



Listening In

January 8, 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PLEDGE AND THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Meredith Griffin led the Pledge and Thought of the day:

“The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap—stay safe. Eat cake.”

“Old people at weddings used to poke me and say ‘You’re next’. So I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.”

VISTING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Visting Rotarians included **John Mathews, SF#2, Consultant; Joan Capurro, Ross Valley, Banker; and Jim Becker, Petaluma, Financial (retired).**

Guests included **Jennifer Glasse**, PBS and Al Jazeera reporter based in Afghanistan, guest of **Heidi Kuhn**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Fran White said that in the interest in trying to bring healing to many countries but also here in San Rafael is an important mission of Rotary. In that vein, the Board is discussing the potential opportunity to help spearhead an effort to restore China Camp—this can be done with the help of District 5150 and other local Rotary clubs. This is in the formulation stages at this point, and will update us so we can all be a part of this quite significant gesture and undertaking.

Ed Berberian invited everyone to help us meet our goal of financial stability. He has been out of town and was in Florida—he and his wife Jody were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a Disney cruise with all the children and grandchildren—18 all together! In recognition he donated two Bellingrings! One for Scholarships and one for Minigrants.

BIRTHDAYS

There is some local football excitement in the air! John Gruden is coming to Oakland! **Oak Dowling**, of course, had something to say about that—he sure hopes it works! He also said he was excited for the 49er’s and their future (go Jimmy G!) Oak celebrated his 76th birthday on January 6. For his present, his wife gave him a set of balls—tennis balls! Oak is going to make a

contribution for his birthday.

Who else is celebrating a birthday this month? **Heidi Kuhn** just celebrated her birthday on January 6 as well, and donated to Scholarships.

Judy Denning is also a January birthday—January 11. She reminded us as well that it is a tradition in Rotary for birthday folks to contribute \$10.

Joe Shekou’s birthday is January 27, and gave a contribution for the General Fund.

Chuck Stuckey’s birthday is a national holiday! He celebrates on January 15.

BUSINESS

The Board is in the process of reviewing and updating the Club’s Articles and Bylaws. They will be proposing updates to the club for a vote.

President Fran reminded us that our dues are due.

Our club has tentatively scheduled the Crab Feed for February 5 or February 12—more info to come.

Joan Capurro announced that the Elk Club Crab Feed is February 10. She made a donation to the Club.

A correction, **Rick and Marilyn Riede** both had the adventure in Cuba, and the generous Club donation was from both of them. Thank you!

MEMBER INSTALLATION

Sherry Rogers and **Mike Westbrook** welcomed our newest member, **Scott Troxell!** Scott is with Mercedes Benz of Marin. He is excited and grateful for being accepted into RCSR (and we are excited to have him!) He is proud to be a part of a global network dedicated to bettering the world.



MARBLE GAME

Tom Whelan announced we have 41 marbles and \$164 in the kitty! Our

winner today — **Roger Smith** (a nice bottle of wine).



PROGRAM

Meredith Griffin introduced our guest, Mary Ann Maggiore. Former Mayor of Fairfax, Mary Ann was the founder of the Youth Commission there. As the first head of Girls Scouts Save the Bay, which served over 54,000 young women, she was proud to receive the division’s commendation from President George W. Bush. A graduate of Swathmore College and Starr King School for Unitarian Ministry, Mary Ann was founding Director of the Service Learning Center at Dominican University, where she taught History and Politics for six years. Her passion for guiding Millennials into higher education and better jobs called Mary Ann to found Five 4 Five, and educational non-profit which has guided over 100 at-risk youth into successful adulthood. Today she is the Millennial Employment Director of Five 4 Five’s special jobs initiative called LAUNCH. LAUNCH guides people 18 to 30 from every economic background onto the road to good jobs and full independence. With 25% of all American teens headed for five years of unemployment and 30% dropping out of high school and less than 50% making it through college, we’ve got a challenge ahead of us. But it is a challenge we can all meet together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 15:
NO MEETING!

Monday, January 22, 2018: Gabriella Calicchio, Executive Director, Marin Center

Monday, January 29, 2018: Rob Eyler, Marin Economic Forum