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Listening In

September 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Visiting: Fred Anderson from Hillsborough, OR. Fred is an attorney and swim coach.

Guests: Mike Wattenpaugh, Supt San Rafael School District and Linda Perkins Administrator of Rotary Manor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn Hoffman reported on the Rotary Manor BBQ and thanked all those who helped, while Peter Thompson made a donation for cutting the line at the BBQ.

Dan Walker reported on the Coastal Clean-up, thanked the participants, and announced he'd found a \$1 while picking up trash, so gave a Bell Ringer + \$1.

Helena Marsh announced the next Rotary fellowship at Marin Center. No RSVP is required, but requested. No need to bring any-thing, there will be wine/beer/food. The event is on September 28.

The District Governor will be at the luncheon on October 2. All are encouraged to attend.

There will be NO meeting on October 9th due to Columbus Day. The schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

ANNIVERSARIES

Helena & Keith Marsh dated 6 years, married for 34 years, and friends for 1 year. Gave a Bell Ringer to Mini Grants.

Oak announced 55 years with his wife, **Mary**.

Dan celebrated his 31st anniversary in Spokane, WA and gave a Bell Ringer to *Mini Grants*.

Otis Bruce celebrated 24 years to **Sherry** and gave \$40 in honor of his 5 children, 1 grandchild, and lots of animals.

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Mulvey gave a Bell Ringer to Mini Grants, **Marilyn Riede** celebrated her birthday as a San Francisco tourist and also gave a Bell Ringer to Mini Grants. **John Grasham** gave a Bell Ringer for the "fellow next in

line" in his family. **Sherry** made a donation and announced that New Zealand was the 1st country to grant women the vote.

Pres. Fran awarded Rotary Manor Administrator, **Linda Perkins** with an *Honorary Rotarian* award for her wonderful service at the Manor.

Rotarian of the Month is **Carolyn Hoffman** for her work in organizing the Rotary Manor BBQ.

Ed Berberian won a Bottle of Wine in the marble draw.

SPEAKER

Doug Murray introduced, **Bob Mutchler**, also known as - *Motorcycle Bob*. Bob is a fellow Rotarian who has been raising awareness about Polio since 1998 for Polio Plus. Bob is married to Patty, and together they have 4 children. As a Rotarian, Bob has a 100% attendance rate since joining the North Sacramento Rotary Club.

Bob was born in Pittsburgh, PA. At 9 months he was diagnosed with Polio and at 35 years he started to develop pain and weakness. He was told that he'd most likely be in a wheelchair within a couple years, which was then subsequently affirmed by three different doctors. His response was to buy a motorcycle. He first rode 1,000 miles/day for 7 days in 1985. RI convinced others that Rotary wasn't just a service club when we raised \$247 million for Polio eradication. This resulted in having 2 full-time representatives at the United Nations.

After riding for DARE for a few years, in 1998 he decided to ride to all 48 state capitals for Polio Plus. His goal was for free press in at least 5 capital cities. Instead, he had 100% success rate, and a documentary was made by a photographer from NBC.

The next year he rode in Canada, where the government matched donations, raising over \$1 million. Bob continued his awareness campaign and participated in an immunization program where they vaccinated 8 million children in 3 days. This was a very moving experience

for Bob, particularly when he was thanked by a disabled 12 year old Polio "crawler" for saving the life of his sister. This was a real eye opener for him and at that moment he decided to continue to ride until polio was eradicated.

While the price per vaccination has risen over the years from \$.09 to \$.70, it is still a bargain. Last year there were only 37 new cases of Polio worldwide and 10 cases this year. This is a marked improvement from 1985, when new cases reached 350,000.

Bob has written a book about his experience, which is for sale for \$20. Fifteen dollars from each sale goes to *Polio Plus* and Bill Gates will triple that so that every book sale will result in \$45 dollars towards continued eradication.

Diane Henderson talked of her trip to Africa where she participated in the immunization process and the impact it had on her.

Fran presented a flashlight to Bob as a thank you for his work and so that he could "see where you are headed and continue to light up the world."

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2, 2017

Ron Gin, District Governor, Rotary District 5150

October 9, 2017

Indigenous Peoples Day - 525 years since the world changed

October 16, 2017 - RCSR's own intrepid hiker **Tom Mulvey** "Mt. Blanc goes international - Chamonix to the Summit via The Gouter Route"