



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - November 13th by Pat Paterson

President, "The Aviator" Port got the meeting off the ground and into the air welcoming us to the meeting of Rotary Club of San Ramon. This year's Rotary International president is Dong Kurn Lee from Korea. His theme is "Make Dreams Real." Greeter Lucky Sandhu's thought for the day was "Good Health is Wealth." He had just returned from India having visited his mother. She is recovering nicely from a heart attack. He is a mortgage broker and he sees his job during this "Head Wind" is to educate people on their choices. Lucky led us in the pledge. There were no visiting Rotarians. Guest: Christina Hernandez. The "Welcome" song was not sung.



PP Don Jones led us in "God Bless America."



### Good News:

PP Gallagher and Renee have a new Rottweiler puppy. "Cash" is well on his way training them.



### Paul Harris Fellow:

John Simms presented Marco Bronzini with his two sapphire pin.

## Announcements:

CarboLoad: **Jim Livingstone** announced that we have received a \$2,500 check from AT&T with another \$2,500 in the mail from Claremont Homes.

Senior Center Garden: five Rotarians completed the 130 spots for their use.

6 Club Meeting: Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Jay Tontz will be the speaker.

Holiday Party: December 13<sup>th</sup> at the **Tatum's**. Should be the largest turnout ever. If you are in contact with past club Rotarians, invite them too.

Trees for Education: The lot opens the day after Thanksgiving. Each Rotarian is expected to work staffing. E-mail sign-up is coming from **Marc Stillman**

Dictionary Project: The books have arrived. The captains for each school are in place. Join one of the teams. The dictionaries will be presented in the next couple of weeks.

Senior Center Holiday Lunch: December 11<sup>th</sup>, sign-up

Mel Creusere: is recovering from his hip operation visitors welcome (Contract Gary Daniel)

CarboLoad evaluation: **PP Gallagher** is chairing the committee. .

## Recognitions:

### Rotarian Birthdays:

**Cho Tang** November 19th

### Rotarian Spouse's Birthdays:

Penny **Johnson** November 17th

Sandy **Kubal** November 17th

Judy **Thames** November 27<sup>th</sup>

### Rotarian's Anniversaries :

**PP Ed & Linda Duarte** (21 years)

**PP Don & Cynthia Jones** November 14th (38 years)

**PE Gary & Kathleen Daniel** November 18th (47 years)

## Program: Polio Plus, PP Ed Duarte

The Rotary Polio Eradication project was started in 1985. Rotary has contributed \$700 million. There still are four countries remaining with polio: Afghanistan, Nigeria, India and Pakistan. Rotary is committed to matching the \$100 million Gates Foundation Challenge Grant over the next three years. **PP Duarte** is forming a committee to raise our three year commitment of \$3,000. He wants the community to be made a part of this effort. We must educate the public of Rotary's contribution and give them a chance to contribute. To date 45 club members have contributed \$2740 toward our share. We would like increase this amount through a fund raiser but not just from Rotarians.

**Ed** showed a video explaining the need. He wants suggestion for raising the money. Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history.

## Raffle Winner:

Greeter's gift: **George Gayler**, Club's gift: **PP Art Kubal**

## Reminders:

Next week's Greeter: **Mike Rood** Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>)





# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, December 4, 2008 you will be greeted by Mike Rood**

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

**Mike has been a member of our club since, October 2008**

**Classification: Club Management**

While growing up in rural Missouri, experiences and memories from this time would shape his life for years to come. From the work ethics of long, hard and determined hours of running the family farm, to a small cemetery on the family property that contained head stones for members of Daniel Boone's and Doc Holiday's families as well as other important pioneers of the west that inspired Mike to receive a Degree in History from one of the country's top Liberal Arts colleges, William Jewell.

It was during these years in college that a summer job working in the cash control room of a nearby Theme Park led to a full time job in the accounting department while still in school. After learning the business end of the Theme Park and Water Park industries, Mike's career path led him into management positions within the Family Recreational Industry. After becoming the General Manager of Oceans of Fun in Kansas City, the waterpark business took him to a company running Waterworld USA. First in Phoenix and then Sacramento. This time also provided experiences in designing, building and running large family entertainment facilities including miniature golf courses, large arcades, bowling alleys and various restaurants.

Mike's experience in the Golf and Country Club Business began in 1995 as a marketing and sales executive with American Golf. He was responsible for membership sales and revenue strategies for 35 Clubs locate in the Midwest. His focus then moved from sales to operations and became a Regional Operations Director. During this time, Mike also had the opportunity to build 3 country clubs and oversee the remodel of 5 more. In the fall of 2005, the opportunity arose to move the family back to Northern California and run the Pacific Northwest Region for American Golf. In the late fall of 2007, Goldman Sachs who owned the company, sold off portions of American Golf. This of course provided the perfect opportunity for Mike to become the General Manager of Crow Canyon Country Club where he has been enjoying every moment.

Mike's wife of 15 years, Valarie is a District Sales Manager for Valley Yellow Pages in Walnut Creek. They have a son, Matt who is 13 and a daughter, Lindsay who is 11. Outside of work, both Mike and Valarie support the kids who are very active in sports on traveling competitive teams. With any spare time they have, you can find the Roods back country in the mountains or hiking rugged, isolated beaches on the coast. The family motto has always been, "go the extra mile where others don't. It's always worth the trip" !

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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. cib

## **Future Programs:**

December 4th	Ed Holloway - Blackhawk Auto Museum
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 4th	Mike Rood
December 11th	Carolyn Degnan
December 18th	Bob Desautels
January 8th	Ed Duarte

