

The Spokes – December 6, 2017

A ring of the Bell brought all to attention and our meeting began. Tom Keating was selected to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kramer Herzog shared our Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. Our meal today began with fried calamari. The main course was crab ravioli with a tomato sauce and marscapone cheese.

We had no Visiting Rotarians with us today, but several guests joined us. Suzy Schneider hosted Faye Mitchell who was attending her first Rotary meeting. Faye is a manager at Kindred@home Caregivers who provides in-home caregiving of people who have had surgery. Her company is part of Generations Healthcare which provides personal care and hospice services. Also with us today was Joan Capurro's sister, Carolyn who is visiting from Missouri.

Sandy Jones took the floor to go over several upcoming activities. There are still several opportunities to contribute clothing articles to the senior citizens of Bello Gardens in San Anselmo. Any late donations can be arranged by contacting Sandy. Gifts are to be wrapped and a post-it attached to indicate the contents. Gift receipts can also be included in the packages. The gifts will be collected at our Dec. 20 meeting. DO NOT bring gifts to the Christmas dinner. We will be dark next week on the 13th as the Christmas dinner is on Friday, the 15th. Cocktails are at 6 and dinner at 7 at Il Davide. If you have not signed up, let Sandy know if you are attending. The final item was a Crab Feed update. All members should prepare a gift basket of at least \$ 100 value or sign up to bring an item each week as specified at each meeting. We are continuing the search for a child care facility that needs rebuilding after the fire storm.

We proceeded to Happy Times. Nick started with a reminder to Jon Marchant to not forget his birthday. He failed to call Jon because he was under duress on the beach at Maui and forgot all about it. Joan Capurro was next up with a tribute for having her sister with us again today. She also reminded us that the Salvation Army bell ringing will be happening this weekend. Trina Lavigna followed and reported that her daughter had just passed the California Bar exam on the first attempt. Larry Lococo took in a basketball game last week with the California Golden Bears taking on the St. Mary's Gaels.

Our speaker today our own Kramer Herzog. Due to technical limitations, a viewing of his latest documentary has been delayed to our next meeting. Instead, Kramer shared some of his experiences as a filmmaker and a volunteer at the San Quentin prison. One of the most notable of his comments was that this prison is a preferred destination of prisoners as it has many programs available including college credits through Patton College.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 13 - Dark

Dec. 15 – Christmas dinner, Il Davide restaurant, 6 pm

Dec. 20 – Gift collection for Bello Gardens

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