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# Listening In

June 5, 2017

## CALL TO ORDER

President Dave Bernardi called the meeting to order at 12:15.

## PLEDGE AND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Jeffrey Ehlenbach led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Thought for the Day was: *"Be the motivation, not the distraction."*

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

No visiting Rotarians.

Meredith Griffin brought *Phaedra*, the art director for Meredith's magazine, joined us.

Otis Bruce brought his intern, *Jean Marie* from Rwanda, joined us. Jean Marie is a survivor of the Rwanda Genocide.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board authorized two additional \$5,000 scholarships to students this year, above the usual amounts. The scholarships were awarded last week during graduation. These additional scholarships allowed two youths to go to college who probably would not have been able to go otherwise.

Marilyn Riede reminded everyone that **Future President Fran White** will be installed June 16, 2017, and RSVP's are needed today.

**Lou Bartolini** had to have a stint installed. He is feeling much better and he says hello to the club.

**Dan Walker** reminded us all that we need people to sign up to help cover the parking lot for the Fourth of July Fair this summer.

**Tom Whelan** reminded us that we still need signups for the ice cream booth as well. The ice cream booth and the parking lot are our two major fund raisers for the year and your help is needed.

**H.C. Jackson** recently passed away. He was a member of the club. He donated \$50,000 to scholarships. Please remember him.

**John Feldman** has new grandchild. Congratulations to the grandfather! He donated \$100 to his daughter's (*Emily*) Paul Harris.

## BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Ed Berberian and Peter Mitchell had birthdays, but were not present. If you two are reading this, be sure to have a check ready next week. **Dan Walker** had a birthday in May, but slipped through the cracks. He followed the four way test and fessed up. He made a donation to scholarships. **Margaret** celebrated her club anniversary and made a donation. **Rob Devencenzi** celebrated his first year club anniversary. He donated to scholarships as well. **Steve Easley** celebrated his club anniversary along with **Jeffrey Ehlenbach**. Both made donations as well. **Madeline Moore** celebrated her three year club anniversary. She also gave to scholarships. **Nicole Pantaleo** forgot her club anniversary, thinking it was July. She has spent three years with us. Continuing the trend, she donated to scholarships.

## MARBLE GAME

The pot was up to \$469. **Mike Watt** held the winning ticket, but did not draw the winning marble. He received a bottle of wine.



## PROGRAM

**Rachel Ginis**, Executive Director Lily Pad Homes, *"Secondary Accessory Dwelling Units- New laws and trends in Marin for Affordable Housing."* The majority of housing in California is residential single family. 60% of homes were built after WW2. Prior to this, multigenerational homes were common. The trend is changing again. Nuclear families account for only 33% of homes. Household size has diminished to 2.3 over the last 50 years. There is an increasing housing crisis. Lilipad homes attempts to address this issue through the creation of accessory dwelling unit. These are essentially granny units. They have all the utilities and fixtures needed for living. Granny units/in law units, can increase property value by up to 60%. California state government wants to use such in fill housing to solve the current housing crisis. However, local government often put regulations to stop such development. The state has now passed laws preventing such regulation. Such units generate income for the owners, increases property value. It provides affordable housing for renters and often decreases commute times. This reduces traffic overall. Due to grant funding, you can get free feasibility assessments. You can get loans of up to \$35,000 from the Marin Housing Authority for construction. The loan is interest free if you use the unit for section 8 housing. It will help ease traffic and the overall housing crisis. These units can also make it easier to buy homes, as special loans are available to help purchase a home contingent on the addition of a junior unit.

Submitted by Matt

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12, 2017

Weekly Meeting Program TBA  
Marin Yacht Club

June 16, 2017

RCSR Installation of Officers for 2017-18 11:30 am - 2:00 pm  
Installation of President Elect Fran White and RCSR 2017-18 Officers & Directors

Where: McInnis Park Golf Center and Restaurant

When: 11:30 AM