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Rotary Meeting - January 15th by Dr. Bill Harlan

Our president **Tom (“the Aviator”) Port** managed to land the Rotary plane in the Crow Canyon water hazard. Our Greeter **Stan Smalley** shared with us that 30,000 kids die every day in the world of preventable diseases, a graphic reminder of the need for our service. Once a flag was located, we did the salute and Songmeister **Gary Daniel** led us in “America, the Beautiful.” Stan reminded us of his long years in Rotary, dating back to his wild youth in Riverton, Wyoming. Our visiting Rotarian was our old friend **Linda Brewer** of the Pittsburg Club. Other guests included Tom Port’s wife **Judy** and his hair dresser **Patricia Hennigan**. The Jones family was here in force: **Don, Cynthia** and daughter **Donelle**, plus Cynthia’s friend **Georgeanne Leopold**. **Geoff Johnson** brought his friend **Steve Renfro**. So we sang the welcome song to all. **Chris Gallagher** reminds us of the important Club Assembly on the evening of January 22; we will be dark that day.



Rick Probert shared a thank you note from Brian Lindbloom for our help with the Juvenile Hall Christmas festivities which served 350 kids.

The Reno Train Trip is coming up. The Club is seeking applications for Ambassadorial Scholarships.

John Sims presented **Donelle Jones** with a Paul Harris and reminds us that we can use recognition points in addition to cash to fund PH.



Chris Gallagher and friends are looking for some help with our one-day ski trip for special athletes on January 31.

John Tatum gave us the first update on profits from the tree lot – about \$50,000.



Dave Larsen will be collecting sign-ups for Day at the Races on May 2



Don Jones introduced **Cynthia** who presented a program “Water Wars in California.” She is a fifth generation Californian with a degree in Political Science. She has served on various advisory boards for San Ramon and was elected to the board of the Dublin-San Ramon Service District. Cynthia began with an appropriate quote from Mark Twain: “In California the whiskey is for drinking and the water is for fighting over.” She outlined the history of sewerage in the Valley: the Parks treatment plant in 1953, the first Dublin-San Ramon plant in 1963 and then in the 1970’s Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin financed a pipeline to the Bay for treated waste water. That pipeline became the focus of sewerage problems in the Valley, because it quickly reached capacity in the 1980’s. Growth continued but the local communities (especially Pleasanton and Livermore) used the size restriction to try and slow development. Then when the Dougherty Valley project took shape, EBMUD rebuffed the developers’ efforts to include the new homes, so Shappell and Windermere found available water in the Central Valley and arranged for the DSRSD to take that water from the California Aqueduct and supply it to the new community in exchange for upgraded facilities. One of the initiatives Cynthia was involved with was the “Clean Water Revival” in which treated water was restored to the declining water table; unfortunately, this approach met with spirited opposition. Water quality is all a matter of perception; treated water here is actually cleaner than drinking water in Los Angeles. Treated water is used for landscaping, but Pleasanton refuses to use the recycled water and also refuses to allow it to go to the DSRSD. When an expansion of the pipeline did take place, the City of Hayward charged \$10 million to allow it to go through. Meanwhile the specter of sustained drought hangs over the entire State and no one has a plan to deal with it. It seems as if provincial concerns and pettiness trump wise policy making in this arena as well. It was a sobering, informative program!

Walt Trembley and **Mike Rood** were unapologetic in winning the raffle. Their names have been noted.

Kathy Gailey will be the Greeter on January 29th



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This Week, January 29th, You will be greeted by Kathy Gailey

Here are some things you should know about Kathy:

Kathy has been a member of our club since, April 2005

Classification: Consulting : HR

Kathy has lived in Danville for the past 22 years where she resides with her husband, Scott and their 2 sons, Mike and Chris. Mike is a senior at Monte Vista and Chris is a sophomore. Scott works hard to help families plan for their future as a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial

Kathy has a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Masters Degree in Industrial Relations. Up until this past October Kathy worked with the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce as their Director of events. Prior to this she spent the last 10 years as the owner of Development Plus, a consulting firm specializing in project management and instructional design. She is currently offering international trips around the world through SST Tours.

Kathy's community work included working as the VP of the SRVEF. Her responsibilities include the managing the Affiliates, Board Member Orientation and Advisor to the Primo's Run.

As a member of the San Ramon Rotary where she is currently working on an international water project in S Africa.

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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. mbf

Future Programs:

January 29th	Michael Barrington MD - RI Programs
February 5th	John Coleman - EBMUD drought mgmt
February 12th	Valentine's Day Special Program

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

January 31st - Club Leadership Training

Schedule of Greeters:

January 29th	Kathy Gailey
February 5th	Marie Galbo
February 12th	Chris Gallagher
February 19th	Dennis Garrison

