



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - January 8th by Pat Paterson

President, "The Aviator" Port opened the meeting. of the Rotary Club of San Ramon. This year's Rotary International president is Dong Kurn Lee from Korea. His theme is "Make Dreams Real." Greeter PP Ed Duarte thought for the day "Be thankful that we live in a country with freedom of speech and opinion." Ed prayed for Guidance to our nation and its leaders in 2009. Ed led us in the pledge. Our speaker Jay Tontz was the only visiting Rotarian. Your aging scribe did not hear the names of all the numerous visitors and will not attempt to list them... The long version of the "Welcome" song was led by the Red badges. PP Don Jones led us in "God Bless America."

**Paul Harris Fellow:** John Sims Presented "Multiple" Paul Harris pins to: John Tatum (+6), PP Marie Galbo (+2) and PP Glen Weber (+7).

**Honorary Rotarian:** PP Horace Crawford and Marc Stillman inducted Monica Henely as the Rotary Club of San Ramon's latest Honorary Rotarian.

### Announcements:

#### Trees for Education:

P Port thanked John Tatum and Marc Stillman for their hard work. John said that all the figures were not in but we should net about \$40,000.

Holiday Party: Thank you to John and Linda Tatum for hosting the party.

Club Assembly: January 22<sup>nd</sup> at CCCC Dinner 6:30 meeting 7:15. The subject is CarboLoad survey results. **There will be NO noon meeting that day.**

Special Winter Olympics: January 31<sup>st</sup> one day only. Contact Mitch Kessler.

Mel Creusere: PP Galbo passed around a book to be given to Mel and wishing him a quick return to the club. Mel welcomes visits and phone calls.

### Recognitions:

#### Rotarian Birthdays:

Brent Tucker January 9 (60)

Mike Prilutsky January 11 (59)

#### Rotarian's Anniversaries:

Susan and Keith Meyers January 11 (5 years)

Mike and Sandy Gunning January 12

#### Other : none

PP "Krash Kubal fell off a ladder "Krash just can't stay safe.

**Program:** 2009 Economic Forecast, Dr Jay Tontz

**Jin Sims** introduced Dr. Tontz saying “This is Jay’s 21<sup>st</sup> annual January presentation and he needs NO introduction.”

The scribe will hold the forecast for 2009 and its comparison to 2008 until the end. Dr Tontz said 2008 was a difficult year for sure and that the Federal Reserve did not succeed with the action taken.

Jay described in detail our nations past 30 year economic history and the more recent events leading up to present economic condition. He also took us through the events bringing us to the Housing crisis starting with the Carter years and the lending practices that have taken place since.

The global economy has reacted similarly because of the US’s condition.

In making his forecast for 2009 Jay listed factors that will influence the economics next year: a new president and party in power, the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, monetary policy, and fiscal policy which includes the second tax rebate in the second quarter, a \$700B bank loan in October 2008, auto industry bailout, and a suggested \$775B stimulus package for the first and second quarters in 2009.

Dr Tontz predicts Wealth will increase with the stock market going up. (The stock market leads the recover three to four month before the rest of the economy reacts.) Home prices will stabilize. Disposable Income will go up with increased employment, lower gas prices and \$300B tax cut. Consumer Confidence will go up because of more jobs, stable prices, low interest and higher stock prices.

Now for the numbers:

	2008 forecast	2008 actual	2009 forecast
Real Growth;	+ 2.5 %	+ 1.3 %	+ 1.5 %
Inflation	+ 2.2 %	+ 2.0 %	+ 2.5 %
Unemployment	4.9 %	6.7 %	6.8 %
Interest Short	1.5 %	2.5 %	1.0 %
Long	.5 %	9.2 %	2.0%

Dr. Jay Tontz was optimistic that 2009 will see recovery and growth. Thank you Jay for once again giving us your presentation

**Raffle Winner:**

Greeter’s gift: **Mike Gunning**

Club’s gift: **PP Don Jones**

**Reminders:**

Next week’s Greeter: **Stan Smalley**

Next week’s program : “Water Wars” Cynthia Jones



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



## **Here are some things you should know about Stan:**

**Stan has been a member of our club since, April, 1987**

**Classification: Construction Management**

Charter member of the Rotary Club of Riverton, Wyoming on May 29, 1979 and was Club President 1982-83 and District 5440 Governor's Representative in 1983-84. Joined the Rotary Club of San Ramon in 1987 and was Club President in 1991-92. I have served 12 District Governors from 1992-93 through 2003-04 in 16 different District positions including Committee Chairpersons, Directors and Assistant Governor twice. Was selected as District Governor Nominee in 2003-04 and served as District Governor in 2007-08, which was obviously the most enjoyable year in almost 30 years of being a Rotarian.

Marsha and I have hosted a total of 22 students and adults from all over the world through the following Rotary Programs: Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars, GSE Team and Russian Contractors from the PEP delegations that our local Rotary Clubs have hosted. We love our extended International Family.

Born and raised on a farm in Southern Iowa. Obtained a B.S. and M.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University in 1963 and 1965 respectively. Commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a Civil Engineer Corps Officer through the NROTC program in 1963.

Married Marsha Roberts in 1963 and have three grown daughters, five grandsons and two granddaughters. Oldest daughter, husband and two grandsons live just north of Palm Springs. Middle daughter lives in San Ramon with her husband and our two grandsons and one granddaughter. Youngest daughter lives in San Ramon with her husband and a grandson and our youngest granddaughter born on December 18, 2008.

After completion of U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps Officers School in Port Hueneme, California in 1965, I was stationed at the Public Works Department in Sasebo, Japan for three years where I met Maynard and Anita Crowther. After the Navy tour of duty, I worked for Roy Jorgensen Associates, a large international consulting firm, for five years on two projects (one in Utah and the other in Michigan) for three of the five years working with Maynard Crowther who joined Roy Jorgensen Associates a year after I did. I left the consulting firm in 1973 and moved to Riverton, Wyoming to work for a modular home building company names Style Homes. I started my own land development and home building company in 1976. We moved to California in 1986 and joined Maynard Crowther at MCE Corporation as Vice President of the Contract Management Division, in charge of all governmental contracts including municipal maintenance and federal construction contracts. I was promoted to President of MCE Corporation in July of 2004. I have been trying to retire since 2006.

Registered Professional Engineer in the states Utah and Wyoming. Active in the Wyoming Home Builders Association and served as State Vice President in 1983. Served two terms as a member of the local school board and was appointed to the Wyoming State Senate in 1983

Fellow San Ramon Rotary Club Rotarians – Here is a message that we just received from Jaap Switters who was our exchange student from Netherlands in the Rotary Year 1997-1998. You may remember his visit here in 2007 when he spoke to our Club: Jaap spent 2008 in Australia in a Masters program of study.



Jaap Switters and Judy Lewis 2007

Following is a copy of Jaap's message.

"I am doing fine, just finished my master course, I become yesterday my last test results and I past everything, the university granted me the degree of Master of musculoskeletal and sports physiotherapy, Yes it is a long name but it sounds really cool!!! hahahaahahah

at the moment I am traveling in Tasmania, the month December I will travel around Australia and at the beginning of January I will be going back to Europe to find a job. I would like to find a job where I can combine research with clinical work, at I talked with 2 universities and there are some possibilities, which sounds really good!!!"

Jaap

When Jaap was first here for a year he was a junior in high school. Afterward, he returned home and completed his last year of high school. After finishing high school he took a job with a soccer team. Later he worked in Switzerland in a physical therapy facility where he became the facility manager treating children, adults, and seniors. This experience and his desire for more education lead him to apply to a University in Australia for higher level study in his field.

We are very proud of Jaap and his accomplishments, Horace Crawford, PP 1997-1898

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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:**

January 15th	Cynthia Jones - The Water Wars
January 22nd	Dark - Club Assembly @ 5:30pm
January 29th	Michael Barrington MD - RI Programs

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

January 22nd	- Club Assembly @ CCCC 5:30pm
January 31st	- Club Leadership Training

### **Schedule of Greeters:**

January 15th	Stan Smalley
January 29th	Kathy Gailey
February 5th	Marie Galbo
February 12th	Chris Gallagher

