

2014-September Social Event at Il Davide

Twenty-two Chapter members and friends convened on September 10 at Il Davide restaurant in San Rafael to meet, greet, reminisce, and enjoy. The event began with an extended social hour when old timers and new members filled the newly opened Tuscan-themed private meeting room with lively conversation and reminiscences.

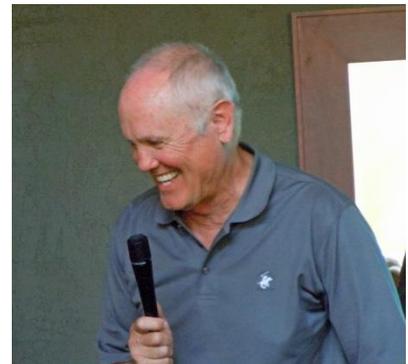




We then ordered an elegant 3-course Northern Italian luncheon from a special menu featuring several of the restaurant’s signature dishes. The meal was a veritable feast of choices: two salads, four entrees, and two desserts, each ‘splendido.’ “The food and venue was so good, we may have the next event at Il Davide, too,” said Social Committee chair Nancy Frease.



After lunch, our president, Rich Treadgold, introduced our speakers, Roberta Robinson, retired Vice President & Manager Bank of America, former Treasurer Town of San Anselmo, and Vice President of our Chapter 2008-2009, and Oak Dowling, retired with 43 years of experience practicing law in the areas of elder law, estate planning and conservatorships. Roberta and Oak are members of the Marin County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST), and were named “County of Marin Volunteers of the Year” in 2013 for their work for FAST.



Their presentation focused on elder financial abuse.

Called "The Crime of the 21st Century" by experts, financial abuse is the fastest-growing form of elder abuse. “We’ve got the money, and we’ve got a target on our backs” summarized a combination of statistics and generational mindset that makes elders vulnerable to scammers – 70% of personal wealth is held by persons age 50+, elders can become increasingly vulnerable as they advance in age, and they are reluctant to report being scammed. The FAST team has compiled educational materials and practical tips to help prevent financial abuse, covering how to: spot a perpetrator, effectively “turn off” a scam attempt, approach hiring help, avoid computer scams, avoid identity theft, and many more practical

tips. The interactive nature of the presentation elicited several tips from Chapter members, including Ted Freeman, Karin Hern, and Sterling Harwell.

For a brief introduction to the FAST program and the presentation we were given, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuNedjB1Pz8>. Also:

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