report: I attended my first District Conference to celebrate outgoing governor **Mitone Griffiths'** year in office. I had volunteered to be a sergeant-at-arms, and was lucky to have **Ed Marshall** join me to help out through the long and tiring, but ultimately enlightening and enjoyable day-long event.

Thanks to Ed, who seemed to know everybody, I got



► President Elect **Jim Iavarone** and PP **Ed Marshall** take a break at last Saturday's District 5150 Conference.

► Speaker Retired US Navy Admiral **Michael Baker** with two of MV Rotary's finest: PP & Program Chair **Bob Canepa**



and long time MV Rotarian **Don Herzog**. (Photo by Ed Marshall)



ROTARY CLUB OF MILL VALLEY

100th Anniversary

PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2026

BOYLE PARK GROUP PICNIC AREA

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

JOIN IN FOR FOOD FROM PIG IN A PICKLE, GAMES, LIVE MUSIC WITH HEATH DE FOUNT-HABERLIN, AND FUN!

ADULTS: \$25

(INCLUDES \$5 DONATION TO MARIN COUNTY FOSTER CARE)

YOUTH UNDER 12: FREE



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RSVP WITH # OF ADULTS & CHILDREN BY MAY 10:

ROTARYMV100@GMAIL.COM

BYOB





★ CONFERENCE (Cont'd)

introduced to lots of Rotarians from other Marin clubs, and I think these new connections will benefit me in my upcoming year as president.

Events like this, I've now learned, provide great opportunities to hear about global and local projects in which other clubs are engaged. And it inspired me to get the word out about the things our club is doing as well.

★ SAVE THE DATES

❖ **Postal Service Food Drive** is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 from 2:30-5:00. Call **Kim** if you can help.

❖ **Jonathan's Place Dinner**, Wednesday May 13. 4:00-7:00 Check with President **Kim** or **Jane Hall** to volunteer.

❖ This one's *Very Special*: On Sunday, May 17 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley at a picnic you won't soon forget. See ad on page 2. Every member will have a role to play so sign up today!

❖ It's time to sign up for Mt. Play booth duty. The *Wizard of Oz* will be performed June 7, 13, 14 and 21. Shifts are 8-12 and 12-4. PP **Elizabeth Suzuki** is awaiting your call or email. You can contact her at esuzuki54@gmail.com.



► Some of today's visitors (l. to r.); Britt and Greg Long, member prospect **Debbie Sorendo** and **Chris Roberson**. (Photo by Ed)



**PEACE BUILDING
THROUGH
ROTARY**

Saturday, May 23rd, 2026
8:30am - 12pm
Rotary Terrace
312 Miller Ave., So. S.F.

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





★ SAVE THE DATES (Cont'd)

- ❖ **Jonathan's Place Dinner**,
Wednesday, June 10, 4:00 - 7:00.
- ❖ **Installation Dinner**, June 16,
5:00 - 8:30. Let's have a big
turnout to celebrate Kim's year
and welcome Jim to 2026-27.

★ PROGRAM

- ❖ Our thanks to Retired US Navy
Admiral **Michael Baker** for his
presentation: *Iran – Who, What,
Where, Why? I Guess That's
Why They Want to Call It
the "Department of War."*



► Longtime friend of MV Rotary, professional photographer Gary Ferber gets his photo taken with Caroline Joachim, President Elect Jim Iavarone and Past President Elizabeth Suzuki. (Photo by Ed)



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

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Einar Asbo 5/1/12

Gregory 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 Dyer 5/29





Next: San Francisco's DNA

May 19: In a presentation entitled *San Francisco's DNA*, author **Alec Scott** will speak about the institutions that have helped make San Francisco San Francisco. The remit of his book, *Oldest San Francisco* (Reedy Press) was to identify the oldest businesses, cultural organizations, charities in the city – and to try to tell the city's story through those. Here are potted histories of some Gold Rush-era businesses and non-profits – the oldest restaurant (Tadich Grill), bakery (Boudin), hardware store (Center) and children's charity (Edgewood). The city's longtime obsession with food is reflected in short profiles of San Francisco's oldest chocolate maker (Ghirardelli) and on the taquerias that helped introduce and popularize the Mission Burrito. Here are the stories of America's first non-sectarian free clinic (the Haight-Ashbury), its first proper senior center, and the oldest (and now last remaining) cable car. This will be a short talk about some of the institutions that have given San Francisco its distinctive feel. **BRING A FRIEND**



POLIO JAR 2025–2026

GOAL:
\$1,000.00

TOTAL
\$ 1,472.40

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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