

The Spokes – September 13, 2017

A ring of the Bell brought us all to attention once again. Tammy Lyon was selected to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jon Marchant followed with our Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. Our lunch today began with a mixed green salad. The main course was lamb chops on risotto that was topped with shitake mushrooms and gorgonzola cheese. Nick Kerry introduced our Visiting Rotarian:

Don DeLong

San Rafael

Senior

We were guestless today.

President Terry began with two important announcements to upcoming events. Terry is active in an organization named Stepping Stones which operates a sober living home for at-risk women in San Francisco. The home is located at 255 Tenth Avenue in San Francisco and is having an open house on October 15 from 12 Noon to 3 pm. The house recently was remodeled and shortly thereafter, experienced a sprinkler system failure that caused \$200,000 in water damage. The house survived the calamity and is now in pristine condition. We are all invited to the open house; more information can be found at [www.steppingstonehouse.org](http://www.steppingstonehouse.org).

Visiting us today was Amy De Leon of Project Avary. Executive Director Zack Whalen recently spoke to our club about his life changing trip to Chile on a trip sponsored by Rotary. His life as a juvenile delinquent was changed for the better and he went on to establish Project Avary which assists at-risk children of incarcerated individuals. Amy gave us invitations to Project Avary's annual benefit to be held on October 4 at Fort Mason in San Francisco. Tickets and information can be found at their website at [www.projectavary.org/annualbenefit](http://www.projectavary.org/annualbenefit). President Terry presented Amy with a check from our club, as voted by the Board, for \$ 2,500. Amy thanked us and told us that this donation will allow one camper to attend the camp for a year.

We proceeded next to our program which was a post trip report from the 2017 Arete team. Bill had the three members share their experiences from this past summer. Devin Miller went first and shared two special moments. In Florence, she read from Dante's Inferno from the front of his house. She also spent time sitting alone for about 15 minutes at Manhusen concentration camp in the quarry where prisoners were worked to death. Jacob was next and Bill described him as the surprise hero of the trip. His special perspective came when he observed the Straits of Solomis from the Acropolis, the site of the attack of the Persians in ancient Greece. Katie enjoyed a dinner in Rome that included a glimpse of the restaurant's basement which was the site of the murder of Caesar. She also shared that she experienced the joy of being unconnected during the trip.

Ted Wight gave us a quick report on another successful Fairfax Car Show which raised approximately \$14,000 for Ross Valley youth.

#### UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 20 – Dave Donery, San Anselmo Town Manager

Sept. 25 – Board meeting

Sept. 27 – Lauren Vuong, Leaving Vietnam

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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