



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - September 4th 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!"

**Jon Ahern**, our Greeter, led us in the Flag Salute and, in lieu of a Thought for the Day, recalled the Club's kindness last year in passing the hat at the birth of his daughter (on September 26, 2007). **PP Chris Gallagher**, not to be out-"astuted" by anyone, noted that she is now nearly one year old.

**Jon** introduced himself as a Red Badge, a Real Estate Broker, a husband, and the father of 2 children.

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: **Coach Tony Sanchez and Mark Corti** (of California High), **Mark Malholland**, and **Kristen Harvey**, daughter of the card shark, **Dennis Harvey**, were introduced.

We did not sing the Welcome Song; presumably our visitors just assumed they were indeed welcome!

**Good Times/Good News/Fine Free**: nobody had anything good happen to them, or if they did, preferred to wait and be fined!

### Announcements:

The **Aviator** announced that the Memorial Service for **Darlene von Hoetendorff** will be held Saturday, September 6, at the Country Club.

The **Aviator** also announced that **PP Don Jones** is out of the hospital and is recuperating at home.

**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.

**Vera Packard** will be sworn in as a new US citizen on Tuesday, September 9, at 1:30 pm in San Francisco.

In lieu of speaking this week, **Captain John** reminded all that the Program for next week will be The Rotary Foundation.

This **Scribe** reminded all that they are expected to sell the book of CarboLoad 24 Raffle Tickets they've received. Get a \$40.00 check (or \$60.00, if you prefer to sell the 12 tickets at the "\$5 each" price, rather than at "3 for \$10") back to him (that is, me) as soon as possible.

**Mike Gunning** proceeded to further review progress with CarboLoad 24 planning. Progress on securing Sponsors is well behind the curve and all "Responsible Parties" need to make those contacts and get commitments. Getting "in kind" donations on food items also seems to be slow (with **Mitch** Kessler having been promoted to Regional Manager, there is some concern that things may be slipping through the cracks). Others spoke from the floor to indicate that the new Club Manager, **Mike Rood**, is on board with assisting this year, as before.

**Mike G.** further explained that the Ticket price has been reduced to \$15.00 (however, no T-Shirts this year), but the **Susan Myers** is cooking up a Souvenir Photo opportunity that should go over quite well.

**Jeff Disch** also needs Silent Auction items, so scour around and get on with it!

A reminder as well that ALL are expected to participate on October 11.

**Recognitions:** The **Aviator** recognized (as in "fined") **Dr. Bill** for having been born on the very day that World War Two started; this makes him a historic relic! He gave himself a colonoscopy for his birthday! **Fred Nevarez** reminded the **Aviator** that he should have been reminded last week of his upcoming anniversary with **Valerie**, probably hoping to avoid a fine today by going on the offensive; it did NOT work!

#### **Program:**

Cal High Principal **Mark Corti** bragged on today's speaker **Coach Tony Sanchez** a bit before introducing him. There are 200 Cal High students in the football program this year, including 2 women, and all are demonstrating subtle leadership around the campus at the Coach's urging (such as quietly picking up trash, rather than walking past it). Also, in past years, the Cal High team has won Scholastic Achievement Awards -- last year they had a 3.22 collective GPA -- and the Coach is expecting more of the same.

**Coach Sanchez** then went on to describe last year's success, including the League Championship and the "Big Game" at the Oakland Coliseum against De La Salle High School, where 12,000 spectators showed their appreciation for the Grizzlies' great effort!

The year's Season is expected to be really tough, with the opening game against Las Lomas High and Game #2, an out of League game against the Bellevue, Washington team that finally broke De La Salle's winning streak a couple of years ago! In addition, De La Salle High has been added to the EBAL so they will be a regular opponent.

**Coach Sanchez** warned all against approaching his players with a pre-conceived, negative notion about the futility of trying to beat De La Salle. He insisted comments to his players should be upbeat, as with any other opponent. Negativity, or low expectations as to the score, will impact attitudes and play on the field! To further make the point, **Coach Sanchez** pointed to out-of-area games against teams that did not know that De La Salle was "special," and that those games often were very competitive.

**Raffles:** The Greeter's Gift went to **Dr. Bill** (to help pay the proctologist's bill). And our newest Red Badge, **Ana Dominguez**, won the Club Gift (this Scribe also used to win quite often while a Red Badge; that stopped suddenly after he became a Blue Badge! A coincidence? I think not!)

**Next Week:** The Greeter will be **Marco Bronzini**; the Program will be **Captain John Sims**, on The Rotary Foundation.



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, September 11th, 2008 you will be greeted by Marco Bronzini**

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

**Marco has been a member of our club since, January 1994**

**Classification: Investment Advising**

Paul Harris Fellow

Marco was born and raised in Castro Valley, CA. He received a B.A. degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara in Business Economics. Since graduating from college 1991 he has been in the investment advisory profession.

He and his wife, Abby, have been married 11 years and have two children, Juliana (6) and Nicolas (4) and live in San Ramon. Both kids are very active in local sports having just completed their first baseball/softball seasons and have completed several 5k races each. Soccer is up next! Marco & Abby enjoy family events and vacationing in Maui. Marco loves to play golf and the kids enjoy the driving range. Abby is currently training for a half-marathon.

He is a Registered Principal with Foothill Securities, Inc. an Investment Advisory and Securities Broker/Dealer firm in San Ramon. Foothill Securities, Inc. is an independent full service financial services company which specializes in providing investment counseling and financial planning services to individuals, business owners and corporations. General areas covered are private asset management, retirement planning, college funding, Qualified Plans (401k), and tax planning.

He is still active in the local community, including previously serving on the Board of Directors of the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and the San Ramon Rotary Club.

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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. smf

### **Future Programs:**

Sept. 11th John Sims - RI Foundation - Annual Giving  
Sept. 18th Meg Styles - Gretta Foundation

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

Oct. 11th Sat. Carbo-Load # 24

**PLEASE LOCATE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

### **Schedule of Greeters:**

September 11th Marco Bronzini  
September 18th Bill Clarkson  
September 25th Horace Crawford  
October 2nd Mel Creusere

