

The Spokes – November 1, 2017

President Terry gave the Bell a good tap and we all proceeded in an orderly fashion. Sandy Jones undertook double duty today with both the Pledge of Allegiance and our Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. Our meal today began with a Caesar salad. The main course was scampi in a tomato sauce with a side of pasta. Nick Kerry was in absentia today and unable to introduce our Visiting Rotarians. Rumor had it that he was in Sonoma having lunch with some guys he likes better than us. In any case, we had no Visiting Rotarians.

We also had no guests with us today.

Our first tribute today was paid by Ken Franceschi. He recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary for which he donated a Bellringer. Stan Hook was next with a tribute for his 40th wedding anniversary. While on his feet, he updated us on his son Alan's employment as a lineman with an assignment to San Rafael. The profession promises to be quite rewarding. Joan Capurro had something to share but by the time she got the floor, she forgot what it was, but paid anyway. Bill Taylor was next. He recently had dinner with his son Corey who told him his son had been elected President of his fraternity.

Joan Capurro announced that our Club will be ringing the Salvation Army Christmas bells once again this year. We will be at our usual location at Nordstrom's in Corte Madera on December 9. A sign-up sheet will be passed soon at an upcoming meeting.

Our speaker today was a returning Duncan MacSwain who is a veteran of 80 overseas trips. His topic today was about animals, specifically those that are consumed by those living in other countries. He started with snakes and told us about how a snake got into a VW Rabbit he was driving when he was a cross country coach. There were ten girls crammed into the car when the snake entered and things got interesting. He encountered moose in Sweden when he was working on a population study and had to separate a male moose from a female. He also has had extensive experience with the consumption of insects. The ones to avoid are water beetles in Thailand, known as Mang Da. He recommends locusts, especially those that are deep-fried. Meal worms are also great, but they should first be deep-fried also. He also shared a story about a spider that his uncle brought back from the jungles of Panama that liked to eat birds. The spider spent his time in a cage in his living room when he was growing up. Red harvest ant eggs are not good, to eat but full of protein. Duncan promised to return soon with more travel tales.

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day commemoration, 9:30 am, Marin Veterans Auditor.
Dec. 9 – Salvation Army bellringing
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