



# Crow's Call



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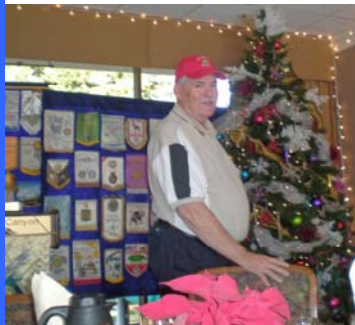
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### **Tom Port**

Past President

## **Rotary Meeting - December 3rd by Hermann Welm**



"**The Bard**" called the meeting to order. He welcomed all present and reminded us that the RI President is John Kenny, of Scotland; his theme is "The Future of Rotary is in your Hands!"

**Paula Silva**, our Greeter, gave us a Thought for the Day, to wit: "Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values!" She then led us in the Flag Salute and gave us a short bio. She works for Comerica Bank and loves the Raiders (what's there to love?) and her cat!

"**The Bard**" then proceeded to once again embarrass this **Scribe** by having him lead the assembly in a very poor rendition of "Jingle Bells." When will he learn to stop calling on this Scribe?

**Visiting Rotarians:** **Ira Hillyer** from the Walnut Creek club, and **Jay Tontz**.

**Visitors:** Rob Blatecky, formerly with our club; **Lauren Schall**, to be inducted today; **Mark Ballard**, a guest of **Paula Silva**; **Mary Nawabi**, wife of **Sam Parwiz**; and, stopping in between classes, **Rachel Stevens**, **Spike's** daughter, to tell us about the Monday, December 7, Fundraiser at Chili's Restaurant for the Cal High Interact Club (which you are ALL going to support, or else!).

A Welcome Song should have been led by **Don Jones**, who was prepared to do it, but "**The Bard**" messed up again and failed to call on him! However, in spite of this grievous error, all were made to feel welcome by their table mates!

**Good Times/Good News/Fine Free:** "**The Bard**" announced that **Annie Gibbs** is recovering nicely from her surgery (we miss her enthusiasm!). **Rick Probert** thanked all for the good wishes sent to **Judy** as she is recovering from a blood clot complication after minor surgery. He thinks that **Gary Sloan's** shop does a really great job! **Geoff Johnson** announced that **Penny's** daughter will be delivering their 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild. **PP Don Jones** was pleased to announce that after two surgeries and several "procedures" his "film did NOT light up!" after a follow up scan two weeks ago.

### **Announcements:**

**John Tatum** gave us a quick overview of progress at the Christmas Tree Lot and praised **Patti Hennigan** and **David Quick** for the great leadership they have shown in getting it staffed. Two weekends to go; we can always use more help on Friday evenings, and all day Saturday and Sunday (8 am to 8 pm)!



**Service Above Self**

"**The Bard**" passed over **Captain Doctor John Sims**. His benign demeanor was noted by all, prompting them to rush to their checkbooks and make their annual "Double Sustainer" contributions to The Rotary Foundation, which, one should be reminded, can be a tax deduction for 2009 if mailed before December 31!

This **Scribe** announced that the Rotary Alliance will be sending representatives to a "B2B Mixer" this evening to see if such a format can be used to promote Rotary in general, and the five clubs, in particular.

This **Scribe** also announced that he will be faithfully lip-syncing, and **PP Don Jones** will be singing, when The Blackhawk Chorus presents their Christmas Concert on December 19.

Buy our tickets at: [www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/parks/theater](http://www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/parks/theater).

Sign up NOW to attend the San Ramon Rotary Christmas Party at the home of **Linda** and **John Tatum**, on December 12. If you missed the Sign-Up sheet that was circulated, email **Kathe Mitchell** at: [kathel@pacbell.net](mailto:kathel@pacbell.net) immediately!

**Bill Clarkson** announced that several of our Rotarians have been nominated for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Awards, to be held by the Chamber on December 10. Four (4) seats for the sold-out event have been reserved for Rotarians. Contact **Carolyn Degnan** if you want to occupy one of those seats. (Cost is \$65 per person.)

**Mike Prilutsky** indicated that the Rotary International Matching Grant Program is changing in that they will only be getting involved in large-scale, sustainable projects. Other projects will be handled at the District level.

**Randy Perkins** reminded all that the Reno Train Trip will take place January 24/25, 2010. Sign up at: [www.keyholidays.com/rotary.html](http://www.keyholidays.com/rotary.html) for one of the 18 seats reserved for our club. To date, ten have signed up to participate in this fun, relaxing outing.

**PP Marie Galbo** and **Cho Tang** are routing a Sign Up Sheet for the Senior Center Christmas Lunch on December 17 (in lieu of a Regular Meeting). It will, once again, be a catered event, so fear of "County Food" will NOT be an acceptable excuse!

**PP Chris Gallagher** announced that the Grants Committee has met and that applications can now be submitted. You can advise your non-profit friends that the application can be found on our website: <http://www.sanramonrotary.org/>.

**Recognitions:** **The Bard** "recognized" **Ed Duarte** in the amount of \$2,000.00 for having been chosen to lead the District's GSE Team to Mexico. Ed, however, probably been forewarned, had purchased the Fine Free Badge earlier and was thus able to escape with his fat wallet intact! "**The Bard**" attempted to shame **Steve Wilcox** into picking up \$10.00 fines for each of the five ladies that sat with him at the 6-Club Dinner several weeks ago, however, he either failed to comprehend what the "proper course of action" should have been, or he just played dumb (YOU be the judge!).



#### **Pre-Program Program:**

This **Scribe**, assisted by **PP Tom Port**, asked **Patti Hennigan** to step forward and recite the Four Way Test ("**The Bard**" obligingly using his formerly large body to block her view of the banner). With some stumbling, but less than by others, she recited it and was handed her Blue Badge! Congratulations, Patti!



Next came the Induction of **Lauren Schall** as our newest Red Badge. Her classification is "Estate Planning Attorney." Her sponsor, **Steve Wilcox**, presented her with his Rotary pin, and she was given two Rotary plaques, suitable for mounting on a wall at home or in her office. She was challenged to complete the Eight Steps to Blue Badge, with Steve's guidance, in somewhere between **Annie Gibb's** six weeks and **George Gayler's** six (or so) years. As is our custom, all Rotarians present came forward to welcome **Lauren**.

**Program:**

**PE Dennis Garrison** stepped forward to introduce the proposed Officers and Directors for the Club for the 2010/11 Rotary Year:

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| President:                      | <b>Dennis Garrison</b>  |
| President-Elect:                | <b>Robin Stevens</b>    |
| Past President:                 | <b>Bill Harlan</b>      |
| Secretary:                      | <b>Karen McNamara</b>   |
| Treasurer:                      | <b>Jeff Disch</b>       |
| Sergeant-at-Arms:               | <b>Chris Gallagher</b>  |
| Director, Public Relations:     | <b>Sam Parwiz</b>       |
| Director, Club Administration:  | <b>Gary Sloan</b>       |
| Director, Service:              | <b>Crissy McConnell</b> |
| Director, Membership:           | <b>Hermann Welm</b>     |
| Director, International Grants: | <b>Mike Prilutsky</b>   |



And, some additional volunteers, whose positions may be added to the Board of Directors through a separate action:

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| CarboLoad Chair:                 | <b>Lucky Sandhu</b>  |
| Director, International Service: | <b>Kathy Gailey</b>  |
| Ed Foundation Liaison:           | <b>Walt Trembley</b> |

A motion was made from the floor to elect the above persons to the positions indicated; after a Second, it was passed unanimously.

**Raffles:** The Greeter's Gift, a Starbucks Coffee "package," was won by **Ray Giles**.  
The Club Gift went to **Patti Hennigan**.

**Next Week:** the Greeter will be **Lucky Sandhu** and the Program will be **PDG Bill Spaulding**, speaking about Rotary Medical Initiatives.



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, December 10, 2009, you will be greeted by Lucky Sandhu**

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

**Lucky has been a member of our club since, July 2008**

**Classification: Mortgage Broker**

Lucky Sandhu is the President of Reliance Financial, a premier mortgage brokerage based in San Ramon, CA. He is responsible for setting the company vision, marketing goals and presiding over the day-to-day operations of the company. He has been personally responsible for over \$300 million in funded mortgage transactions.

Before founding Reliance Financial in 2003, Lucky worked for seven years in the professional services industry, first as a financial auditor for Ernst and Young LLP (1996-1999) and then as a management consultant with Cap Gemini Ernst and Young (1999-2003).

Lucky honed his strong financial and customer service skills while providing professional services to several Fortune 500 companies. Lucky was consistently ranked at the top of his class, each of the 7 years he served at Ernst and Young and Cap Gemini Ernst and Young.

Lucky holds a B.S. degree from the University of California, Walter A. Haas School of Business (1996). He completed his Certified Public Account credentials while working at Ernst and Young. He is a licensed Mortgage Broker and a Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist.

Lucky is the President of the Haas Alumni Network, East Bay Chapter. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Mortgage Brokers. Lucky was recently elected to the board of the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of the San Ramon Rotary Club and a proud member of the Leadership San Ramon Valley class of 2009-1010. He is a frequent speaker and panelist on the subject of social networking.

During his spare time, Lucky enjoys spending quality time with his lovely five year old daughter, Chaya, working out, reading and writing.

# About Rotary!

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

## The Architect and the Builders

*((Immediately after the first Rotary Convention ended in August, 1910, the newly elected Board asked Chesley Perry to temporarily accept the position of Secretary. His "temporary" post lasted 32 years. He was busy from the start; in his first year he wrote more than 6,000 outgoing letters.))*

Much of the correspondence was repetitive, and before long, Ches realized the need for a more effective way of communicating with the clubs. . . . One delegate to the 1919 convention had proposed that the association publish a magazine, but the idea was rejected for fear that such a centralized voice might usurp the autonomy of local clubs. . . . *(Therefore)* the convention had modified the proposal to permit the secretary to "distribute literature."

Thus Paul Harris began what was to become an unbroken tradition. Halfway through his first term as National Association president, Paul wrote a 6,000-word tome titled "Rational Rotarianism," in which he analyzed the appeal of Rotary to different business and professional categories.

. . . Paul asked Ches to mimeograph the essay and mail it to all 2,000 Rotarians in the 23 clubs nationwide. *(But)* Perry . . . had no funds, . . . *(so he)* reproduce *(d)* the essay in a pamphlet, like a newspaper, for which paid advertising could be sought for the unused space. He quickly produced a mock-up and showed it to members of his own club, several of whom committed to buying advertising space.

. . . . The first issue of *The National Rotarian* newsletter was mailed to every Rotarian in January, 1911.

*(To be Continued)*

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

In 1927, the year that Charles Lindbergh flew non-stop from New York to Paris in the monoplane "Spirit of St. Louis," the 3,000<sup>th</sup> Rotary club was organized in Talca, Chile. That year also saw the first clubs being formed in Paraguay, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ecuador, Bolivia, Germany and Java.

**Shared by Hermann Welm**

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15  
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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. sly

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:

Dec 10th Bill Spaulding - Rotary Medical  
Dec 17th Lunch at San Ramon Senior Center  
Dec 24th Dark - No Meeting  
Dec 31st Ken Mintz - Telecommunication Update

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

December 12th Holiday Party - John Tatum  
December 17th Lunch at San Ramon Senior Center  
December 24th No Meeting  
January 24th/25th Reno Train Trip

### Schedule of Greeters

December 10th Lucky Sandhu  
December 31st Rob Scott

