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# Listening In

June 14, 2010

## CALL TO ORDER

President Maynard Willms called the meeting of the Rotary Club of San Rafael to order at 12:15.

## INTRO

Jim Walsh led us in a pledge to our flag and presented the following thought of the day:

*"Be very careful what you put into your head because you may never get it out"*. It was unclear who the author was. In addition, Jim shared a parable with the club.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

PP Jeffrey Ehlenbach introduced the visiting Rotarians. Susan Marchant Angel from Mission San Rafael and Caron Schmierer also with Mission San Rafael.

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

The following guest of Rotarians were in attendance: Dr. Grace Mitchell, guest of PE Diane Henderson, Gloria Hunt, wife of Jack Hunt, and Shaun Green, son of PP Maury Green.

## BIRTHDAY TABLE

We celebrated the following Rotarian's Birthday:

Ken Porada – June 2  
Ed Berberian – June 7  
Jim Russell – June 28

## ITEMS OF NOTE

Ken Porada, back from a one year sabbatical, shared news of the last year with the club. There are now three new members of the Porada family. His two daughters in Ohio have blessed him and his wife with three grandchildren. Ken will be moving back to Ohio to be close to his family and has accepted a new position as Provost at a University in Ohio. The club appreciates all that Ken has contributed over the last 6 years and wishes him all the best. Ken gave 3 bell ringers, one of each of his grandchildren. Thank you Ken!

Gary Frugoli is slowly recovering from his painful double knee replacement surgery. We look forward to having Gary back at the Italian table.

Gary Notte has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Gary's wife has established a website to keep friends updated on his condition. That website is "caringbridge.org." Please keep Gary in your thoughts and prayers.

President Maynard appealed to the membership to give to our ongoing projects before the end of the Rotary year. The following members rose to the occasion:

Hank Edson gave \$200 in honor of his wife and his newborn son, Wyatt Henry, born last week.

Dan Dufficy gave \$100 to Scholarships

Don Dickey gave \$100 to Scholarships

Brian Powell gave \$100 to Scholarships

Joe Shekou gave \$300 to the program of President Maynard's choice

Lou Bartolini, back from a cruise, gave \$200 to Scholarships

Thanks to all of your support!

PE Diane once again reminded all of us to RSVP to the Installation Dinner. It is on June 26 at the Spinnaker and will be a fun evening. PP Richard Kalish encouraged the members to honor Diane by attending.

Hank Edson announced the need to fill in the spots for the Fair Ice Cream Booth. If you have not done it before, it is a fun and rewarding experience. Please contact Hank to secure your spot.

Noralee Monestere invited all to attend a Fathers Day cocktail party and concert with the Marin Symphony at the home of Joe Shekou. The event starts at 5:30 and the cost is \$100. Please contact Noralee if interested.

## MARBLE GAME

Jack Diego confirmed that there are 37 marbles and a pot of \$631.00. PP Patricia Sarris won the raffle and a bottle of wine. Only 36 marbles for next week.

## SPEAKER

Past President Chuck Stuckey introduced our speaker Gary Giacomini. Gary was with the Marin County



Board of Supervisors for 25 years and gave a colorful presentation on the history of the Buck Trust.

When Mrs. Buck died in 1975 she left a trust with the primary asset of oil stock valued at 12 million dollars. The stipulation to the trust was that the funds were to be used in Marin County. By the time probate closed, the value of the trust had grown to 262 million dollars. The San Francisco Foundation was not happy about those funds going to Marin County and proceeded to attempt to break the trust. Of the seven board members, only one was from Marin. The foundation used unscrupulous methods to try to intimidate the people and organizations in Marin. Marin fought back! The Board of Supervisors gave a fight the SF Foundation did not expect. After a 4 month trial, Marin County prevailed! The Buck Trust is currently valued at 890 million dollars.

Carolyn Hoffman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21 – David Dodd  
Library System

June 26 – Installation Dinner at  
the Spinnaker

June 28 – Past Presidents Day with  
a poolside BBQ