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# Listening In

November 6, 2017

Pledge and Thought of the day by **Al Bartolini**.

**Thought of the Day:** *"To what extent can one person make a difference that would impact hundreds, as opposed to providing food and shelter after the fact. Rotarians can't help themselves — after a natural disaster, they're going to write checks. If we look more at the cause of the problem, that is a much better investment."* — Stephen Brown, former trustee of the Foundation

Al thought this quote especially applies to all of us that live in earthquake and fire country.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

**Peter Thompson** introduced the Visiting Rotarians: **Noah Griffin** – *Central Marin* and **Rob Chatham**, an engineer from Louisville, Kentucky. He is a guest of the club, he just relocated last week to the area.

Guests of Rotarians: **Mike Westbrook** introduced **Quynh Le Dao** and **Scott Troxell**, of Mercedes Benz of Marin. They have just completed the orientation, and are first to be part of the corporate membership.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

**Oak Dowling** gave an update on the Raiders. He couldn't be prouder, but declined to talk about the 49ers.

**Ted Pugh** talked about his Fox River Valley trip and visited two back-to-back Rotary meetings. One in Osh-Kosh and one in Appleton. They both had one thing in common: they sing at the openings of their meetings. Also, he reported that tickets are going fast for the Marin Golden Gate Barbershop Chorus, a singing group he is a member of, performance on Nov 19, 2:00pm at the Marin Showcase Theatre. Ted gave a donation.

**John Feldmann** gave a Bellringer in honor of his new baby grand daughter.

**Joe Ayoob** went to the Breeder's Cup in San Diego, won 2 of 12 races, so he came home a winner. He gave a Bellringer for scholarships.

**Joe Placak** and his wife Jacquie attended the Marin County High School Hall of

Fame induction Banquet. Two of his the honorees were his daughters: Nancy (Placak) Madden, San Rafael 1979 and Linda (Placak) Roland, San Rafael, 1979. In commemoration of his daughters induction into the Hall of Fame, Joe donated two Bellringers to mini grants.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Don DeLong**, a member since 1971, celebrated his 88th birthday on November 6. **Rob Devincenzi** will celebrate his birthday on November 30. **Dianne Henderson** will be celebrating a special birthday on November 15. **Roger Smith's** birthday is November 20. **Matt Briggs' wife** Kylie will celebrate her birthday on November 19, and gave a donation in honor of her day. Happy Birthday, everyone!

**Mike Watt** and his wife Eileen will be celebrating 32 years of marriage on November 28, and it will also be his daughter's birthday — he donated three Bellringers.

**Bob Marcucci** is celebrating a Club anniversary: November 1, 1976. He donated a Bellringer for mini grants.

**Peter Thompson's** Club anniversary is November 3, 1987 (started Rotary in Eugene in 1975). He donated a Bellringer for scholarships.

**Steve Easley** and his wife Kathy will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, and he commemorated with a Bellringer for mini grants.



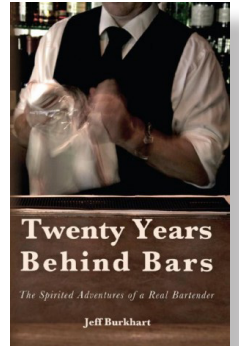
**Natu Tuatagaloa** announced that the Marin Athletic Foundation will be holding their The Eva & Mario Ghilotti Outstanding Student Athlete Awards on May 7, 2018.

## MARBLE GAME

Ten marbles, \$1,450 in the kittie... Diane Henderson won a bottle of wine.

## PROGRAM

**Meredith Griffin** introduced **Jeff Burkhart**, who has written for the *Marin IJ*, *Rolling Stone*, *National Geographic* and other publications, as well as penning bestselling books,



such as *Twenty Years Behind Bars: The Spirited Adventures of a Real Bartender*, released in 2014. Jeff splits his time in Northern California between writing, bartending and research, particularly on the disparate worlds of rock and roll and cocktails.

Jeff's program was "The Customer is Always Right, and Other Myths in the Restaurant Business." His stories about the biz were entertaining and informative, and he served a special James Bond Martini afterwards.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 13: Gary Federoff, Director, ReStart Program, Sunny Hills Services - "The Power of Connection"

Monday, November 20: Kenyatta Leal, former San Quentin inmate now successful high-tech entrepreneur

Monday, November 27: Alyssa Galloway, BioMarin

