



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - September 25th by Karen McNamara

President Tom opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and **Horace Crawford** greeted everyone.

Thought for the day from Horace comes from the Holocaust Museum- Be neither a perpetrator, nor a victim nor a bystander. A friendly prayer reminding us to be good to our friends and neighbors and pay attention to what we do today because it will affect us for a long time starting tomorrow.

Today's patriotic song was led by Gary and company.

Visiting Rotarians: A very special friend of Rotary and this club **Bob Myers**, a charter member of the Club

Guests today were Dean Andal, Mike from Crow Canyon Country Club, the Sergeant Will Harlan, Dave Rhoades, Christy Taylor – Student of the month -and her parents, Frank Giacubca and new members Anna and Lucky.

**Art Kubal's** table welcomed everyone with the long version of the Welcome song.

Announcements:

The Carbo Load was presented by Kristin, **Geoff and Rick**. Silent auction items still needed. Ticket sales are going good. Get tickets to **Bill Clarkson**. Get raffle tickets to **Hermann Welm**. **Bob Desautels** from ATI Engineers and Architects presented his sponsorship to the event. **Gary Sloan** presented the sponsorship from the Physicians Foundation. Let Rick know if you can bring a propane tank. Gary previously emailed the work schedule. We can get on site at 1:30pm.

Upcoming District conference in Concord. Red badges get free basic admission fee free.

Six Club meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup> at CC Club.

**Gary Sloan** reminded the Club about the Heart Walk on Sunday. Rotarians can meet at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

**John Tatum** thanked the club for their sympathy and support over the years for the ongoing construction of his house – and yes, the holiday party is on.

Horace and **Bill Harlan** presented an honorary Rotarian to Sergeant Will Harlan. Will's connection with the Club goes back to 1990 and he has helped with the Tree Lot, Carbo Load and other Rotary events. This club has had a strong connection with Will through sending gifts and care packages to Will during his deployments to him and his troops. The club contributed toys to Will's Kids that were distributed to children in Iraq. Don Jones presented a recognition plaque and pin to Will in honor of his participation with the Club and service to his country.

**Bob Desautels** introduced Dean Andal, a Republican who is running for office for Congress in the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Dean gave two examples of the interest and serious aspects of running for Congress. He has walked many precincts and lost 10 pounds in the process. He shared a few stories about his interactions from constituents in his District. Dean shared three differences between his positions and those of Congressman McNerney, the other candidate in the upcoming election. The Club has also invited Congressman McNerney to speak to the Club. (Sarah Meyers gave her friendly input to the candidate!) Dean also recommended that Bill Harlan be seriously fined for his awesome over-the-top introduction of his son.

**Mike Prilutsky** introduced the first Student of the Month from Cal High, which is selected by the staff and faculty at Cal High. Christie Taylor was introduced as were her parents Greg and Diane. She is a scholar/athlete, playing softball and has created an orientation program for incoming freshmen. She is part of the leadership program. She wants to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

**Susan Moses** introduced the wines that were served today – a chardonnay that beat out both Rombauer and Cakebread, and a Merlot. Susan introduced Sommelier Frank Giacubca who shared insights and thoughts on wine tasting. Best idea is to drink the wine, not that you're still storing it. He went through the basic tasting lesson.

Holding the glass – use the stem – holding the glass produces heat from your hand which affects the wineboast

A full glass of wine – about half way so there is room for the wine to move

Strongest tastebud is the eye. First impression of the wine is how it looks. Check for color, clarity, thickness

Smell the wine – smell with your mouth open – put your nose all the way into the glass – take three long smells – use both nostrils

Screw caps are just as good as corks. Prevents bacteria from getting into the wine from the cork.

Letting a wine breathe starts with the first pour into the glass.

Sip the wine – lean forward – slurp three times –gargle the wine – look and sound silly

Touch the wine – let it drop down your throat – chew the wine and then swallow it.

Next week's greeter is **Gary Daniel**.

Next week's program is Tony Moses from the Macular Degeneration

Raffle winners were **Don Jones** and Sergeant Harlan.



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, October 2, 2008 you will be greeted by Gary Daniel**

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

**Gary has been a member of our club since, January 1990**

**Classification: Utility Consultant**

Born in Oakland, CA 8-6-41

Met my wife Kathleen and started going together as 15 year old sophomores. Married at 20. We have two children Greg an Investment banker living in Piedmont with 3 children, and Susan, an Optometrist living in Carlsbad, CA also with 3 children.

I started my career with [PG@E](#) as a Groundman in the electric department progressing to Journeyman Lineman within 3 years. At one time I was the youngest Line Crew Foreman in [PG@E](#). Over my 32 year career we moved around central and northern California 6 different times. My longest stint was as Supt. of Electric Operations in Nevada County headquartered in Grass Valley. It was there that I first joined Rotary in 1978. I served in all offices and was President in 1983/84. My last 5 years was spent as Project Manager in charge of locating, designing and constructing the new Construction Training Center in Livermore. Tacked on to that was also managing the design and construction of the addition on to the San Ramon Learning Center now called the SR Conference Center. Upon completion I assumed the Director of all Gas and Electric construction training at the new center. In April of 1993 I, with other managers was offered an early retirement at age 52. Upon retiring Kathleen and I formed our own corporation consulting to California Utilities in the areas of quality control, safety, and accident investigations. I served as an expert witness when called. Our business grew to 14 employees and forced my departure from Rotary for about 18 months. We retired again in 1997 and have continued to try and make every day count since.

I enjoy music, traveling, hunting, fishing, and a host of other activities. Rotary is an important activity in our lives and most of our close friends have been made through our association with Rotary.

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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. mps

### **Future Programs:**

October 2nd Tony Moses - Macular Degeneration  
October 9th Mike Gunning - CarboLoad Prep  
October 16th Stan Smalley - Matching Grants  
October 23rd Karen Stepper - Veterans Hall Update

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

Oct. 11th Sat . Carbo-Load # 24

Please bring FULL propane bottles to Carboload by 12:00

**PLEASE GET SILENT AUCTION ITEMS TO  
JEFF DISCH**

### **Schedule of Greeters:**

October 2nd Gary Daniel  
October 9th Susan Moses  
October 16th Rob Scott  
October 23rd Robin Stevens

