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Listening In

December 11, 2017

Pledge and Thought of the day by **Brian Powell**.

Thought of the Day—Three from Mark Twain: “Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.”

“Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen.”

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Peter Thompson announced the visiting Rotarians: **Jeff Allen, Harbor Club, retired past president** and **Rob Chatham, Kentucky**.

Guests of Rotarians included **Bob Wilhelm** (soon to be returning to be wearing the blue badge!) and **Steve Harris’ wife Kai Harris**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Walker reported that the Salvation Army Bellringers did a great job last Saturday, and thanked all that volunteered. They needed one more slot filled for Saturday, Dec. 16th Bellringing, and called for volunteers. He also let us know that this Saturday’s Bellringing would be again outside of Macy’s in Corte Madera, not Nordstrom’s.

Tom Mulvey said the inaugary hike of the San Rafael Rotary Rambler’s was successful, and he would be planning more in the future. Those in attendance were **Joe Shekou, Rob Chatham** and his wife **Karen** and Tom’s friend **Jackie**. Tom



donated a Bellringer for minigrants in honor of the first Rambler’s hike.

Pete Herley asked us all to save the small soaps and shampoos from hotels, etc. to donate to the homeless.

Carolyn Hoffman said that the Salvation Army Bellringing location outside Macy’s was perfect because it was outside the children’s play area. She reminded everyone about the gift giving party at the Al Boro Room, Pickleweed Community Center.

Madeleine Moore reminded everyone about her Fellowship Party on Dec. 12. She said she would also be collecting coats for the Interact Club that night.

President **Fran White** mentioned that **Gary Frugoli** was still not feeling well, and that **Margaret Deedy** brought a couple of cards for us to sign. Everyone send a message of good thoughts to Gary.

ANNIVERSARIES/BIRTHDAYS

Otis Bruce gave a donation to mini grants for his wife Sherry’s birthday on Dec. 9. **Mike Watt’s** wife Eileen’s birthday was Dec. 6, and his children were there to celebrate; he gave a donation to honor her.

Fran called on **Natu Tuatagaloa** for his Club anniversary, but this was a mistake! His Club anniversary is in October, not December. Natu donated a Bellringer for his classification, and remarked how much he enjoyed Rotary and the fellowship. Everyone said he was a stand-up guy, which is true, since he was definitely standing!

Mary Ann Ellison and her husband Chis are celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30, and gave a donation for that.

Lou Bartolini’s wife Marge celebrates her birthday on Dec. 19.

Mac Cranford had some business to take care of: election of Officers and Directors for next year, and for our President nominee for 2019-20 Rotary year:

Officers of the Club:

Treasurer: **Judy Denning**

Secretary: **Peter Thompson**

New Board Members:

Otis Bruce, Tom Mulvey and Madeleine Moore

2019-20 President nominee: **Dan Walker**

He called for a motion to elect by acclamation, and the AYES have it.

Each month President **Fran** asks a Club member to share with us something about them that we don’t know or something that changed thier lives. This month, **Larry Martinez** shared with us an incredible story of hiking Buckskin Gulch, the longest and deepest slot canyon in the Southwest. It was quite a trek, with some harrowing close calls with flash flooding and some of the most beautiful terrain he has seen. He concluded his fascinating story with a donation for “putting up with him.” It was a great story, Larry!

Marble Game: \$2,021 in the kittie. **Pat Burke** WON!!!!!! And we donated the bottle of wine to Madeleine for her party.

PROGRAM

Meredith Griffin introduced **Camille Richman**, co-founder of Hamama, Inc. Camille is a mechanical engineer who

started working in agriculture as a researcher at MIT. Camille was excited by the power of controlled environments to make farming possible anywhere, no

matter the season, and close to urban areas. Now Camille’s company Hamama is bringing hydroponic technologies into homes wiht its first product line: an affordable kit that makes growing nutrient-dense vegetables year-round easy for anyone. The company website is www.hamama.cc.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Monday, December 25: NO MEETING!