



Marin Evening Rotary News



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Program for December 11, 2007

Open

December 11 – Roy Given, “Current Status Marin City Gov’t Administration”

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

December 16 – Sunday, 10:00 – 12:00. Meet at the Marin Food Bank. Volunteers are needed to pack Holiday boxes of food to be distributed to those in need.

December 25 - Happy Holiday!
January 1 - Happy New Year!

March 15, 2008 – It’s time to invite friends and associates to our main fundraiser, **Top Hat & Pearls! See Larry Burnworth for tickets.**



Al Shirley, Pres-Elect Elsie Galawish and John Shellenberger enjoying a good time at the Club Christmas Party.
Thanks to Al and Sue Shirley!



Meeting Minutes of December 4

President Bill Harrison rang the bell to call the meeting to order. Susan Francis led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. For the thought, Susan read the Gettysburg address that reminds us of the continuing work to be done to insure freedoms and a government of and by, and for the people.

Good Times –

It was a good time for Elsie to share that her daughter, Lia Coito, is now on the Branson Varsity Basketball Team. Read about Lia’s accomplishments on the team in Marini.com article 11/30/07: Branson v St. Mary’s. Lia is a freshman at Branson and a member of Branson’s Interact (Rotary) Club for High School students.

Holly and Keith Axtell probably have had the most unique anniversary celebration of anyone - ever. Holly related that they adopted two kitties from a SPCA Macy’s window display. The SPCA insisted that they take the kitties right away. Keith went along with the plan and they continued their celebration with the kitties spending the night in their hotel bathroom!

Jayne Hulbert thanked Al And Sue Shirley for the great Christmas Club Party held December 1. All applauded in agreement for the good company, food, drink, and merry holiday singing accompanied on the piano by our own **talented Roy Barron.**

Aiko Morito-Studier thanked everyone for helping her surprise Gerry on his 70th Birthday at the Christmas Party! Aiko and Gerry had to leave the party early, so she

Meeting Assignments for Dec. 11

PTR – Martha Heidinger

Tall Ship Semester for Girls

A magical thing happens when teachers share their love of sailing and the sea with teenage girls using a truly integrated curriculum. Diana Sanders and Nettie Kelly, introduced by Don Angel, were on hand to tell about the program they call Tall Ship Semester for Girls where maritime studies, leadership training, and adventure learning come together to provide a unique opportunity for 15 girls to change their lives and shape their future.

Nettie explained that the program is a three-step process that begins with classroom preparation. The classroom is different from what they have ever experienced for it meets at San Francisco State University away from their normal high school environment. There they excitedly plan the port stops and plot the courses they will actually be sailing for six-weeks. They will also learn to sail dinghies, read maritime literature, plan fundraising events, and learn to work together.

The next step is the long awaited voyage that will test their classroom work and hone new skills and responsibilities. As they sail the Caribbean they will experience the beauty of the ocean, moonlit nights, and porpoises swimming alongside the ship. When in port they will experience foreign countries and new cultures. The girls will take full command of the ship the last lap of the voyage.

Back home the girls share their experiences, work on building a boat from plans and may work in internships like former student and Rotary guest, Jessica Ramos, whose life is now infused with a newfound pride and self-confidence that will last a lifetime.



had two white elephant gifts to open. Some how Holly Axtell was the only one who knew that one of them was an incense burner!



Happy Birthday Gerry!

Announcements

Jayne Hulbert remarked that by now everyone was aware of the \$100 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for polio eradication. Jayne donated the first challenge check of \$500 to the Rotary Foundation. Bill McNicholas followed with a \$250 check and further challenged each club member to contribute \$250 to meet the challenge. Rotary International has pledged to match the Gates grant dollar for dollar over the next three years which will provide a total of \$200 million to intensify the push to finish polio.

Malcolm Cohen announced that December 29th is Rotary Day at Golden Gate Races for all interested. See Malcolm for details on the races and let him know if you are interested in an evening at Little Switzerland.

TOP HAT & PEARLS UPDATE:

Jayne asks that all do three things to make our fundraiser a success:

- 1. Sell Tickets**
- 2. Donate a bottle of wine or champagne with a value of \$20 or more.**
- 3. Obtain donations for the auction - \$1,000.00 per member**

