



# Crow's Call



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## **Rotary Meeting - December 31st by Marie Galbo**



President Bill "The Bard" welcomed all to the Rotary Club of San Ramon. Last minute, fill-in greeter and President-elect Dennis Garrison led all in the flag salute and thought for the day. The US Post Office once took less than fifteen days to deliver his Christmas gifts to

Lithuania....under the new and improved system, only one has arrived thus far. His concern... will the government deliver a new and more efficient government health program? Hermann Welm led the Club in a song and there were no visiting Rotarians. Guests included Mark Balock and the Steve Wilcox family..Sharon, Christopher, Shelby, and Colton.

President Bill noted that today his presidency reached his half-way mark. Only six months to go... to which he received a round of applause.

The Bard thanked the Club "flag lady", Carolyn Degnan for her help in sewing and maintaining the banners.



A special thanks to Cho Tang and Marie Galbo for a successful Senior Center holiday lunch. Linens were supplied by member Mike Rood and CCCC. Dennis Garrison donated sixty raffle items.



John Tatum reported on the tree lot. Even though we had around 100 trees left, the Club still netted about \$45,000-\$50,000. Special thanks to David Quick, Patti and husband, John Hannigan, for all their hard work. Bill presented the Club with the District "Second Best Large Club", 2008-2009 certificate.

**Service Above Self**

John Sims presented Sharon and Christopher Wicox with their Paul Harris as the rest of the Wilcox family proudly looked on.



A thank you note was received from "Fresh Start" for the Club food and dollar donations collected by Peggy and Horace and Crawford.

Contact President Bill if you wish to be part of an organizing committee to assist Brian Thiessen establish a new Dougherty Valley Rotary Club.

Contact John Sims if you would like to read the Rotary Foundation annual report.

Reno train trip has been cancelled.

President Bill asked if anyone can recall the name of the guest speaker who gave an excellent program on wine.

Past District Governor, Mark von Hoetzenforff, will present a future program on his most rewarding trip to Benin, Africa, to help immunize thousands of children against polio.



President Bill indicated that at the next Board meeting, a proposal will be presented to consider a change in the benefactors of the Carbo-load and tree farm proceeds. After its decision, it will be presented to the membership for final consideration. It has been suggested that the tree farm proceeds be directed to the Club, and Carboload proceeds go to the Education Foundation since this has been tied to the Primo's Run in the past. It is hoped that we would have more assistance in its organization and operation. Currently, Club members are contributing most of the income and the goal is to have more outside participants adding to its financial success. Contact Bill or a board member if you have further input. There will be a Club Assembly in February to discuss a hands on project....possibly a scholarship pageant or a wine auction.



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, January 7, 2010, you will be greeted by Gary Sloan**

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

**Gary has been a member of our club since, March 2004**

**Classification: Hospital Administration**

Gary Sloan serves as the Chief Executive Officer for San Ramon Regional Medical Center. Mr. Sloan has worked for Tenet Healthcare Corporation for over 23 years. He is a veteran CEO, having served at Doctors Medical Center – San Pablo/Pinole for 11 years prior to joining San Ramon Regional Medical Center as Chief Executive Officer in 2003. Mr. Sloan is responsible for the operation and development of the San Ramon Regional Medical Center campus, including a highly innovative surgical intervention program, Cardiac, Orthopedics, OB and Neonatal services.

Gary grew up in a physician's home and has worked in hospitals since age 16. His experience working with patients and healthcare workers early in his life formed the basis of his strong commitment and desire to work within the health care industry. Gary has been married for 20 years to his wife Barbara who is an accomplished Pediatrician and musician. Mr. Sloan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a Masters degree in Health Services Management and Hospital Administration from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Gary Sloan is active in his community serving on the board of the San Ramon Rotary Club and is the current Chairman of the East Bay American Heart Association. He serves on the San Ramon Leadership Board and is also professionally active, serving on the Boards of the California Hospital Council and United Hospital Association. Mr. Sloan is a seven-time recipient of Circle of Excellence, Tenet Health System's highest leadership award. He was recognized as Businessperson of the Year by the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce in 2009.

# About Rotary!

An Excerpt from: A CENTURY OF SERVICE - The Story of Rotary International, by David C. Forward

## The Architect and the Builders

*(By 1912, The Rotarian had succeeded The National Rotarian in order to reflect the international nature of the organization, and Ches Perry was busy coordinating the National Association of Rotary Clubs, however:)*

The early years were not easy for the National Association of Rotary Clubs. The member clubs often displayed hostility at what they saw as centralized control where they previously enjoyed independence. From Perry and Harris' standpoint, many clubs were petty and isolationist when they fought the association's drive for unity of purpose and procedures. Then there was the frugal budget approved by convention delegates. Elmer Rich, the first National Association treasurer, reported the association finished its 1910-11 year with \$44.38 in the bank. What he did not reveal -- or perhaps did not know -- was that Ches Perry had found it impossible to run the office on the \$25 monthly allowance the Board had given him. So he had paid \$816.75 from his own pocket, just to keep the office open. The National Association began its first year with 16 U.S. clubs; it ended the year with 36 clubs in the United States, Canada, Ireland and Britain.

On 8 August 1912, delegates to the third annual Rotary Convention in Duluth, Minnesota, adopted the motion made by Rotarian C.E. Fletcher of Winnepeg and unanimously agreed to change the association's name to the International Association of Rotary Clubs. Paul Harris had been president of the National Association for two years and stepped down at the end of the Duluth convention. The convention adjourned after conferring on Paul the title "President Emeritus," and so he was for the rest of his life.

*(To be Continued)*

## ***Did you Know?***

That in the early 1960's, a committee of five Rotarians from various regions of the world developed the concept of Interact, service clubs for young people ages 14 to 18, modeled after the Rotary organization. Interact (a contraction of the words *international* and *action*) clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance. However, Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting.

The first club was launched in 1962 at a high school in Melbourne, Florida. Today there are about 200,000 Interact members in roughly 7,700 clubs, in over 100 countries.

**Shared by Hermann Welm**

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15  
Crow Canyon Country Club  
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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. vpp

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

### Future Programs:

Jan 7th      Jay Tontz - Economic Forecast  
Jan 14th     David Quick - Shadow Day  
Jan 21st     Robin Kelley - 40 Developmental Assets  
Jan 28th     Susan Heckly - Lindsey Wildlife Museum

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

January 24th/25th   Reno Train Trip (CANCELLED)

### Schedule of Greeters

January 7th      Gary Sloan  
January 14th     Robin Stevens  
January 21st     Fumi Suzuki

