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# Listening In

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## PLEDGE AND THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**Margaret Deedy** led the Pledge and Thought of the day:

**“Keep it small and you’ll have it all.”**

## VISING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Vising Rotarian: **Jaime Ortiz**, San Rafael Harbor, Classification: Banking

Guests included **Helen Willms**, wife and guest of **Maynard Willms** and **Marge Bartolini**, wife and guest of **Lou Bartolini**.

**Pete Herley** introduced **David Tattersall**, Classification: Appraisal, a proposed new member who completed his orientation that morning.

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**Lou Bartolini** has been a Rotarian in this Club for 35 years. **Mayor Gary Philips** was first a member of SF#2, then transferred to this Club 12 years ago. He donated a dollar per year to scholarships. **Otis Bruce** has been a member for four years. Our President, **Fran White** has been a member for 13 years.

A reminder that it is club tradition to donate \$10 on your Club anniversary (but you can give more!).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tom Mulvey** just returned from a mountain climbing trip to Ecuador. He climbed the three highest peaks with an international group. It sounded like a great experience. Tom donated three Bellringers for each of the three peaks to Minigrants, Scholarships and the General Fund.

**Lou Bartolini** is proud to report that his grandson sold his first song to a t.v. show. He sent a donation to PolioPlus in his grandson’s honor.

**Richard Kalish** has been very blessed with good news: his first grandchild was born on February 20 (a girl), and there is another grandchild due in July (a little boy), and his daughter, in her 4th year of med school, got engaged! Richard donated a Bellringer to Scholarships.

**Don Walker** announced that the 160 dictionaries have arrived. They are ready to go to the 3rd graders at Coleman and Sun Valley. There will be sign up sheets available soon to help deliver them.

**Pete Herley** said in the tradition of “it’s the truth,” announced that it was his wife’s birthday, and he is making a contribution, but it won’t be big because when she said he didn’t need to get her a Christmas present, he knew he’d be in trouble!

**CRAB FEED!** February 12, at the Marin Yacht Club, more details to come.

Every month, **President Fran** asks a Club member to share with us something we don’t know about them, or something that changed their lives. This month, she asked **John Scopazzi** to be her Rotarian Spotlight. John shared with us that when he was in first grade, his mother asked how he liked his first grade teacher. He liked her a lot. His mom said, “Guess what, you get to have her again.” He didn’t realize at the time he had learning issues. He was in Special Education in middle school. In high school, he was in an ESL class with 25-30 Tongans and Samoans, and learned a lot of great life lessons from them (like don’t get the women upset!). He helped them learn English. He feels like he was one of the kids left behind, but he definitely caught up later!

## MEMBER INSTALLATION

**Dianne Henderson** welcomed our newest member, **Tod Brody**. Tod is the Executive Director of the Marin Symphony Orchestra, and has had a long career as a performing musician, teacher, and arts administrator. He grew up in Chicago, and has lived in Northern California for many years. We are so glad you are here, Tod!



## MARBLE GAME

**Tom Whelan** announced we have 40 marbles and \$185 in the kitty! Our winner today — **Richard Kalish** (a nice bottle of wine).

Tom also reminded us that the 4th of July is rapidly approaching, and we will

need ice cream booth volunteers for the fair.

## PROGRAM



**Lou Bartolini** introduced our guest, **Gabriella Calicchio**, Executive Director, Marin Center. Gabriella has 20 years of non-profit experience, and oversees the Marin Center, Marin County

Fair and the Marin Cultural Association. She says that cultural services should mean more than just running the center as a rental facility—it means bringing more meaning and more power to the arts in the county. Part of her work is Arts Advocacy, and providing a dedicated funding source for the arts. (We are one of the only counties without an arts council.) She is on an Arts Awareness mission!

There are dedicated spaces for exhibits and the center, including the Bartolini Gallery, the Redwood Foyer Gallery, Civic Center Gallery and Friends of Marin Center Gallery.

Attendance is grown for the Frank Lloyd Wright Docent Tours: 1,108 attendees in 2014 up to 3,115 in 2017.

The Marin Center are also Community Partners and is proud to help present the IJ Lobby Lounge Live performances with the Marin IJ. The Center is also involved in the Schools Rule program.

The Presenting Series and SF Solo Series brings a wide variety of entertainment to the Center. Visit the Center’s website, [www.marincenter.org](http://www.marincenter.org) for more information on events.

The Marin County Fair is an award-winning event. This year’s theme is All for One/Fun for All, and takes place June 30-July 4.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29, 2018: Rob Eyler, Marin Economic Forum

Feb 5th: Dick Spotswood.

Feb. 12th: Crabfeed – dark at noon.

Feb 19th: Presidents Day- dark

Feb 26th: Kevn Marlatt – Italian Street Painting