

Listening In

January 29, 2018

PLEDGE AND THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Lou Bartolini led the Pledge and Thought of the day:

“NMBY is an anacronym for Not in My Backyard. This describes an attitude by residents who oppose development, especially public projects inappropriate to their area. Though needed for the larger community, the projects are usually considered unslightly, dangerous, or likely to decrease property values. Spinoff terms however, that you might not be familiar with include CAVE: Citizens Against Virually Everything; and then there’s BANANZA: Build Actually Nothing Anytime Near Anybody; and NOPE: Not On Planet Earth; and my favorite ... SCMME: Socially Concerned Till My Money’s Involved.”

VISTING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Vising Rotarians: **Bruce Wisley**, Mill Valley, Real Estate; **Lori Frugoli**, Novato, District Attorney (and wife of **Gary Frugoli**)

Guests included **Robert Pollack**, guest of **Oak Dowling**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jo Ayoob announced that sign-up sheets are at the tables for the Crab Feed on February 12, 5-6 cocktails, dinner at 6:00. Look for an email with the details. Bring a guest to this fun fellowship opportunity.

Carolyn Hoffman gave a Bellringer to Scholarships in honor of her granddaughter’s birth.

Bob Wilhelm realized a couple days ago that he didn’t announce his 52nd Rotary Anniversary (first joined in Denver, then Washington DC as a visiting Rotarian, the SF#2, and now with us!) Bob donated a Bellringer for his club anniversary.

Roger Smith wanted to give a shout out to Rotary, and mentioned that many Rotarians helped with donations to bring the first Marin County firetruck to the history museum. He donated a Bellringer.

Dan Walker shows us the wonderful dictionaries that we will be donating to third graders. This year we will be

passing the books out on Tuesday, February 13, meeting at Coleman Elementary. This is a fun volunteering opportunity, and he encourages us to consider signing up for this.

President Fran White thought the basket **Carolyn Hoffman** was using to collect fines and donations looked pretty light, so she announced a \$10 fine if we weren’t wearing our Rotary pins.

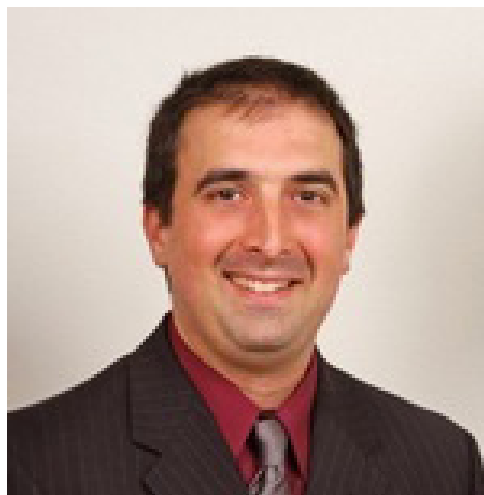
ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

The Board meets once a month to conduct business, including choosing a Rotarian of the Month. This month’s honoree is active in the Christmas Gift Program, the Coat Drive, InterAct, hosting fellowship parties... **Madeleine Moore!** Congratulations, Madeleine, you deserve this honor.

MARBLE GAME

Tom Whelan announced we have 39 marbles and \$231 in the kitty! Our winner today — **Roger Smith** (a nice bottle of wine courtesy of **Joe Shekou**).

PROGRAM



Rob Devincenzi introduced our guest, **Dr. Robert Eyler**, chief economist for Marin Economic Forum, is an internationally recognized academic and has published two books and numerous several academic articles concerning economic sanctions, the economics of the wine industry and monetary economics.

The Interim Dean of Extended and International Education at Sonoma State University, Dr. Eyler earned a Ph.D. from UC Davis and holds a BA

in economics from CSU, Chico. He has been a visiting scholar at both the University of Bologna and Stanford University.

“We take a rigorous academic approach to the information that we gather and then apply it to the real world in order to offer our affiliates useful and actionable data,” he says. “It is very much our goal to maintain our reputation as an independent organization that provides public policy and economic impact analyses for both private firms and public entities to help guide decision making at the local and state level.”

Dr. Eyler, who served as the CEO of the Forum from 2009-15, is a frequent speaker at academic and business conferences. He also serves on Redwood Credit Union’s Board of Directors.

He spoke about the current economic outlook, and what it means to us in Marin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 5th: Dick Spotswood.



Feb. 12th: DUNGENESS CRAB FEED! • Marin Yacht Club, 24 Summit Avenue, San Rafael

Monday Evening, February 12

No-host bar opens at 5:00p

Dinner at 6:00p

\$55 per adult; \$20 for kids under 12.

Guests are very welcome!

Dinner includes crab, wine, salad, penne pasta with pesto sauce, garlic bread, & cheesecake for dessert.

And Rotary fellowship!

Dinner is in lieu of our regular lunch meeting 2/12.

Bring checks payable to Rotary Club of San Rafael to our next Club meeting, Feb.5

or mail to Club Treasurer Judy Denning
999 Fifth Avenue #390
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Feb 19th: Presidents Day- dark

Feb 26th: Kevn Marlatt – Italian Street Painting