



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - October 16th by Dr. Bill Harlan

Coming in on a wing and a prayer, President Aviator **Tom Port** crash-landed into the meeting. Greeter **Rob Scott** gave the Thought for the Day and led the Salute. Red Badge Rob told us his background is the US Army and Sunset. He and his wife Andrea have five kids in their blended family.



Guests today included **Renee Vizza**, the new General Manager of the Crow Canyon Homeowners Association; **Mark Mulholland**, who works for John Hancock; **Sandy Kubal**, who had to sit with Art. **Gary Daniel** led us in "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and got a bunt single. **Cho Tang** led the Dark Table in a rather ragged Welcome Song.



The Club expressed its collective appreciation for the job **Mike Gunning** did with CarboLoad last Saturday. When the smoked cleared we had \$32,250 from sponsors, thanks especially to **Jim Livingstone**. **Rob Scott** brought in Sunset for \$5,000. We had about \$13,000 in in-kind contributions, from ice to balloons (thanks **Guy Greco**). We presold about 700 tickets and had about 110 who paid at the door. The raffle brought in about \$4,000 (thanks **Herm Welm**) and Silent Auction had an all-time high of 147 items, generating \$8,800 (thanks **Jeff Disch** and

**Judy Lewis**). Mike figures we are at about \$37,000 clear right now. Get your checks and bills into Mike ASAP.

District Conference will be at the Concord Inn Friday and Saturday, October 24 & 25. Sign up now at the District web site. Remember that Red Badges have their registration fee paid and are especially welcomed to the Hospitality Suite we will be hosting. On November 19 we will hold a Six Club meeting at the Country Club. **Jay Tontz** will be offering his patented advice on the economy, and we'll be dark the next day. Shadow Day, when we let high school kids hang out with us and see what we really do for a living, is coming up soon. **Fletch Thames** is looking for volunteers.

**Gary Sloan** tells us the Heart Walk raised \$11,400 with the Real Estate team coming in first, followed by the Engineers and then the Business/Education folks. **Dennis Harvey** was the star of the event.



**John Tatum** will host the Holiday Party December 13; guests will be finishing the dry-wall installation. See **Gary Daniel** for more details.

The Club inducted **Mike Rood** as a new member, sponsored by **Mark von Hoetendorff**. Mike is from Missouri. After graduating with a degree in history, he has had a varied career in food and leisure services before he came to Crow Canyon Country Club. Mike will bring considerable experience and enthusiasm to the Club.



Mike was shown the Secret Handshake and welcomed by the members.

**John Sims** reminded us that members of the San Ramon Club have agreed to be Double Sustainers of the Rotary Foundation. Let **Jeff Disch** know how you will pay your commitment. **John Tatum** celebrated the completion of his house, the marriage of his daughter Kim and his first grandchild from Ashley; no wonder he looks so frazzled but happy. **Rick Probert** shared that he and Judy had celebrated her birthday with family.

The program was **Stan Smalley** sharing with us his understanding of the structure of Rotary governance beyond the club level. He likened the structure of Rotary to the model of Rotary International being the central office, the District being the regional support and the individual clubs the franchisees; nothing happens except at the club level. Rotary, with its mission of promoting world peace and understanding, was founded by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905; the second club was San Francisco in 1908. As District Governor, Stan was responsible for 66 clubs and two provisional clubs in District 5160. There are 530 Districts around the world, organized into 34 zones; these zones, in turn, are represented by 17 directors who collectively constitute the Rotary International Board. The Rotary International Foundation has 15 directors serving four-year terms who help direct the activities worldwide. RI raised \$113 million for its work; in our District the Rotary Club in Dunsmuir raised over \$400 per member, but only about 50% of the Rotarians in District 5160 contribute to RI. The work of RI includes humanitarian projects like Polio Plus, Peace Fellowships at eight universities around the world, Group Study Exchanges and Ambassadorial Scholarships (the largest scholarship program in the world). You can get more information at [Rotary.org/foundation](http://Rotary.org/foundation).



Our District is examining establishing a program in ethics for youth based on our work with Interact, Ro-toact and Camp Royal. Stan described how efforts to raise money by clubs can be multiplied four times by matching grants. Such grants have helped finance 20,000 cataract operations in India and provide technical training to youth in trouble in Thailand. Now we all know why we have to pay attention to John Sims' exhortations.

The multiple raffle prizes were won by **Barry Toby, Gary Sloan, Spike Stevens** and **Herm Welm** (who was flagged for 15 yards for excessive celebration).

Next Week's Program — Karen Stepper - Veterans Hall Update

Next Week's Greeter — Cho Tang



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, October 23, 2008 you will be greeted by Cho Tang**

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

**Cho has been a member of our club since, July 2008**

**Classification: Graphic Designer**

I was born and raised in Kowloon, Hong Kong. I attended UC Berkeley School of Business.

I live with my wife Venus and our two children, Darren and Courtney, in Lafayette.

In the past I worked as a Controller for Mt. Diablo Hospital, the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and Valley Memorial Hospital. Then I went into the printing business. Currently I am the owner and operator of Excel Graphics on Omega Court here in San Ramon.

Besides work and my family, my interests are music, soccer, skiing and computers.

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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. swf

### **Future Programs:**

October 23rd Karen Stepper - Veterans Hall Update  
October 30th Halloween Program  
November 6th Gary Daniel - Club Elections  
November 13th Ed Duarte - Polio is the Challenge

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

November 19th (Wednesday) - Five Club Meeting  
November 20th - Dark - No Meeting  
November 27th - Dark - Thanksgiving Holiday  
December 13th - Holiday Party at John Tatum's

### **Schedule of Greeters:**

October 23rd Cho Tang  
October 30th Robin Stevens  
November 6th Ana Dominguez

