

November 29, 2017

Our post-Thanksgiving meeting began with a ring to the Bell and we were off. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Taylor. Sandy Jones imparted our Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. Our lunch began with a romaine salad and was followed with a main course of salmon Dijonaise with sides of pasta and Swiss chard. We welcomed our loyal Visiting Rotarian:

Don DeLong

San Rafael

Senior

Our guest today was Mary Jane Burke, hosted by husband, John Smith.

We had a club anniversary to recognize today. Jon Marchant stated that for the third year in a row, he did not receive a call from Nick Kerry. He paid for the anniversary, his wife's birthday on this very day, and his sons' birthdays which are coming up next week. He suggested some punitive action be taken against Nick and it was tabled and a motion made to elect him the new caller. It was moved/seconded/carried unanimously by all those in attendance.

Kramer was next and told us he went to the horse races with the afore-mentioned Nick Kerry. A ticket taker asked Kramer if he had brought his son with him. Larry Lococo paid for his recent trip to Spain and France where he enjoyed the Italian food. Ken Franceschi was next with no specific item this week but was happy nevertheless. President Terry warned all of the importance of wearing your Rotary pin, but fell short of levying any fines at this time for non-compliance. Suzy Schneider had a great Thanksgiving with her mother in Sacramento spent with long-time friends. She also gave a short update on the latest from the Drake High Interact Club. They are active and will be sending a team to help with the Crab Feed again this year. Doug Moore spent the Thanksgiving holiday with his daughters who have forgiven him for last year's Presidential endorsement.

Sandy Jones made three important announcements. First, the Crab Feed committee would like to know if we are bringing items on a weekly basis or preparing our own individual baskets. Second, the annual Christmas dinner will be held on Friday, December 15 at Il Davide in San Rafael at 6pm. She would like to get a headcount at this time. Menu choices are made at the dinner. Third, she passed a

signup sheet for items to be donated to Bello Gardens for Christmas. A total of 36 items are needed.

Our speaker today was Lauren Vuong, immigrant and San Francisco attorney. Lauren's father was a captain in the South Vietnamese army and her family faced the difficult decision to escape in the 1970's. She shared the horrific story of her escape and near death followed by a rescue at sea and eventual settlement in San Jose. In 1991, she began the search to find those who saved her family and, through perseverance, was able to do so. She is now retelling her story in a documentary that is currently in production.