



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting — December 2nd by Dr. Bill Harlan



After rounding up those few members resolutely sitting in our regular meeting room, President Menace, **Dennis Garrison**, began the meeting.



Greeter **Jay Tontz** opined that if you tell the truth you don't have to have a good memory. (There was more but I forgot it.) After a spirited Flag Salute Jay did a Member Profile about his extensive background. He seems to have been unable to stay in any school for very long, moving from Dennison College to Harvard with lots of stops in between. He assumed the leadership of Hayward State's School of Business and stayed there for over 30 years, hiring both **John Sims** and **Dennis Garrison** to teach. Jay's biggest success was the international graduate program which he introduced in many business centers around the world. Retired from CSUEB Jay now enjoys teaching economics at the San Ramon Center of DVC. In appreciation of his service as Greeter, Dennis awarded Jay Tontz his Blue Badge. **John Sims** led us in singing a patriotic song. There were no visiting Rotarians. **Fred Nevarez** made a really big deal about leading us in the Short Version.



**John Sims** reminds us we have only this month to get our Foundation support in so it will come off this year's taxes. **Steve Wilcox** received a Paul Harris pin with four sapphires. **Dr. Bill Harlan** invited all members to join him at the reception for RI President **Ray Klingensmith** on Sunday, January 2 at the Saddle Rack in Fremont. Sign up on the District web site. **Cho Tang** reminded us that next Thursday's meeting is at the San Ramon Senior Center on Alcosta; Dennis G warned ominously that the meeting is mandatory.

**Service Above Self**

**Horace Crawford** will be there with his big white pickup to collect warm clothes, sleeping bags, canned goods and cash for Fresh Start, the homeless center that is Horace's passion.



**Kathy Gailey** circulated sign-ups for the Tree Lot; we still have slots with no Rotarians signed up. Kathy also reminded us of the Holiday Party at **Brent Tucker's**. Let her know you're coming on 12/11; those A – L bring appetizers, M – Z bring desserts. The dinner is provided by the Club at no charge.

**Randy Perkins** shouted "All Aboard" for the Reno Train Trip, January 21 – 22. Cost is \$300. **Patti Hennigan** will be collecting car information from those Rotarians who will be doing Shadow Day with kids from Cal High in January. **Pat Paterson** was recognized for finally dressing appropriately in public. **John Tatum** says tree sales are on schedule, having already covered the cost of the trees; flyers have gone out to all parents in the school district and are available for local businesses.



**Robin Stevens** introduced **Mark Corti** who presented the three Cal High Students of the Month, all members of the Grizzlies 11 – 1 football team. **Drew Reil** is the quarterback and brought his mother Do-reen; **Rich Garwood** plays both offensive and defensive line and was accompanied by his father;

**Matt Deans** is the long snapper and co-captain of the team. Mark and the boys' coach, **Eric Belleci**, praised their work ethic and teamwork. They play San Ramon High this weekend for a berth in the championship game at the Oakland Coliseum. The students handed out Go Grizzly t-shirts to those present, including one in the correct size for this correspondent.



Dennis introduced the program – **Terry Koehne, Christine Burr** and **Adam Cipriano** talking about the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. The Foundation has been around since 1982, giving about \$3 million in grants to the schools. Of that overall amount, about \$500,000 came from Rotary's Tree Lot sales. Terry introduced Adam who will follow him as president of the Board and then turned the program over to Christine, whom he called a "door-buster" when it comes to garnering corporate support.



Christine detailed some of the Foundation's notable successes since she took over three years ago as Executive Director: The Primo's Run for Education increased its revenue from \$180,000 to \$230,000 this year; the Foundation partnered with Rotary on CarboLoad and doubled the attendance; the Foundation has joined the efforts of Danville businesses to promote shopping locally and supporting the schools; a reading program for kids raised \$30,000 for school libraries; the Foundation conducted a "Fund-Raising University" for about 100 members of PTA's and other affiliates which currently raise about 6 million a year for local schools; the long-term endowment fund has about \$750,000 and plans to reach \$1 million soon. One of the exciting new developments is a program called "Donor Choice" which will allow members of the community to access request for teacher grants and to fund those of their choice. The program has already



been tested by employees of Chevron and has corporate backing. A complete report on the Foundation with all the figures is available from Dennis G and will soon be on-line.

The big news of the day is that this correspondent won the progressive raffle of \$80 by correctly identifying December as Rotary "Family Month." Someone else won the \$20 prize but no one noticed.

San Ramon Rotarians:

Please donate to the homeless and very poor in Central Contra Costa County.

The San Ramon Rotary Club, through its homeless advocate, Horace Crawford, is again this year providing our members with the opportunity to reach out to those less fortunate by making individual donations to Fresh Start, the unique respite center serving the homeless and very poor of Central Contra Costa County.

This year Fresh Start requests \$25.00 Target gift certificates or cash or checks for purchasing gift certificates to be given to the homeless and poor during the holidays. Also needed are individual size bottled water, canned tuna, canned chicken, tents, sleeping bags, and warm winter clothes.

Checks may be made out to Fresh Start which is a 501-3c nonprofit and they will provide donation receipts for your gifts.

Horace Crawford, a volunteer and board member at Fresh Start, will again be collecting your donations near the entrance to the San Ramon Senior Center on December 9. You may also give your donations to Horace at our lunch meetings on December 2 or December 16.

Fresh Start thanks those Rotarians who have already made donations directly to Fresh Start





## San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, December 2nd, 2010, you will be greeted by Rick Probert**

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

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

**Classification: Fire Protection**

Rick Probert has been a resident in the San Ramon Valley for 35 years. He has been married to Judy for 43 years and has one daughter, Natalie Kurtz and a six year old grandson named Jake. Rick is retired from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District after 28 years of service. Prior to joining the fire service Rick was a journeyman machinist with Chevron in their Richmond Refinery.

Rick and Judy enjoy all aspects of retirement, but especially the time that they can spend with their grandson. As with many of their generation they are faced with the challenges that come with caring for their aging parents. Most recently this has taken up much of their time to ensure that they receive the care and attention that they deserve.

Rick and Judy would be the first to tell you that they are blessed to have the love of their family and friends, live in a wonderful community and above all have their health. Rick believes that you do the best that you can with tools that you are given to make a difference.

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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. wyw

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. 9th - Holiday Lunch Meeting at San Ramon Senior Center**

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

**Dec. 9th - Holiday Lunch Meeting at San Ramon Senior Center**

**Dec. 11th - Holiday Party at the Tucker’s**

### Schedule of Greeters

December 9th      Rick Probert

December 16th     Tom Port

