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Listening In

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PLEDGE AND THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Meredith Griffin led the Pledge and Thought of the day:

If I knew you and you knew me
And each of us could clearly see
By that inner light divine
The meaning of your heart and mine
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness
If you knew me and I knew you

—Nixon Waterman

VISTING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Visting Rotarians included *Noah Griffin*, Larkspur, Entertainer and *David Rabb*, Oakland #3, Real Estate Investment Trust. *Peter Herley* introduced his guests *Clarisa Strohmeier* and her husband *Scott*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn Hoffman reported that the Gift Giving Program went very well. We sponsored 78 children. We also donated \$250 in gift cards to be donated to the children with special needs. She gave special thanks to all that helped make this a really nice event that helped a lot of people have a merry holiday.

Dan Walker thanked everyone who helped for the Salvation Army Bellringing. Dan donated a Bellringer of his own to scholarships to say thank you to all the volunteers.

Madeleine Moore updated us on the coat drive: we donated 21 coats for the Interact group of St. Isabella.

Doug Murray talked about the Rotary Club of Novato Sunrise's Sangolqui Valley Microcredit Project. We are donating some funds for this project. The women in Sangolqui Valley have an opportunity to make money farming and by starting businesses in home health care, cooking, beauty care, and crafts for their impoverished community. These small loans, or microcredits, are provided to help start these enterprises.

Marilyn Riede made good on her promise of the remainder of her Bellringer upon her return from her trip to Cuba. Her trip was a real learning experience, and an eye-opener to the life of the Cubans. Welcome back, Marilyn!

Carolyn Hoffman gave a donation to the Microcredit project.

As you know, we had a big winner at the last meeting (Way to go *Pat Burke!*) *President Fran White* asked in Pat if, in the spirit of the season (hint-hint) if he had anything to say... Pat said he had better news! His daughter his having his grandchild, and he donated a Bellringer for that, a Bellringer for winning the Marble Game, and a THIRD BELLRINGER because *President Fran* has such a nice smile :). Bellringers were for Scholarships, Minigrants and General Fund. Thank you for your generosity, Pat. and congratulations on your grandchild!

President Fran was excited to announce that the Club would be providing a blue badge to a returning Rotarian -- welcome back *Bob Wilhelm!*

Everyone thanked *Madeleine Moore* for hosting a wonderful Christmas fellowship party.



President Fran presented the excellent staff at the Marin Yacht Club a holiday present. Thank you Scott, Tony and Ben for the everything you do for us!

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

Each month the board recognizes a Club member for their outstanding service. This month's Rotarian of the Month is *Judy Denning!* *Peter Thompson* asked her if she could explain the new tax code... Good luck with that, Judy!

MEMBER INSTALLATION

Jerry Suyderhoud welcomed our newest member, *Rob Chatham!* Rob and his wife Karen are recent transplants from Kentucky. Rob is an engineer in the energy industry. He expressed his appreciation for the kindness



and fellowship he and Karen have experienced from the Club. That is what life is all about, to serve others and be a part of the community. We are so glad to have you as a member, Rob!

MARBLE GAME

Tom Whelan said we have 42 marbles and 1,250 DIMES in the kitty! Our winner today — *Lou Bartolini* (a nice bottle of wine).

PROGRAM

Meredith Griffin introduced our guest, musician and songwriter *Philip Claypool*. Born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, Philip's roots lie deep in the Mississippi Delta. He is nationally recognized as one of today's pre-eminent Southern singer/songwriters. Rolling Stone magazine once described his voice as "leather and velvet." Philip has released three albums, all received critical acclaim as well as Billboard and Music Row charting singles. USA Today ranked his "Circus Leaving Town" album #3 in it yearly Top Ten. He has shared the recording studio with the likes of Carl Perkins, Garth Books, Zac Brown and Eric Church to Stephen Stills, Robbie Kreiger of the Doors and many others. Philip regaled us with many wonderful songs and stories -- it was a great time!

