

The Spokes – September 27, 2017

Joan Capurro took the podium today in place of President Terry and began the meeting with a hearty Ring of the Bell. Larry Lococo led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jon Marchant was up next with Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. Our lunch today began with a Caesar salad. The main course was ravioli in a hearty tomato sauce. Nick Kerry introduced our Visiting Rotarians:

Don DeLong	San Rafael	Senior
Brad Billon	Vincennes,In	Financial services
Carrie Schulz	Mission S R	

Several guests were with us today. Rozan Donals hosted her husband, Bruce. Heidi Kuhn, Founder of Roots of Peace, also joined us today. With her was Fawad Afa, a land mine survivor and former resident of Afghanistan. Fawad gave us brief autobiography about his life which changed when he lost a leg to a land mine at age 6. He resolved to not let this event change his life as he was lucky to have survived this injury given the lack of health care in the country. In August 2005, he received a prosthetic leg and met Heidi Kuhn who hired him to work as a soccer coach. Eventually, he emigrated to England where he now attends college. His story was truly inspiring to us all and made us realize how lucky we are.

Tami Lyon paid the first Happy time tribute today. She has been away from the classroom for over 20 years and received an A for her first English essay. Rozan paid for being happy to see Ted and for Bruce putting up with her. Al Flood attended his 60th high school reunion and was happy to not be on the memorial list. Fawad paid for his first visit to the United States and loves our city and country. Nick Kerry echoed Al's comment as he saw no one he knew on the obituary page today. Doug Moore was also happy today. He was pleased with the Golden Bear's performance against USC for the first three quarters. He is also happy to see Bob Formichi back with us again. Kramer shared that Ed Dukowski had recently passed away. He was an important asset to the community. Carrie Schulz shared information with us about a social to be hosted by the Mission San Rafael and Terra Linda clubs on October 6. It is an evening on the Bay on the Tiburon Ferry. More information can be found at <https://rotarytiburonsunsetcruise.eventbrite.com>.

Our speaker today was Margaret Hedlund of the Center for Domestic Peace (formerly Marin Abused Women's Service). Domestic violence is the no. 1 crime in Marin with 760 cases sent to the District Attorney last year. This crime is defined as physical, psychological, or economic dominance or control over another. The organization has 110 volunteers who contributed 30,000 hours of time last year. Five Rotary clubs in Marin recently contributed to increasing their shelter property from 16 beds to 30. The organization is celebrating its 40th year and is having celebration on October 21 at Terrapin Crossroads. Tickets are available at www.c4dp.org.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 4 – Kramer Herzog, he will be showing his 17-minute short video, *The World of Dennis Patton*

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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