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Rotary Meeting - September 18th by Dr. Bill Harlan

The Aviator **Tom Port** lowered his flaps and came in for a three-point landing as the meeting shuffled to order. The Greeter **Bill Clarkson** shared a provocative Thought for the Day about the importance of being unreasonable to bring about progress. The Salute to the Flag was led by the newest U.S. citizen **Vera Packard** who followed up with a strong "God Bless America." She was presented with a special cake, which everyone present proceeded to eat. Guests included First Aviator Lady **Judy Thomas**, potential Rotarians **Nancy Vinson, Mike Rood, Perry Tabor** and **Steve Hart**.

The latest Carboload update was given by **Mike Gunning** who asked us to sell our tickets and contribute silent auction items. New sponsors included **Guy Greco** and Heritage Bank, **Gary Sloan** and San Ramon Regional Medical Center and **Glen Weber** and San Ramon Veterinary Hospital. **Bill Clarkson** urges that we turn in our tickets and the company name for the table sponsor.

District Conference will be in Concord on October 24 – 25. The next six-club meeting will be Wednesday at November 19 at the Crow Canyon Country Club. **Fletch Thames** provided his usually wry look at the latest Rotarian magazine. A couple of factoids: the oldest Rotarian is 95 years-old; one club has a Charity Dog Walk to raise money; the next International Rotary Conference will be in Birmingham, England with a side trip to nearby of Warwick Castle, in contrast to the conference in Los Angeles which offered Burt Bacarach.

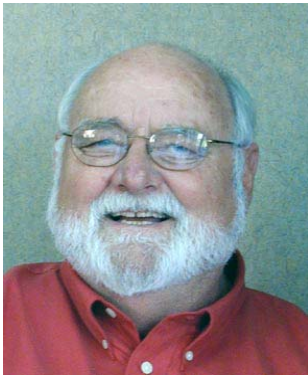
Mark von Hoetendorff invited people to join a polio immunization campaign in Ivory Coast. **Gary Sloan** announced that the Heart Fund campaign is progressing. **Chuck Fletcher**, with a little fudging, got the Four-Way Test right and received his Blue Badge. **Gary Daniel** reminds us that Holiday Party will be December 13. The Rotary Information Booth for the local clubs at public events is in the works. **Vera Packard** told us she had taken a job as the Executive Director of Her Breast Cancer organization in Fremont.

Chris Gallagher celebrated 15 years of marriage. He and Renee spent it at the Grand Tetons drinking martinis. **Gary Daniel** and **Dennis Harvey** were recognized for their golf game.

Vera Packard introduced our speaker **Meg Styles**. She heads up the Greta Foundation, named for her mother Greta who was a champion of nurses and their education. She began with the idea of trying to imagine a world without nurses. Nursing is essential for worldwide health. In this country we will need 800,000 new nurses by 2020. As a result more nurses are coming here from developing countries, which in turn causes massive shortages in places like Africa where the need is greatest. (24% of the health burden is in Africa, which has only 3% of the medical personnel with only 1% of the funding.)

The Greta Foundation will increase global nursing workforce by providing scholarships for training in the countries where they will work. This will bolster the educational resources in developing countries and help provide nurses where they are most needed. In addition to reversing a the brain drain to the developed world, the Greta Foundation seeks to counter the economic imbalances that organizations like the Gates Foundation are causing by funding HIV care at a higher rate that regular medical care. The scholarships which Greta provides are used to help support the families of nursing students who are often responsible for the support of their families devastated by HIV. The program has operated in the nation of Malawi and will now seek to move into Uganda. A scholarship of \$2300 per person will provide all the necessary support for a student for one year. The foundation is seeking further support from individuals and organizations. It was a fascinating program.

George Gaylor and **Mike Gunning** have been reported to the IRS for their shady winnings in the raffle.



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, September 25th, 2008 you will be greeted by Horace Crawford

Here are some things you should know about Horace:

Horace has been a member of our club since, September 1986

Classification: Project Management

Rotarian of the Year, Hammer Award, Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor, Club President in 1997/98

Horace was born, raised and educated in Texas. He grew up in and near the little West Texas town of Fort Davis. He received a BS and a MS degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Texas in Austin. He served in the United States Army including service in Korea.

His wife of 46 years is Peggy. They have one living daughter, Amy. They have two grandchildren. The Crawford family has lived in Walnut Creek, Long Beach, Houston, Baton Rouge, Concord and Pleasant Hill.

He is retired. His vocation was in the general fields of architecture and engineering, having been employed by Exxon, Hallanger Engineers, Majors Engineering, and ATI Architects and Engineers. He was a Vice President, Regional Manager and later General Manager of Hallanger Engineers. He was promoted to President of Majors Engineering. He founded his own consulting practice, Crawford Consulting Services in early 1994.

In 1997 he joined ATI Architects and Engineers in Danville. There he became a Vice President, a Principal and a member of the ATI Board of Directors.

Horace is a founding member of the American Society of Architectural Engineers and a past member of the Project Management Institute. He received training and certification from Exxon as a Senior Project Manager.

His leisure interests include being in the great outdoors camping, fishing, campfire storytelling, , wildlife protection, collecting antique gasoline engines, and astronomy. Horace and Peggy have developed a small private wildlife sanctuary near Mt. Lassen. They can be found there often. He is a long time member of the California Academy of Sciences, a Methodist, and a Stephen Minister which is a lay care-giving ministry to persons during their times of need.

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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. opl

Future Programs:

Sept 25th Susan Moses - Wine Tasting Skills

October 2nd Tony Moses - Macular Degeneration

October 9th Mike Gunning - CarboLoad Prep

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Oct. 11th Sat. Carbo-Load # 24

**PLEASE GET SILENT AUCTION ITEMS TO
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Schedule of Greeters:

September 25th Horace Crawford

October 2nd Mel Creusere

October 9th Gary Daniel

