

The Spokes – August 9, 2017

A Ring to the Bell quieted those assembled. Larry Lococo led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken Franceschi followed with our Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. Our lunch today began with a Caesar salad. The main course was ossobucco ravioli in a rosemary sauce. Nick Kerry introduced our Visiting Rotarian:

Don DeLong

San Rafael

Senior

Our guest today was a returning Caroline, sister of Joan Capurro, who is here for five days from Missouri. Joan threw in a bellringer for her visit and her recent birthday. Joan's "mother" left us a birthday cake of cupcakes which she shared with all at our meeting.

The first order of business today was a rebuttal to last week's request for a used car sales story elicited from Don Collins, a notable retired car salesman. Don stated that he could do much better than the previous week's story. Years ago, Don was involved in the sale of a 1963 Buick Riviera Sport coupe to a woman whose income was undocumented. After completing a credit application, it became evident that she was engaged in the world's oldest profession. A number of years later, she appeared in the news in a story about a fire that destroyed her home. Eventually, she went back to business school and took over a secretarial school at which she was successful.

Also celebrating a birthday today was Ted Wight who stated that he is still under 70. Stan Hook doubled the previous week's fine as a tribute for Don's story. Suzy Schneider reported that she is now full recovered from her recent abdominal maladies and subsequent surgery. She has made a full recovery and lost ten pounds in the process. Tami Lyon shared that she is starting school to complete her college degree.

Our speaker today was Tom Adams, Economic Development Coordinator for the City of San Rafael. Tom is a Cal graduate that has experience working for the cities of San Francisco and Novato. Currently, San Rafael is updating its General Plan for the year 2040. There are many changes anticipated in the future of the city including building regulations, autonomous vehicles, the SMART train, and other economic disruptions. BioMarin is in the process of building a 200,000 square-foot office building on the 3-acre site on the site of the former PG&E plant. A 138-unit apartment building is also planned for the corner of Lincoln and Third.

Next week's meeting will feature a 40-minute multi-media presentation by Oak Dowling about the Madoff financial scandal.

#### UPCOMING DATES

August 16 – Oak Dowling, The Bernie Madoff Scandal

August 21 – Rotary Board meeting

August 27 – Celebrating 30 years of Women in Rotary

August 27 – Day at the Races.

August 30 – Dark, No lunch.

Sept. 10 – Fairfax Car Show

Sept. 20 – Dave Donery, San Anselmo Town Manager

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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