



MEETING NOTES: November 7, 2018

Visitors: We did not have any visitors, but our members visited other clubs: **Joy** went to a club in Ireland and Bob S. went to a club in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Happy Birthdays to **Pat Zahn, Jan Oldenburg,** and **Jim Giffin.**

Happy Dollars: **Bob Selinger** gave \$250 to honor the Gaza Medical Project and working with **Patrice.** **Chuck Lamb** gave in support of the Trojans. **Ted Tomblinson** was happy about his recovery from surgery. **Sheldon Solloway** was happy with is recovery too.

Thought for the Day: **Joanne** spoke to the issue of discrimination against immigrants. She asserted that they were being targeted and blamed for problems for which the U.S. is responsible.

Raffle was held.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gala: Seventeen people met at the Foundation meeting to review the Gala results. It was deemed a success. **Jackie Giffin** was appointed as the Chair of the 2019 Gala event.

Foundation Finances: **John Rice** reported on the financial aspects of the Foundation as follows:

- Income was \$125,000 in capital gains. Administration accounted for 0.4%. Income was \$126,000 and expenses were \$105,000.
- Assets of \$991,000 including 5% in cash, and the rest in stocks and bonds. The Trommershausen Fund of \$112,000 was part of the total.
- Net assets after the 3 medical scholarships are \$854,000.
- Grants of \$104,000 were awarded.

Lunch issues: It was agreed to pay Il Pavone \$550.00 per week. This should be made up by 20 - 22 lunches and 12 desserts to fulfill the contract. We will supplement any deficiencies.

PROGRAM



Our speaker, Jenny Lew, presented the history of the Chinese in America. The Chinese started emigrating to this country in 1800 but were heavily discriminated against while working in the gold country building railroads. They also worked as fisherman, miners and farmers. But they were continuously excluded from full participation in society during that period which made them feel almost sub-human. The Chinese were treated as illegal immigrants.

In 1882, the U.S. passed the Exclusion Act which barred them from citizenship. They had to come into the country under a present resident's name. Upon arrival, they underwent a series of complex interrogations. The Exclusion Act was eventually repealed in 1843 but limited Chinese immigration to 20,000 per year.

The Chinese were also treated poorly in their own country when European invaders arrived. They were abused with Opium and other things. This became known as the Opium Wars. After Mao came into power, the Chinese were felt to be Communists in the U.S.

CALENDAR

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| Today | Peggy White - Diablo Regional Arts Association |
| Nov. 21 | No Meeting |
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| Nov. 28 | Ben Weise - Contra Costa Resource Conservation District |