

The Spokes – October 25, 2017

President Terry rang the Bell and a near-capacity crowd was silenced. Ed Shelton led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. John Smith followed with our Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. Our meal today began with a romaine salad. The main course was lamb chops and a side of pasta. Nick Kerry introduced our Visiting Rotarians:

Don DeLong	San Rafael	Senior
Melissa Prandi	Mission SR	Prop Mgmt.

Melissa Prandi hosted Lynn of Glass Creations of San Rafael. Lynn's studio is open to the public where anyone can create fused art glass. She offers classes and instructions in how to create these works of art. She invited us all to visit the studio and consider holding an event there in the future.

We had no birthdays, anniversaries, or club admissions to celebrate today so we proceeded to happy times. Nick Kerry was first on his feet for a trip to the Klamath River that started at 5am on the previous Friday. The fishing was a bit hampered by rain but the company of Tom Keating was what he liked the best as the trip also covered the Trinity River. Kramer announced that the *Spark Plug Cowboys* documentary was finally complete. The film stars Joan Capurro and will be shown to the club soon. He reported that his son is okay after the fire and back to home and work. His daughter and two cousins in Napa unfortunately all lost their homes. Doug Moore has returned from his cruise from Montreal to Boston where he had to pack for two types of weather. He made a stop in Ted Wight's old home of Halifax and ended the trip with a detour through Florida. Joan Capurro admitted her phone rang today but thinks it was a call from Stan Hook.

We discussed our efforts to date for the North Bay fire victims. To date, \$1,300 has been collected which will be matched by the Club. We will also contribute the net profits from this year's Crab Feed to the effort. The Board is looking for a day care center or nursery school for low-income workers that needs help to reopen. A complete list of such charities will be reviewed at the next Board meeting. District 5130 is also helping to connect with families that could use direct help. President Terry also suggested we visit the wine country in an effort to help the business community return to normalization.

Our speaker today was Melissa Prandi, District Membership Chair. Melissa reported that the District added 207 new Rotarians last year but lost 208. She stressed the importance of making new members feel welcome. She suggested we invite people we do business with to attend a meeting and help prospective members find the right club for them personally.

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day commemoration, 9:30 am, Marin Veterans Auditor.
Dec. 15 – Christmas dinner, Il Davide restaurant, 6 pm
Feb. 10 – Annual Crab Feed

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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