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Rotary Meeting - November 6th by Dr. Bill Harlan

The Aviator, **Tom Port**, did a dead stick landing to call the meeting to order. Greeter **Ana Dominguez** appropriately shared a few of our new president's inspiring words from Tuesday night. Ana shared with us the exciting news that her two kids will be getting married next year. Her daughter, who is 25, works as an interior designer in the City and her son, 28, designs video games and has one of his creations on the new I-Phone. **Gary Daniel** led us in "God Bless, America," and since our only guest was **Kathleen Daniel** today, the president wisely dispensed with the Welcome Song.

Dennis Harvey needs a few more volunteers to finish the Garden Project at the Senior Center this Sunday.

Mel Creusere is recovering from his recent hip operation in the convalescent hospital in Danville.

Mike Gunning wants the bills and the money collected for CarboLoad so he can close the books.

Tom Port passed the sign-up for the dinner at the Six-Club meeting on November 19; we're dark the next two Thursdays after that.

Randy Perkins says it's Reno Train Trip time – January 25 for \$275.

Gary Daniel reminds us that the catered Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 13 at the Tatums' Dream Home – bring your duct tape and stud finders!

Dr. Bill Harlan announced that First Sergeant Harlan will be the honored guest of the City of Walnut Creek on Veterans' Day, Tuesday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Civic Park in downtown Walnut Creek; his father will serve as his speech writer.

Horace Crawford tried to shame the Aviator about forgetting Peggy's birthday, but the wily pilot wasn't having any of it; Horace, who celebrated his wife's birthday by letting her help him build a new fence, paid a recognition.

Gene Quinn, a former Rotarian, is alive and well in Kingsburg and threatens to come up for a visit.

Herm Welm was recognized for Suzette's birthday and shared that she will have to curtail her next Italy trip because of Herm's profligate gambling debts.

John Tatum says we will get 1500 trees this year and the lot will open the day after Thanksgiving; you can sign up on-line.

Chris Gallagher, the Tom Brokaw of the club, set the guidelines and introduced the candidates for the incoming Board.

Bob Desautels will be our President-Elect and promises change.

Karen McNamara claims she will do a good job as Club Secretary.

Jeff Disch will repeat as Club Treasurer, assuring us that we could trust him.

Judy Lewis will again be our Sergeant-at-Arms, after being promoted to Captain.

Bill Harlan wants to do Membership again, until he gets it right,

Gary Sloan will handle Club Activities and serve as Daniel's scapegoat.

Spike Stevens will handle Service Projects, declaring "Go Bears!"

Herm Welm, now officially known as **Old-bie Wan Kenobe** will do Public Relations.

Mike Prilutsky has been in the Club for three years but didn't duck quickly enough so he's the head of the International Foundation.

While the votes were being counted, incoming president **Gary Daniel** outlined his vision of the upcoming year. He congratulated the current Board for putting in place some important changes and increasing our membership significantly. He emphasized that Rotary was more than just a "Bunch for Lunch" and that he hoped to help make us the best club we could be. He announced that **Bill Harlan** has agreed to serve as president after Bob. Gary finished by thanking Kathleen in advance for her support.

President Tom shared a video about Rotary's "Shelter Box" project which provides emergency shelter and living supplies for survivors of international disasters, such as the 100,000 who were helped during the Pakistan earthquake . The current plan is to furnish enough boxes to help provide assistance to 1 million refugees in Africa. It's an impressive international project and one with tremendous potential.

Just like an election in Bulgaria in the 1950's, the unopposed slate was voted in, despite the two write-ins for Sarah Palin, who's still tryin' to figure out those pesky countries in North America. (Hint: they all have Neiman Marcus outlets!)

Barry Toby and **Brent Tucker** won the raffle – the Senate seats in Minnesota and Alaska.



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, November 13, 2008 you will be greeted by Lucky Sandhu

Here are some things you should know about Lucky:

Lucky has been a member of our club since, July 2008

Classification: Mortgage Broker

Born and raised in Chandigarh, India, Lucky moved to his adopted homeland (Bay Area) in 1991. After graduating from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business, he joined Ernst & Young LLP, where he earned his CPA and worked as a manager at Gap Gemini, a prestigious management consulting firm.

In early 2003, Lucky married his passions for finance, real estate and client service when he entered the world of mortgage finance. Within 15 months, he co-founded Reliance Financial to better help his clients build their legacy through mortgage planning. As a Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist he brings a team approach to achieving his clients' goals by working with top-notch Financial Planners, CPAs, Real Estate Agents, and Attorneys.

The best reward for Lucky's client centric approach has been the tremendous relationships he has built with clients, most of whom have become personal friends. He has consistently ranked in the top 1% amongst peers in mortgage originations. In addition, Lucky is President-Elect of the Haas Alumni Network, East Bay Chapter and board member of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers.

In his spare time, Lucky enjoys reading and writing about current issues in the Real Estate industry. He loves the gym, an occasional round of golf, and watching movies. His favorite pass time is spending time with his four year old daughter, Chaya.

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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. gsv

Future Programs:

November 13th Ed Duarte - Polio is the Challenge
December 4th Open
December 11th Senior Center Program
December 18th Susan Moses - Red Wine Tasting

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

November 19th (Wednesday) - Six Club Meeting
November 20th - Dark - No Meeting
November 27th - Dark - Thanksgiving Holiday
December 13th - Holiday Party at John Tatum's
January 31st - Club Leadership Training

Schedule of Greeters:

November 13th Lucky Sandhu
December 4th Mike Rood

