

The Spokes – January 10, 2018

A ring of the Bell brought our group to attention and our proceedings began. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nick Kerry. Following him with our Inspirational Thoughts for the Day was Joan Capurro. Our lunch began with Verde Gorgonzola salad. It was followed by the main course of chicken marsala with sides of pasta and vegetables.

We had no Visiting Rotarians with us today, but we gave a hearty welcome to Don Collins who paid us a visit. Joan Capurro hosted our lone visitor today who was a returning Mae LaCourse. Heidi Kuhn was to join us today also but a meeting on her latest project intervened at the last minute. Joan reported that she is working on the restoration of China Camp in San Rafael. She was instrumental in obtaining a large donation from the Government of China. The San Rafael Rotary Club is also involved in the project. President Terry also recognized today that Joan has been selected to the Marin Independent Journal editorial board as its public at large member.

Larry Lococo paid the first fine for the day for a recent birthday. He contributed a dollar a year for a total of \$49. President Terry reported that our club received a thank-you note from the Town of San Anselmo for our \$1,000 donation to the Recreation Department from Car Show proceeds. Sandy Jones also reported a thank-you was received from Bello Gardens for our Christmas donations. A total of 42 gifts were donated this year.

Crab Feed news was next. Please continue to bring the requested gift basket items to our meetings. The baskets will be assembled two weeks before the Crab Feed. Our auctioneer this year will be Jan Wahl. It looks like food prep may be quicker than usual as the pasta sauce will be made ahead of time and frozen. We are currently identifying renters who lost everything in the fire and are uninsured. An anonymous profile of the fire victims we will be helping will be included in the attendee program. Suzy Schneider is currently working on the program.

Stan Hook paid the first Happy Time fine for having recently learned that his 95-year old gym buddy was a starting guard for the 1940 and 1941 California Golden Bears. He also served our country in Europe during World War II. Ken Franceschi owned up to his phone going off during the meeting and paid appropriately. Ted Wight was accused of being inebriated at the last Board meeting but was hung over and couldn't reach for his wallet. Don Collins paid for this return to our fold. A thank-you was sent by Sue Barstow to Trina Lavigna who has agreed to store the dictionaries in her garage.

Our speaker today was Liz Rouse of Transcendence Theater Company of Sonoma County. Liz shared a video of the Company's performance at the Day of Transendence held this last fall to honor the victims and first responders of the Sonoma wildfire. The Company has recently begun performing in Marin County at the Civic Center and is a major supporter of the Jack London State Park.

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 10 – Annual Crab Feed

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MEETING PLACES AND TIMES

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| 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