



# Listening In

July 19, 2010

## CALL TO ORDER

President **Diane Henderson** called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

## PLEDGE AND QUOTE OF THE DAY

**Brian Powell** led the Pledge, then followed up with a quote from Johann von Goethe: *"Treat people as though they were what they ought to be and you will help them become what they are capable of being."*

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Secretary **Jeffrey Ehlenbach** introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. We had a rare special visit from a distant Rotarian today, **Betty Ojo**, President of a Rotary Club in Nigeria. Ms. Ojo related some of the activities of her club, including that they are building a school. Ms. Ojo also brought her sister, a guest, who is a Bay Area resident. **Dan Dufficy** then introduced his guest son **Ryan** who was in attendance. Other visiting Rotarians were President-elect **Don Violin's** wife **Gloria** of Rotary Club of Novato, and also **Susan Marchant** Angel and **Cal Farnsworth** of Mission San Rafael.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rotary meetings now will have a background slideshow with recent photos and reminders about upcoming events. Our President thanked **Mike Watt** for putting it together and gave him a big kiss – a big Hershey's kiss.

**Rick Riede** then installed officers **Mike Dybeck**, **Ed Berberian** and **Don Violin**. Since they missed the installation dinner, Rick had them agree they would "contribute handsomely" to the club, to laughs all around. President Henderson said she was glad she had Mr. Riede do the swearing in!

Past President **Jeffrey Allen** then gave a bell ringer for finishing 14th out of 24 in a recent sailing championship held in Bay waters. He made a remarkable showing given he was one of the oldest competitors. He then announced he is leaving our club. He has had perfect attendance for 22 years and will be missed. PP Jeffrey Allen's legacy includes the fact that president **Diane Henderson**, PP **Maynard Wilmes**, PP **Richard Kalish**, and President-elect **Don Violin** all became members during his presidency. He promised to visit us again and will

never forget the many good times with us.

**President Henderson** then called on **Dan Dufficy**, challenging him to a trivia contest. They engaged in a witty, comedic exchange in which Dan aunted up double or nothing in bell-ringers, then backtracked. President Henderson was actually calling on him to congratulate his longstanding membership in Rotary, since as of this month he has been a Rotarian for 42 years. Amidst applause, Dan pledged two bell ringers for the acknowledgment and honor.

**President Henderson** then called on **Kam Shadan**, who missed the Birthday Table last week. He gave a bell ringer to our fist-pumping President's approval.

**Janice Vela** then reminded people to sign up for the next monthly Rotary Manor spaghetti feed on August 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. **Barrett Schaefer** and **Don Violin** have volunteered, but more are welcome. Let your MC students know about this opportunity because they can get volunteer hours for school.

**Bill Goodwin** is looking for volunteers to help with the Utsunomiya exchange students who will be here from 8/5 to 8/16. He commended **Laura Bertolli** who will be contributing a substantial amount of time while the girls are in town. We now need evening volunteers for 8/9 and 8/10. A youth training will be held in the near future for those volunteers who have not yet gone through it.

**Don Violin** then announced he brought back a flag from a Rotary meeting he attended in Ontario.

## MARBLE GAME

Jack Diego brought 33 marbles and \$798 to the front of the room. Don Violin drew the winning ticket and a black marble, and walked off with a bottle of fine white wine.

## SPEAKER



**Don Violin** then introduced retired **Rear Admiral Douglas Moore, Jr.** A former trial lawyer and judge, Admiral

Moore spent today discussing our Navy and his military service.

He mainly provided facts about the Navy and told stories. He began by mentioning the military uses Fedex to send stuff, just like everybody else. So anything military and 'Fedexable' can be sent anywhere in a day and a half. He then told an entertaining story from his days on a destroyer in the '50s, when an admiral wanted to paint the ship for a superior's visit. He was in charge of getting the paint and had the entire ship painted. But the paint had a pink tint to it, so they had to paint it again. Woops...

He then mentioned that there are three things a military needs to prevail when in another country, such as Iraq or Afghanistan: a rule of law, security for citizens, and basic services such as potable water and electricity. In Afghanistan, we do not have any of these, which shows the great work cut out for us there.

He then mentioned that our Navy is very different from the past – in the 1950s, we had over 900 ships and the Soviets had over 1,500 ships. Today, we have less than 300, and the Soviet navy is basically nonexistent.

He then discussed two ships currently being built for our Navy. One can turn 360 degrees within 8 ship lengths going 40 knots and has a range of 10,000 nautical miles. One of these has been built, and contractors are competing to build more of them.

He then discussed piracy on the open seas and the pirated ship the Maersk Alabama. Navy SEALs were deployed and succeeded, although it took a few days longer than it should have due to Oval office delay.

Sea pirates have increased in size and sophistication over the years. Nowadays, they can be found 1,000 miles out at sea. In 2009, over 400 ships were pirated worldwide. Countries nowadays are involved in international partnerships to combat piracy, including the U.S. and China. What does help somewhat is that many pirates are not intelligent – in the last few months, pirates have tried to board three U.S. Navy war vessels.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Barrett Schaefer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 26 – Michael Diliberto, world wide fire suppression expert**