



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - January 29th 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!"

**Kathy Gailey**, our Greeter, gave us a Thought for the Day: "Love life and life will love you!" Some wit in the room ruined the moment by asking if this was also true if substitute the thought with "wife." All present agreed that this would NOT be the case for Rotarians!

The Flag Salute, however, came off without a hitch!

The singing of "America the Beautiful" was led by the Club Songmeister, **Gary Daniel**.

**Kathy** then introduced the Visiting Rotarians, **Mike Riehl** (Livermore) and **Gary Bosley** (Castro Valley).

Visitors: **Monica Lander**, a Guest of this Scribe. **Natalie Kurtz**, a Guest of **Rick Probert**; **Laura Birch**, a guest of Guest **Gary Bosley**; **Kristen Kinyon**, a Guest of the "Shark," **Dennis Harvey**

The Welcome Song was overlooked, so it fell upon table mates to make the guests present feel welcome (and they succeeded!).

Good Times/Good News/Fine Free: The **Aviator** forgot to ask, so this **Scribe** is determined to pout and NOT share his good news with the Club; ever!

Bad Times/Bad News/Fine Free: The **Aviator** added this segment and allowed **Dr. Bill**, our second favorite **Harlan**, time to explain that his facial bruises were NOT the result of a barroom brawl, but were caused by a trip over a misaligned floor tile. All assembled felt very sorry for **Dr. Bill**, and also for his bruises.

### Announcements:



**Dennis Harvey** explained that **Alan Altura** has been moved to an extended care facility in Oakland; he is doing better, but members should wait a few days before visiting so he can get settled in. **Mel Creusere** has also improved his condition; he is home now and is happy to receive calls and visits.

**Jim Livingstone** reported that AT&T's sponsorship check for CarboLoad has now arrived.



**Lucky Sandhu** asked that members pay close attention to their nominations for the 2009 Businessman Hall of Fame; our first two awardees were **Alex Mehran** and **Chris Truebridge** and we like to give this year's award to a business person of similar caliber. Nominations for the May 7 event are due on March 26.

**PP Glen Weber** announced that April 23 will be Key Colleague Day; bring your most valued assistant to the meeting as your Guest and introduce him/her to the Club. A picture of the two of you will be taken, and framed, as a memento to that colleague.

**Randy Perkins** announced that the **Aviator** missed The Reno Train Trip, as did he (Randy), but that those attending had a great time. Attendees were NOT fined because they would not crack under strenuous interrogation as to who won how much! The **Aviator**, however, was fined \$100 by our ever-vigilant Sergeant-at-Arms, **Judy Lewis**, for being a no-show!



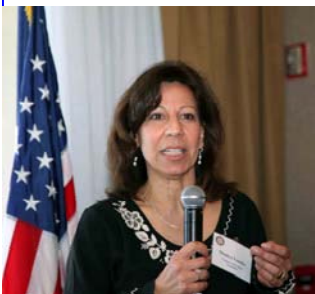
**PP Guy Greco** announced that there will be a Rotary Bocce Ball Challenge, in Martinez, on May 9. Sign-ups will be handled later, but hold that date!

**Guy** also announced that our Club will be participating in a Six-Club Dinner on March 11. The speaker will be Jeff Tedford, Head Football Coach for the Cal BEARS. Reserve March 11 for this. (This might be a great event to invite an important client to!)

**Recognitions:** The **Aviator** once again had trouble finding anyone to fine. All those on his list having absented themselves from meeting (he failed to spot **Steve Wilcox**, because Steve had the glare of the window behind him; a very clever move!). So he picked on **Lucky Sandhu**, someone NOT on his list, to "recognize," but this Scribe did not record the why-for!

#### "Pre-Program" Program(s):

**Captain John** asked **Rick Probert's** daughter, **Natalie Kurtz**, to step forward and receive a Paul Harris Fellowship award. Natalie, aka "Splat" and "Gnat" to her former soccer teammates, works for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District and is well known by our Rotarians.



**Monica Lander**, columnist for the San Ramon Valley Times, gave a short bio of herself and advised all present that her "Around San Ramon" column now appears every other week, in the Saturday edition. Cutbacks throughout the paper caused this change (from weekly); she hopes all will search out the column as well as letting her know of "happening things" in San Ramon. She was thanked for her support of our Club's efforts.

#### Program:

Our scheduled speaker, **Dr. Michael Barrington**, had to cancel at the last minute, so our very own "erudite" (characterized by great knowledge; learned or scholarly: *an erudite professor; an erudite commentary*.) member, **Bill Clarkson**, stepped in and proceeded to wow the attendees with his discussion of the Civil



War's Battle of Franklin. Fought in the waning days of the war -- although that might not have been generally recognized at that time -- just south of Nashville, it was Confederate General Hood's effort to disrupt General Sherman's "March to the Sea." Frontal attacks by the Confederates against a larger Union force that was pretty well entrenched, caused casualties among the 20,000 Rebels that were more severe than those of the much better known Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg. Bill went on to describe the tremendous effort by local civilians to treat the many wounded and bury the many dead. The Carnton Estate, which today is

open to the public, was the site of one family's effort to treat the dead and wounded honorably. The family not only used their large home a hospital -- the soaked-in blood is today still visible in the floorboards but took it upon themselves to establish a well-documented graveyard the Confederates. Many, if not most, of the Southern families who searched for their dead after the War, left then in that cemetery rather than taking them home, because of the care shown by the family.

We, once again, thank **Bill Clarkson**, for his willingness to step in at the last moment and deliver an interesting talk!



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**Raffles:** The Greeter's Gift, a bottle of wine, went to **Judy Lewis**. As for the Club Gift of \$20.00 cash, all this Scribe heard was that "**Bob**" won it (which one, I cannot say!).

**Next Week:** The Greeter will be **Marie Galbo**; the Program will be the **John Coleman**, who will depress us with news about another drought and EBMUD's Water Management Plan.



Proving to be at true "Hall of Famer", **Chris Truebridge** stands in front of the newly completed bridge at Forest Home Farms. **Shapell Homes and Chris** put together a team of contractors that donated time and materials in order to donate the bridge to the San Ramon Community. Thanks **Chris** for building goodwill and better friendships.



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This Week, February 5th, 2009, You will be Greeted by Marie Galbo**

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

**Marie has been a member of our club since, April 1995**

**Classification: Mortgage Broker**

Paul Harris Fellow: Benefactor: Board of Directors 1998-2003: President 2001-2002

Marie was born in Trenton, New Jersey, and raised on Long Island before moving to Los Angeles in 1960.

Upon graduation from Cal State Northridge in 1967, she married Ed. In 1976 Ed was transferred to the East Bay with Home Savings of America. They have lived in San Ramon for 33 years raising their two children, Christine and Mark.

Marie has always been active in the San Ramon community. She served as Twin Creeks School PTA President in 1980-1981 and headed the five year long battle to replace the Twin Creeks portable school. She volunteered on several SRVUSD and City of San Ramon committees, including organizing the major fundraiser that provided the seed money for San Ramon Incorporation. She also served on the Twin Creeks HOA board and as President in 1983. This was prior to Incorporation and an exciting time in San Ramon's history. All major projects such as Bishop Ranch and Canyon Lakes were required to be approved by the Twin Creeks HOA prior to review and approval by Contra Costa County,

Marie eventually returned to work in 1987 and worked as a real estate appraiser and mortgage broker. She recently retired from Washington Mutual after ten years as a Senior Loan Consultant. Ed also retired from Home Savings after 28 years of service and they enjoy traveling and their three grandchildren, Corey, Ashley, and Alexandra (Sasha).

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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. gws

### **Future Programs:**

February 5th	John Coleman - EBMUD, drought issues
February 12th	Valentine Celebration, Newlywed Game
February 19th	Stan Smalley - Ambassador Scholars

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

February 12th Valentine Celebration, great fun!

### **Schedule of Greeters:**

February 5th	Marie Galbo
February 12th	Dennis Garrison
February 19th	Chris Gallagher
February 26th	George Gaylor

