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Rotary Meeting - October 30th 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!"



Spike Stevens, our Greeter, led us in the Flag Salute and, in lieu of a Thought for the Day, reminded us to vote on Tuesday, November 4. **Spike** introduced herself as a mom with three yunguns, who grew up in rural Northern California, her father having worked for the U.S. Forest Service.



The singing of "God Bless America" was led by the Club Songmeister, **Gary Daniel**.

One Visiting Rotarian, **George Winniger**, of the Livermore Valley Club, was introduced.

Visitors: There were about 332 visitors -- OK, so maybe more like 30 -- but this Scribe only captured the names of a few. Including: **Kathleen Daniel**, the better half of **PE Gary Daniel's** family, **Renee Gallagher**, related by marriage to "The Viking," **Steve Renfro**, owner of San Ramon Insurance Agency, **Steve Dick** and **Shanin McKavish**, both from Cal High more on them later), adults from the **Rueda**, **Chang** and **Harms** families, in support of their Students of the Month, and a whole slew of Cal High students who participated in the Job Shadow Day.

We did not sing the Welcome Song, presumably because our visitors just KNEW they were welcome, or maybe because the **Aviator** forgot!

Good Times/Good News/Fine Free: nobody jumped up!

Announcements:

PP Guy Greco reported that this past weekend's District Conference in Concord went very well. Particularly noteworthy was the presence of the Counsel General for the People's Republic of China, who spoke about Rotary in China.



Marc Stillman reminded all that **Chi Nguyen** will be hosting her final "event" for Vietnamese orphans this Saturday evening, November 1, at the San Ramon Community Center. We have supported her in the past, and he hoped that there would be many Rotarians attending this Dinner Party (call him for tickets).

Dennis Harvey announced that last weekend's work at the San Ramon Senior Center Garden did not get done with everything needed. The 40 or so Scouts who showed up were able to get the 100 cubic yards of new soil lugged up into the beds, but more dividers need to be installed. He is sending around a sign up sheet for a Work-party on Sunday, November 9, 9:00 am to maybe 1:00 pm.

Gary Daniel reminded all that the **Holiday Party** will be on December 13, at the new home of **John and Linda Tatum**. Please reserve that date.

George Gayler announced that the time for distributing Dictionaries to 3rd Graders is nearly upon us. He's looking for 11 "captains" to organize the schools, some time in November. If any Rotarians who served as enlisted guys in the military want to be promoted to Captain, here's your chance!

Guy Greco announced that this year's Golf Championship was won by **Marco Bronzini**. As and aside, **Jim Livingstone** just couldn't restrain himself and had to tell all assembled that he happened to email **Guy** during this past golf outing and got a "Mr. Greco is at a Conference" response. Why'd you do it, Jimbo?



Recognitions: The Aviator recognized **George Gayler** for his 61st Birthday.

"Pre-Program" Program(s):



Dennis Harvey introduced **Eleanor Avers**, from the Knit for Kids program; they knit hats for needy kids, both here and abroad. They have 15 "knitters" right now and can use more volunteers. Their goal for 2009 is to make 2000 hats. She received a \$500 grant to buy knitting supplies.

Mike Prilutski introduced **Steve Dick**, computer teacher at Cal High, who described the effort of three of his students in preparing a brand new Evacuation Plan for the High School. The Fire Department requires such a Plan, and the students worked on this long and hard, including having their first version rejected. He then called up **Tammy Chang**, **Natalie Harms**, and **Audrey Rueda** to receive this month's Student of the Month award. How these three will share the one SotM parking spot was not addressed!



Fletcher Thames then introduced **Shanin McKavish**, Life Skills teacher at Cal High, to introduce the four groups of students who job-shadowed Rotarians for the morning. The places/professions they visited, and their hosts, are as follows:

- Fire Department -- **Steve Hart (SRVFPD)**
- Landscape Design -- **Ana Dominguez (Gates & Associates)**

- Medical -- **Judy Lewis (Kaiser Hospital)**
- Medical -- **Gary Sloan (San Ramon Regional Hospital)**



A representative from each group spoke about the highlights of their experience (including going into Surgery).



Halloween Program:

PEE Bob Desautels introduced a colleague from ATI Architects & Engineers, Lindsey Hemstock. The two of them cooked up a “Rotary Feud” game, including props and decorations, to celebrate Halloween. The MC duties fell upon PP Chris Gallagher, who handled things very capably! The randomly-chosen contestants were:



The Propeller-Heads: Horace Crawford, Jeff Disch, Spike Stevens, Pat Paterson and Karen McNamara; their opponents were:



The Groucho Marx Look-A-Likes: Guy Greco, Rick Probert, Ana Dominguez, Marco Bronzini and Marie Galbo.



All contestants wanted to blame their VERY sorry performance on the computer’s misbehavior, but that would not be the correct call! They were, simply, awful! It appeared to this Scribe that they do not watch enough daytime television!

The obvious winner, however, was the audience, who thoroughly enjoyed watching them make fools of themselves!



You’ll never guess Who



Wasn’t Me, Honest!

Raffles: The Greeter’s Gift, bottle of wine, went to Shanin McKavish (who quickly, and wisely, decided NOT to share it with her students!). Another visitor, Judy Chang, won the Club Gift of \$20.00 cash.

Next Week: The Greeter will be Ana Dominguez; the Program will be PE Gary Daniel, and Club Board Election for the 2009/10 Year. Those NOT able to attend should submit an Absentee Ballot!



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, November 6, 2008 you will be greeted by Ana Dominguez

Here are some things you should know about Ana:

Ana has been a member of our club since, August 2008

Classification: Graphic Designer

Born and raised in San Francisco. I attended the Academy of Art in San Francisco. I freelanced for 18 years, producing portraits, watercolors, architectural renderings, murals, oil paintings, logos and much more. I then joined an Environmental Architectural Graphics firm in Santa Rosa and designed there for 7 years. I now work at Gates +Associates in San Ramon and have been very happy there for 2 1/2 years. My efforts begin at the start of a project with ideas, sketches and concepts. I execute hand drawings and work on the computer doing graphics, perspectives, elevations and plan views. My designs have been installed in China, Dubai, Hawaii, Western United States and Mexico. Several future large projects in Mexico will soon have me concentrate my efforts in that part of the world.

I have 2 children, Robert 28, who is a video game programmer in Silicon Valley and Cristina 25, an interior designer in San Francisco. I love to create art, sail, ski, make jewelry, bicycle and dance hula. I'm looking forward to getting my house (that I designed) ready to sell in Santa Rosa and then permanently move to the East Bay. Anyone know of anyone who needs a custom 5,000 sq.ft. home in Santa Rosa?

I am a Paul Harris Fellow.

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San Ramon Rotary

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. ota

Future Programs:

November 6th Gary Daniel - Club Elections

November 13th Ed Duarte - Polio is the Challenge

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 6th Ana Dominguez

November 13th Lucky Sandhu

December 4th Mike Rood

