

The Spokes – January 3, 2018

The New Year of Rotary lunches began with several rings to the Bell before a lively crowd quieted down. Al Flood led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next up was Kramer Herzog with some to-the-point Inspirational Thoughts to ring in the New Year. Our lunch began with a romaine salad. The main course was chicken Abruzetze with a side of pasta.

We had no Visiting Rotarians with us today. Trina Lavigna hosted her son, Michael Lavigna who is Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions at Dominican University.

The first order of business was a brief discussion on the success of having a rotating roster for the Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. The monthly assignments for the rest of the year are: February – Nick Kerry, March - Trina Lavigna, April – Sue Barstow, May – Larry Lococo, June – Terry Hennessy.

There were no Birthdays, Anniversaries, or Club Admissions to commemorate today so we turned to Happy Times. Trina was first with three things to share: Her son's visit with us today, her daughter's having obtained employment, and the Ohio State win in the Cotton Bowl. Joan Capurro was next. She arrived at the bar today and was greeted by our President-elect. She has now been put to work for the upcoming administration. Ted Wight reported that Rozan had recently bought him lunch and questioned whether it was an act of bribery. While speaking of next year's officers' slate, Rozan formally announced our President-elect nominee, that Rotarian being Stan Hook. He will be serving his third term as President of the Club.

We had no formal program today, so we used the opportunity to discuss the upcoming Crab Feed which is about six weeks away. The silent auction is in need of additional items; to date five items have been collected. We also need to continue to collect items for the gift baskets that are being assembled. Terry will be providing a list of the restaurants that contributed gift certificates last year, so they can be contacted again this year to help.

There is also a need for help the day prior to and the day of the event. There is work to be done the day before preparing the meal and setting up the venue for the event. The silent auction needs to be set up and managed, there is shopping to be done, and sign-out also needs to be staffed. Terry will be sending a list of these and all the other staffing requirements in an email. Everyone in the club needs to participate in the staffing of the event by signing up when the email is received.

We also briefly discussed the arrival of the dictionaries. Sue Barstow will be letting us know when they arrive and what the delivery schedule will be. As in prior years, volunteers will be needed to distribute the dictionaries to the schools.

#### UPCOMING DATES

Jan. 8 – Board meeting, Nick Kerry's home 5:15 pm  
Feb. 10 – Annual Crab Feed

President	Terry Hennessy
President – Elect	Rozan Donals
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Treasurer	Nick Kerry
Immediate Past President	Tami Lyon

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## MEETING PLACES AND TIMES

Central Marin	Mon 12:00 PM	Left Bank, Larkspur
San Rafael	Mon 12:15 PM	Marin Yacht Club, San Rafael
Novato Sunrise	Tues 7:15 AM	Moylans Brewery, Novato
San Rafael Harbor	Tues 8:00 AM	Whistlestop, San Rafael
Mill Valley	Tues 12:15 PM	Mill Valley Golf Club, M V
Terra Linda	Tues 12:15 PM	4 Points Sheraton, San Rafael
Marin Evening	Tues 6:30 PM	The Club at McGinnis Pk, SR
Marin Sunrise	Wed 7:15 AM	Best Western, Corte Madera
West Marin	Wed 8:00 AM	Comm Bldg Pt Reyes Stat
Tiburon-Belvedere	Wed 12:15 PM	San Fran Yacht Club, Belve
Sausalito	Thurs 12:15 PM	Sausalito Yacht Club, Saus.
Mission San Rafael	Thurs 12:15 PM	San Rafael Joe's, San Rafael
Ignacio	Thurs 12:15 PM	Inn Marin, Novato
Tiburon Sunset	Thurs 6:30 PM	San Fran Yacht Club, Belve
Novato	Friday 12:15 PM	Margaret Todd Sr Ctr, Novato
San Rafael Evening	Thurs 7:00 PM	New George's, San Rafael

Rotary Means Business meets the First Monday of the month at West End Café on Fourth Street in San Rafael at 5 pm