



Listening In

October 23, 2017

Pledge and Thought of the day by
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Thought of the Day:

“The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.”

— William Arthur Ward

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Visiting Rotarians included: *Don Violin*

Guests of Rotarians included: *Laura Ackley*, author of *San Francisco's Jewel City — The Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915* and *Tara McCarthy*, who wrote the stories that went along with the stories the Marin IJ published every week. They were guests of *Merry Alberigi*.

Chad Bunting, Berkeley alum and former minor league baseball player was another guest today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Al Boro said hello to everyone after a long absence back. This was his first meeting this year! We are very glad he is back.

Peter Thompson regaled us with his fabulous recent trip to Scotland, Ireland, England for three weeks. He gave a Bellringer to Scholarships.

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Roger Smith went to Italy for three weeks. He is going to Seadrift this week to celebrate his wife's birthday and his back surgery was a great success. He gave a Bellringer to Scholarships.

Ted Pugh reminded us about the Marin Golden Gate Barbershop Chorus, a singing group he is a member of. They are putting on a show Nov 19, 2:00pm at the Marin Showcase Theatre. Tickets are \$27 each, and for each ticket he sells to Rotarians, he will donate 20% to the fire relief effort that the District has just organized. He sent around a sign-up sheet for tickets.

Pete Herley just returned from New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts to visit his wife's relatives. Gave a donation to Scholarships.

Steve Easley just returned from a trip with his wife to Washington DC. He gave a donation to Mini-grants.

Diane Henderson volunteered with a local assistance center in Santa Rosa, and wanted to reiterate how important it is that we help those in need.

Tom Mulvey offered to privately answer anyone's questions about his presentation last week on climbing Mount Blanc.

ROTARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Every month *President Fran White* asks a Rotarian to share with the Club something that we don't know about them or something that happened to them that changed their lives. She introduced *Madeleine Moore*, who shared with us an event that happened to her that changed her life. She explained that she shouldn't be here today. In her previous job in radio, she travelled via air extensively. She was to fly back from New York City on a TWA flight. The plane never made it to San Francisco—the plane crashed after an aborted takeoff from John F. Kennedy International

Airport to San Francisco International Airport in July 1992. Despite an intense fire after the crash, the crew was able to evacuate all 280 passengers from the aircraft. There was no loss of life, though the aircraft was destroyed by the fire. We are so grateful for this miracle, *Madeleine!*

John Scopazzi will soon be flying to Spain, Canary Islands, Casablanca, and other exciting places (including Dublin).

Tom Whelan announced that we raised \$4,000 for the Boy Scouts from the Ice Cream Booth.

Marble Game: \$1,319 in the kitty. *Pat* won a bottle of wine.

PROGRAM

Roger Smith introduced *Michele Kaufman*, Executive Director, Marin History Museum, who gave a very interesting presentation: “Present & Future for Marin's History” with many photos of Marin's past.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 30: RCSR's own Gary Phillips, Mayor, City of San Rafael

November 6: Jeff Burhardt, bartender and columnist - “Twenty Years Behind Bars”