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# Listening In

August 21, 2017

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Pledge and Quote by **Steve Easley**.

**Thought of the Day:** Is the computer masculine or feminine? MEN decided that the computer was definitely feminine because: 1. no one but their creator understands their internal logic; 2. even the smallest mistakes are stored in its long-term memory for possible later retrieval. The WOMEN, however concluded that the computer was masculine because: 1. in order to get their attention you have to turn them on, 2. they are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem.

Guests included: *JBeverly Sandy of MV Rotary; Cynthina Troub of Umpqua Bank Corte Madera; Nicole Williams.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

**Rotary Manor BBQ** is September 11, 5-8. Volunteers are needed for set up at 4:30.

**Mac Crawford** has booked the Al Boro Community Center in the Canal for the Holiday party on December 14, from 5:30 - 8.

**Carolyn Hoffman** returned from visiting family in the UK and got to see her new grandchild, born January 3rd. She made a donation.

**Dan Walker** reminded everyone of the Coastal Clean up on September 16.

**Pete Hurley** presented 40 lbs of collected shampoo, soap and lotion for donating to the Ritter Foundation. He reminded everyone that 86% of the homeless are not seen, and include families with children.

**Donald DeLong** announced the passing of former Rotarian **Don Dickey**. **Fran** held a moment of silence for Don.

**Doc** gave some sports updates and talked about the Raiders moving to Vegas.

**Natu Tuatagaloa** announced his 17th year on the Board of Education in San Rafael. Reminded everyone to be mindful of the new drivers return-

ing to school. Talked of recent Board changes and feels there is a good governance Board. Announced the breaking of ground for the Stadium at San Rafael High.

**John Stippas** was welcomed back by Fran. He announced his returning from driving for Bikes Over the Bridge, doing construction, and announced his one-way ticket to Portugal and Spain.

**Tom Mulvey** won a bottle of wine.



## PROGRAM

**Meredith** introduced the day's speaker, **Erma Murphy**, *Program Director and Outreach Coordinator of O'Hanlon Center since 2003*. Erma also continues to run Murphy Productions and lives with her partner in Stinson.

O'Hanlon Center is one of the best kept secrets of Marin. Located at 616 Throckmorton in Mill Valley, the center was originally a dairy farm. In 1942, the O'Hanlons bought the farm for \$6,000 and turned it into an arts center. It was really the start of bohemian culture in Mill Valley. In 1948 friends helped build the studio. The center has a WabiSabi Japanese aesthetic. The 50th anniversary of the O'Hanlon Center is approaching.

Dick O'Hanlon believed that "Art is not a living, it is a way of life," and lived his philosophy. He had his first art show while in High School in Oakland and later attended the San Francisco Art Institute, which was called the California School of Fine Arts at the time.

After the war, Dick got a job as professor of Sculpture at UC Berkeley, a job he kept until 1974. Today, you

can see his granite bench outside the Mill Valley Library, as well as his Sunstones at Lawrence Hall of Science.

Dick's wife, Ann, was also an artist. Ann was awarded a Federal Public Works Commission job, a fresco of the History of Kentucky. It remains as the largest fresco ever created by a woman. It was later shrouded due to controversy surrounding the images of slaves, but is now re-exposed and the piece now inspires conversation with the students at the university.

Ann also taught at Dominican College for 12 years.

In 2004, O'Hanlon Center for the Arts was awarded 1st in the eMillies Awards.

Today, the O'Hanlon Center thrives as an existing arts community. Now 4 acres, there is a Round Table discussion every 1st Tuesday. Community Events are held on a regular basis, the Center also runs a Sunday Salon series, this month's series is Bay Area Women Artists. There is also Meditation every Friday morning.

The Center is open Tuesday - Friday, 11 - 3 and Saturday 10 - 2. While it is a member-based organization, the Center is open to the public.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 28, 2017

*Brian Sobel, Sobel Communications*  
- Talk will be on Fake News  
Sept - No meeting - Labor Day