



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - December 4th by Hermann Welm

The "Aviator" called the meeting to order. He welcomed all present and reminded us that the RI President is D.K. Lee; his theme is "Rotary Makes Dreams Real!"

**Rick Probert**, our Greeter, was busy collecting money so **The Aviator** led us in the Flag Salute and a Thought for the Day.

The singing of "God Bless America" was led by the Club Songmeister, **Gary Daniel**, assisted (in a very marginal way) by this humble **Scribe**.

There were no Visiting Rotarians.

Visitors: **Rolf Neuweiler**, a Guest of Fumi. **Dick Lucey**, a Guest of this **Scribe**. **Colleen Lillig**, Cal High Student of the Month, accompanied by Coach **Steve Armstrong** and Principal **Mark Corti**. **Don Carlson** and **Jeff Church**, from Toyota. **Brian Lindblom**, of the City of San Ramon and a Guest of **Rick Probert**. And, for the last time as a Visitor, **Mark Mulholland** and his bride, **Adrianna**.

The Welcome Song was led by **PP Big Bird**, **Gary Daniel** and this **Scribe**, all either current or former members of The Blackhawk Chorus.

Good Times/Good News/Fine Free: **The Aviator** stated that a new grandson has joined the family, located in Boston.

### Announcements:

**Rick Probert** reintroduced **Brian Lindblom**, who was representing the Juvenile Hall Auxiliary. They are looking for Christmas gifts, or cash with which they can purchase gifts, for the kids in detention. Contact Brian at the San Ramon Building Services Department, 925-973-2590, if you can help out.

**Marc Stillman** reported on progress at the Christmas Tree Lot. We need more Rotarians to sign up to handle sales; he also needs to get several "Captain" slots filled. Please contact him ASAP by email; your help is needed!

**John Tatum** stated that there will be Valet Parking at the **Holiday Party** on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Plan on some carpooling as well, since parking is in limited supply.

**PP Marie Galbo** reminded all that next week's meeting will be held at the San Ramon Senior Center on Alcosta Blvd, at the south end of town. We will NOT be meeting at the Country Club! The meal will be catered by a restaurant, rather than partaking of warmed-over "County food," so this should be a real fun experience!

**PP Chris Gallagher** announced that there will be a Club Assembly on January 22. The main topic will be a report by the CarboLoad Committee. If you have not already done so, please complete the on-line Survey ASAP so that your input will be counted. The link is:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uwS2QwDx\\_2fHtNtAMZ1ZEPAQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uwS2QwDx_2fHtNtAMZ1ZEPAQ_3d_3d)

**Randy Perkins** reminded all of the Reno Train Trip on January 25 and 26.

**PDG Stan Smalley** asked the Club to officially nominate **PP Guy Greco** to serve as District Governor for the 2011/12 Year. This is a required step for those being considered. The Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to nominate **Guy** for the position.

**Kathy Gailey** announced that our Club is proceeding *post-haste* with the application to District 5160 for a Matching Grant to do the Water/Sanitation Project in South Africa. Our Club's donation will be \$7,000.

**Recognitions:** **The Aviator** could find nary a soul to fine. All those on his list had been alerted and attended the Dublin Rotary Club meeting!

#### **"Pre-Program" Program(s):**

**PP Don Jones** introduced **Don Carlson** and **Jeff Church**, both from Toyota, who were thanked by all present for once again making their warehouse available to our Club for the CarboLoad event. They then presented the Club with a check for \$2,500 in support of CarboLoad!

**Dr. Bill** introduced **Mark Mulholland** to the membership. He is being inducted into the Club as a Red Badge; his Sponsor is **Don French**. After the short ceremony, all hands shook hands with him and welcomed him to the Club.

**Mike Prilutski** introduced **Mark Corti** and **Steve Armstrong**, Principal and Cross Country Coach, respectively, at Cal High. They in turn introduced sophomore **Colleen Lillig** to those present as Cal High Student of the Month. She is both an extraordinary person -- a leader, in spite of her youth -- and a great athlete. She is the first ever Triple Crown Winner in the EBAL, and she placed 1<sup>st</sup> in both the Monte Vista High and Stanford Invitationals. She also placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the State, even after having been tripped, fallen, gotten back on her feet and knocked into again (who knew that Cross Country is a "contact sport?"). **Colleen** will unfortunately NOT be able to avail herself of the coveted Parking Spot; she failed her Drivers Test after running into a garbage can!

#### **Program:**

**Ed Holloway**, of the Blackhawk Auto Museum, was introduced and gave a very interesting presentation on the history of the Museum (Ken Behring started it with a place to park his "collectible" cars), to its current association with The Smithsonian. He had a slide presentation on some of the vehicles on display there, and also spoke about the temporary Exhibitions (both from The Smithsonian and others) that are available in the Annex. He also indicated that ANY school group can come visit, and if the cost of transportation is a problem, the Museum will assist with that as needed.

In response to a question, **Ed** indicated that the total value of the vehicles on exhibit is in the \$350 to 400 million range!

**Raffles:** The Greeter's Gift, a box of golf balls, went to **Fumi's** guest, **Rolf Neuweiler**. **Dr. Bill**, who is hardly deserving, once again won the Club Gift of \$20.00 cash (the IRS has been notified that he has this year won exactly \$22,098 in weekly Club Gifts; this **Scribe** has been carefully tracking this).

**Next Week:** The Greeter will be **Carolyn Degnan**; the Program will be the Holiday Party at the San Ramon Senior Center. Do NOT show up at the Club if you expect to eat!



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, December 11, 2008 you will be greeted by Carolyn Degnan**

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

**Carolyn has been a member of our club since, April 1993**

**Classification: Real Estate**

Carolyn grew up in a Rotary family in Liberty, MO. where her father was a long term member of the Liberty Rotary Club and Club President. Her family still lives on land that was settled in 1824 by her great-great-great grandfather who was an Indian agent under Clark as well as sutler for both Fort Kearney and Fort Laramie. Dr. Harlan's ancestors would have purchased supplies from his business when they stopped at both Forts on their trek west.

Her career spans over 30 years in the insurance industry where she was the head of the Western Territory Life Insurance Underwriting for Allstate Insurance Company working out of Chicago. When it snowed 19 inches and she had to shovel snow with a broken foot, Carolyn transferred to the sales operation and moved to San Ramon where she continued her career with Allstate as a Marketing Sales Manager and then finally opening her own insurance agency. She sold the agency in 2001. She is currently the Pres/CEO of the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce.

She is very active in the San Ramon Valley community as a former President of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, Chair of the 1999 and 2000 Primos' Run for Education, Carboload Chair for the San Ramon Rotary and former board member of the San Ramon Valley YMCA and the Danville Chamber of Commerce. She is also involved with the NCL (National Charity League), and is an active patient advocate for the California Lyme Disease Association (CALDA).

Carolyn has four children and one grandson. Her past time activities include studying history and genealogy, taking her daughter to Grass Valley on the weekend to ride her horse and spending time with her children.

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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. sds

### **Future Programs:**

December 11th Senior Center Program  
December 18th Susan Moses - Red Wine Tasting  
January 8th Jay Tontz - Economic Forecast

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

December 13th - Holiday Party at John Tatum's  
January 31st - Club Leadership Training

### **Schedule of Greeters:**

December 11th Carolyn Degnan  
December 18th Bob Desautels  
January 8th Ed Duarte  
January 15th Chuck Fletcher

