



# Listening In

November 27, 2017

Pledge and Thought of the day by **Ted Pugh**:

## Thought of the Day:

*“A wonderful fact to reflect upon, that every human creature is constituted to be that profound secret and mystery to every other.”* —Charles Dickens

*“Lost time is never found again.”*

—Ben Franklin

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

**Peter Thompson** introduced the **Visiting Rotarians: Rob Chatham**, an engineer from Louisville, Kentucky; and **Jeffery Allen**, Harbor Rotary, past president.

**Guests of Rotarians: Tod Brody**, Executive Director of the Marin Symphony, and a proposed new member; **Christine Cordoza**, executive director at BioMarin, guest of **John Feldman**; and **Bob Whichely**.

## PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

**Tod Brody**, Classification: Executive Director of Marin Symphony  
**Quynh Le Dao**; Corporate Designee; Classification: HR Manager, Mercedes Benz of Marin

**Scott Troxell**, Corporate Designee; Classification: Sales Manager, Mercedes Benz of Marin

**Robert Chatham**, Classification: Consulting Energy

Any member wishing to comment on the proposal should do so by notifying the Secretary in writing within the next ten days.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

**President Fran White** asked all those who rooted for the Raiders to stand — as Oak Dowling was not present, no one stood. Not many takers on the 49ers either!

**Carolyn Hoffman**, said all of the names for the Christmas Giving Program have been chosen. Bring your wrapped gift to the meetings (Dec 4 and 11) or to **Madeleine Moore's** social on Tuesday, Dec 12. Gifts will be given out at the Al Boro Room at Pickleweed Community Center in San Rafael at 5:00PM on Thursday, December 14th, 2017. Thank you, **Carolyn!**

Speaking of Madeleine, we asked her what could we bring to the party at her home on December 12, 5:30. She said wine or a side dish to share. Peter Herley suggested we bring potential members to the gathering.

**Dan Walker** sans hat this time, reminded us to sign up to help with the Salvation Army bell-ringing. This year's festivities (2-hour shifts) will be held on Saturday **December 9th** at Macy's and Saturday **December 16th** at Nordstrom, both in The Village in Corte Madera, between 10:00AM and 6:00PM.

**Dan Walker** missed his anniversary announcement: Nov 10, 2014. His sponsor was **Oak Dowling**. Dan gave a Bellringer to mini grants. **Tom Davey** also celebrates a club anniversary, Nov 5, 2007, and gave a Bellringer for scholarships. Fran looked to **Roger Smith** to inquire where **Mike Smith** is, to which Roger replied that he was not his brother's keeper, but recommends President Fran find Mike upon his return for missing his November anniversary (Nov. 21, 1977).

**President Fran** called **Judy Denning** to the podium to present Judy with a special Rotary pin.

## MARBLE GAME

\$1,743 in the kittie... **Doug Murray** won a bottle of wine.

## PROGRAM

**Meredith Griffin** introduced **Alyssa Galloway**, Manager of Government Affairs and Global Advocacy at BioMarin. Celebrating its 20th anniversary, BioMarin is a world leader in developing and commercializing innovative biopharmaceuticals for rare diseases driven by genetic causes. These treatments are called “orphan products” —meaning no other products on the market are available for these diseases, or those that are have major deficiencies.

BioMarin is the 2nd largest employer in Marin County, and for the fourth consecutive year, named as one of Forbes most innovative companies.

Children comprise of most of BioMarin's patients. Alyssa told the story of one of the very first patients, Ryan Dant. Ryan was diagnosed with MPS I (mucopolysaccharidosis I), an inherited lysosomal storage disorder, and not expected to live to the age of 10. He was one of the first to receive the treatment for this disease that BioMarin innovated, and is now a college graduate and an active, working adult, achieving his dreams.

BioMarin invests 65% of its profits back into Research and Development (the industry average is 18%), and relies heavily on investor backing to save



lives and innovate biopharmaceuticals. BioMarin has a personal connection with all of its patients.

As a member of the Marin County community, BioMarin has an economic impact on Marin -- contributing to the local economy and donating to local charities generously.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### RCSR HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Tuesday, December 12, 6 - 8PM  
Home of Medeleine & Skip Moore 60 Oxford Drive, San Rafael

### RCSR CHRISTMAS GIVING

Club members will provide gifts for 76 homeless & low income children again this year. Club member takes a card with a child's name, age & gift need. Member purchases the gift (valued about \$25 up), wraps the gift, attaches the card (firmly!) and brings the gift to a Club meeting in December.

Gifts will be handed out (y'all come!) Thursday, 12/14 at:  
Al Boro Room, Pickleweed Community Center, 50 Canal St, SR  
4p - 5p Set-up; 5p - 7p Refreshments & Gift distribution

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, December 4: Bill Poland, Chair, Board of Trustees, Buck Institute  
“The Buck Institute: What Are They Doing on Top of That Hill?”

Monday, December 11: Camille Richman, CEO, Hamama “Improving Access to Healthy Foods through Indoor Agriculture”

Monday, December 18: Phil Claypool, nationally recognized singer/composer  
“Phil Claypool and Friend, A Country Western Christmas”

Monday, December 25: NO MEETING!  
Time for celebrating with family and friends!