



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - December 18th by Dr. Bill Harlan

The Aviator, President **Tom Port**, welcomed us aboard Air Rotary, took off and promptly lost our luggage. Our Greeter, **Bob Desautels**, reminded us of the importance of family, especially in tough times. Bob and Ann will celebrate the holiday with their three kids. **Don Jones** led us in the season-appropriate "O, Come All Ye Faithful." Two visiting Rotarians were **Jack Graham** of the Danville/Sycamore and **Al Pasterini** of the Livermore Club. Guests included **Ana Dominguez's** office manager, **George Gaylor's** son and a contingent from Cal High. The Welcome Song started raggedly but finished strong.



\* **Marc Stillman** says there are only 40 trees left and that the lot will close Friday. He thanked his "elves" – **Art Kubal, Pat Paterson, Geoff Disch, Guy Greco** and **Horace Crawford** – who saw to it the money got collected every night and the register readied the next morning. The Club gave Marc a rousing ovation for his steering the lot successfully this year.

\* **Gary Daniel** thanked all who helped with the great party at the Tatums of Saturday. We had 82 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

\* **George Gaylor** says the dictionaries have all been distributed to third graders.

\* **Mike Gunning** announced the final numbers for CarboLoad: \$44, 868.

\* **Randy Perkins** reminds us that the Reno Train Trip in January could use more pigeons .... I mean participants.

\* **Mark von Hoetendorff** presented the Club a flag from the "Golfers" Rotary Club in the Ivory Coast in West Africa, where Mark was recently distributing medicine and medical supplies for R.I. while studying how African women do head wrappings. Pictures and a demonstration to follow.

\* **Ed Duarte** thanked the members for attending the luncheon at the Senior Center last week and indicated the catered lunch was a success.

\* **Don Jones** explained that our Club's long-time commitment to Winter Special Olympics will have to change. The Special Olympics has cancelled the competition due to cash constraints. So Don, **Chris Gallagher** and **Mitch Kessler** stepped up and have gotten Board approval to do a Snow Day event on Saturday 31, 2009, for the 30+ athletes who have been anticipating the event. Help is needed for the one-day event at Bear Valley.



\* **John Sims** made a special presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship in memory of **Darlene von Hoetendorff**. Mark also shared with us that daughter Meg had a baby recently, which pleased Grandpa no end.

**Mike Prilutsky**, our outstanding Student/Teacher of the Month coordinator, introduced **Lauren Maser** of Cal High. Lauren’s parents, Shannon and Rob, grew up in San Ramon and both attended Country Club Elementary School. **Cindy Boragura** of Cal High’s “Careers in Teaching” program described how Lauren was active in the “Rachel’s Challenge” effort at the school which seeks to encourage students to be kinder and nicer to each other. Lauren kindly and nicely thanked us for the award.



**Tom Port** presented our stalwart friend **Mo** with a Christmas bonus for having to put up with people like **Hermann Welm** and **Geoff Disch** all year long. Mo said he hoped to see some of us in the new year.

Other recognitions included

- **Judy Lewis** for a joint birthday celebration with her dad.
  - **Bob Desautels** for a birthday celebrated at a local eatery.
  - **Geoff Disch** for the sustained celebration of Julie’s birthday and his own Vegas success.
  - **Horace Crawford** for a birthday lunch of Cajun food and allowing **Peggy** the opportunity to help him finish his fence.
- George Gaylor** for an upcoming anniversary on December 31, a date that was suggested by George’s romantically-minded tax guy, which we agreed not to mention publicly.

**Glen Weber** and **Mike Rood** asked the Club to help judge which of their puppies was the cutest. The dogs were brought out and the female Rotarians got to hold them, which many felt was a gross injustice. After a lengthy confab, **Judy Lewis** and **Kathe Mitchell** diplomatically concluded that all three dogs, of exotic breeds, were equal on the cuteness scale. **Chris Gallagher** will pick up the recognition for the original wager.



The program was several stories about Santa disasters involving **Dr. Bill Harlan** and **Horace Crawford**. Many of the details have had to be suppressed here because of on-going investigations by federal prosecutors.



Our next meeting will be January 8, at which time we’ll hear from **Jay Tontz** with his annual financial forecast. This will be a great program for guests and potential new members. Let Membership Chair Harlan know if you’re bringing a guest and he will try to have a special name tag ready for them.

**Art Kubal** and **Brent Tucker** selfishly won the raffle. This correspondent has lodged a complaint with Santa’s Naughty Department.



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This Week, January 8th, 2009, You will be greeted by Ed Duarte**

**Here are some things you should know about Ed:**

**Ed has been a member of our club since, November 1987**

**Classification: Construction Engineering**

**Paul Harris Fellow; R.I. Benefactor; Rotarian of the Year 1997-1998; Board of Directors 2001-2007; Past President 2005-2006**

Ed was born in Lemoore, CA and raised in Visalia in the San Joaquin Valley. He received his B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Fresno State University in 1963. In the summer of 2000, he completed the Management Development Entrepreneur Program from UCLA's Anderson School of Business. Ed is also a 1995 graduate of Leadership San Ramon.

After working for Caltrans as a Bridge Construction Engineer for six years, he joined his Father's construction company in 1969. Ed left the San Joaquin Valley and moved to San Ramon in 1979. After working for Mervyn's Department Stores for four years as their Sr. Manager of Construction, he opened his own consulting- contracting firm - Aztec Consultants, in 1986.

Ed met his wife Linda, while working at Mervyn's. They have two children each, Frank and Kelley (Ed's); Chris and Karen (Linda's). They have three grandchildren between them: Ryan, Shelby, and Samantha.

Ed is the CEO & co-owner of Aztec Consultants - a Construction Management and General Contracting firm headquartered in San Ramon. His partner in Aztec is his son Frank, and recently his son-in-law Chris DeVette purchased an interest in the company making it a true family-owned business.

The San Ramon Chamber of Commerce selected Ed as San Ramon's Citizen of the Year in April - 2000. In 2006, he was selected as the Outstanding Alumni of the School of Engineering for Fresno State.

Ed also serves on the following community organizations: Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Valley Children's Museum, a past committee member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, member of the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, and also the Alameda County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Construction Management Education Advisory Committee for the California Contractors State License Board.

Ed is planning on (at least) partial retirement from Aztec in 2009. He and Linda plan to do extensive traveling, but he will also keep busy consulting, and teaching at Cal State East Bay where he has taught for the last 20 years in the Construction Management Certificate Program.

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## **Greeter Protocol**

When you are blessed with the duty of being our greeter, you should remember the following: (1) You should be at the meeting by 11:45 am in order to greet everyone as they come to the meeting. (2) You should bring a "greeter's gift". The gift should be approximately \$20.00 in value. (3) You will be leading the flag salute, giving the inspiration, and introducing the visiting Rotarians. It is a good idea to watch the visiting Rotarians sign in, so that you can ask them about any complicated names or classifications, or just plain BAD handwriting. oto

### **Future Programs:**

January 8th	Jay Tontz - Economic Forecast
January 15th	Cynthia Jones - The Water Wars
January 22nd	Dark - Club Assembly @ 6pm

### **Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember**

January 22nd	- Club Assembly @ CCCC 6pm
January 31st	- Club Leadership Training

### **Schedule of Greeters:**

January 8th	Ed Duarte
January 15th	Chuck Fletcher
January 29th	Kathy Gailey
February 5th	Marie Galbo

