

The Spokes – January 24, 2018

Just before the heavens opened with another welcome winter storm, we gathered to the ring of the Bell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Taylor. Joan Capurro followed with our Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. Our lunch today started with a Caesar salad. It was followed by a main course of chicken pizzaiola with sides of pasta and vegetables. Ted Wight introduced our Visiting Rotarians:

Don DeLong	San Rafael	Senior
Dan Dufficy	San Rafael	Insurance

We had several guests with us today. Sue Barstow hosted her daughter and business partner, Jen Barstow. John Smith hosted his wife, Mary Jane.

Sue Barstow owned up to a birthday she celebrated the previous week. It was her intent to be with us at last week's meeting. That morning, she thought she was taking her usual medications but accidentally substituted one with an Ambien. The result was a very sleepy morning.

Terry reminded us that any outstanding gift baskets should be brought in to next week's meeting. We are also reminded that there will be no meeting on the Wednesday before the Crab Feed. Finally, the annual Valentine's Day lunch is February 14.

We were fortunate today to have a last-minute speaker fill in for us, thanks to Joan Capurro. She was Heidi Kuhn, founder of Roots for Peace. Heidi was accompanied by Martin Lowenstein, Executive Director of Friends of China Camp. Heidi spoke first about the founding of China Camp which is on land purchased by her great-great-grandfathers, John and George McNear in 1869. In the second half of the 1800's, two dozen Chinese fishing camps were established on the shores of San Francisco Bay, including San Rafael. At the height of its operations, China Camp provided jobs to 550 fishermen who caught and dried shrimp from the Bay to be eaten locally and exported to China. Business slowed in 1905 when an export ban on shrimp was legislated. In 1911, a ban on bag nets was imposed. China Camp's population plummeted with the last resident, Frank Quinn, dying recently at the age of 91. Several years ago, the State of California closed the state park but turned over the park's management to the Friends of China Camp, a non-profit organization. Today the Friends conduct tours, maintain the park's physical structures, and preserve the history of the 1500-acre area. Revenues total \$450,000-500,000 per year with expenses of \$ 600,000. The Friends use a membership model and is currently in the process of a major capital campaign and renovation. More information can be found at www.friendsofchinacamp.org.

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 7 – Dark – No meeting
Feb. 10 – Annual Crab Feed
Feb. 14 – Annual Valentine's Day lunch

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

DIRECTORS

Club Service	Sandy Jones
	Trina Lavigna
Youth/Vocational Service	Suzy Schneider
	Joan Carlson
Community Service	Sue Barstow
Director at Large	Ted Wight
International Service	John Smith
Ross Valley Foundation	Doug Moore
Programs	Stan Hook
Public Relations	Trina Lavigna
Spokes Editor	Larry Lococo
Rotary International	John Smith

Website: www.rossvalleyrotary.org

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