

The Spokes – December 5, 2018

The Holidays were upon us as we convened for our first meeting of December. We began with a ring to the Bell by President Rozan with Trina Lavigna leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Al Flood followed with our Inspirational Thoughts for the Day. We started lunch with a romaine salad topped with gorgonzola cheese. The main course was petrale sole dore with sides of pasta and vegetables.

We had no Visiting Rotarians with us today.

Mary Jane Smith joined us hosted by husband, John Smith.

We were a lively crowd today with almost no empty seats. Rozan was happy to see many faces who had been away for the Thanksgiving holidays. She was happy to see Tom Keating despite having fined him the previous meeting for talking at the wrong time. In his defense, the barrister pleaded that he was only trying to entertain a guest that day.

We had no speaker with us today so Rozan chose to have all those in attendance share what we are grateful for. Nick Kerry began by telling us he had left for Maui on Thanksgiving morning as he heard rain was the forecast. He spent nine or ten days enjoying the food and soaking in the sunshine. Ronnie Kiser told us he went to the bar at the beginning of the meeting to pay his previous week's tab and it had doubled. He thinks 100% interest is usurious. Dan Freeman updated us on his three daughters. His middle daughter was recently promoted to Senior Account Executive and she happens to be the only one of the three without a graduate degree. Tom Keating recently purchased a small pop-up camper which he recently used in the snow when his other family members commandeered his house. He, Norma, and the dogs all slept soundly. John Smith also has a camper which he wants to take to the East Coast against Mary Jane's wishes. He also just installed two new irrigation valves. Ted Wight just paid and had nothing exciting to report. Jon Marchant got his car out of the shop after a \$ 10,000 body repair. It was back in three weeks later for another \$ 22,000 of work after another fender-bender. Larry Lococo returned from a busy two weeks in Morocco. While there, he visited the Hassan II mosque in Casablanca. When Kathy posted the visit on Instagram, Facebook picked it up as a property for sale. See Kathy for listing details. Doug Moore has been charged with welcoming a new US Navy vessel to San Francisco. It is a littoral combat ship that is 418 feet long and has two aluminum hulls. Its top speed is 47 knots and carries a crew of only 40. Rozan updated us that last week's speaker gave a donation to our club on his way out. Trina Lavigna has changed firms and is now with Compass Real Estate, a technology focused brokerage. She celebrated with a surprise trip her husband gave her to San Francisco for an overnight stay. Joan Capurro will be having her knee replaced in January and attended a pre-op meeting with Bob. She will be hosting her sister Carolyn from Dec. 22 to Jan. 6. She reported that Mae LaCourse and her husband lost their home in the Paradise fire and are now living in Novato. Ken Franceschi updated us that his wife Barbara, is in the hospital and not doing well. She will be in our thoughts and prayers. Al Flood told us his daughter has a camper for roughing it that has three flat screen TV's. Suzy Schneider

reported that both sons arrived home for the holidays and brought girlfriends and other friends. Son Dakota has now graduated.

We will be dark next week as the Christmas party is on Tuesday night.

#### UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 10 – Board Meeting  
Dec. 11 – Christmas party – Il Davide 6pm  
Dec. 12 – Dark - No meeting

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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