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Rotary Meeting — December 23rd by Garth Riopelle

President Dennis, The Menace, Garrison called the meeting to order. He welcomed all present. The Rotary International President is **Ray Klinginsmith** from Kirksville, Missouri. His theme for this month is "Building Communities-Bridging Continents". The Rotary International theme for this month is "Family Month"

Garth Riopelle was introduced as our greater. **Garth** gave us a Thought for the Day: "The thought was the sixth grade prayer from his son Matthew's class at St. Isidore's School.

"In this New Year we pray.
To live deeply, with purpose.
To live freely, with detachment.
To live wisely, with humility.
To live justly with compassion.
To live lovingly, with fidelity.
To live mindfully, With awareness.
To live gratefully, with generosity.
To live fully with enthusiasm.
Help us hold this vision and to renew it in our hearts daily".



He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute.

Mayor Abram Wilson led us in a patriotic song with a rousing rendition of "God Bless America."

Visiting Rotarians: **Garth** introduced the two visiting Rotarians. **Jennifer Disch** was visiting from the **Dougherty Valley Club**. Jennifer is working in the mortgage lending business with her father, our very own, **Jeff Disch**. **Marjorie Wong Gilmore** was visiting from the **Pleasanton, Downtown Club** and she works with **Heritage Bank**.

Visitors: The visitors for our holiday celebration were numerous due to the festive nature of the event.

The San Ramon Club greeted all Rotary guests and visitors with the Long Version of the "Welcome Song".

Announcements:

Brent Tucker validated two rumors. The first is that he is the proud grandfather of **Cole Robert Hedly** who was born recently weighing 7lbs 14 ounces. Secondly, the **Tucker's** are downsizing and recently sold their house with a record 8-day escrow. They will be moving in late January to a new home in the area.



Service Above Self

Glen Weber shared an incredible story of a German shepherd dog that had saved its owner by calling 911. The owner, who had serious medical problems, had programmed his phone to automatically call 911 if the phone receiver was kicked off and any number was depressed for 3 seconds. The shepherd, who had been previously trained to do the above on command, performed the action flawlessly and the paramedics arrived in time to save the owner. Chalk one up for Man's Best Friend".



John Sims presented two Paul Harris Fellowships. The first "Paul Harris Fellow" was presented to **Philip Gross** for his \$1000 contribution to **Rotary International**. The second "Paul Harris Fellow" was presented to **Laura Mahoney**, daughter of **Guy Grecco**. John stated that the club had done very well in supporting RI



in 2010 and he knows that we will continue that tradition in 2011!

PP Bill Harlan announced that **Sunday, January 2, 2011** clubs from three different districts would welcome **RI President Ray Klinginsmith** with a reception at the Saddle Rack in Fremont. Please sign up online.

Gary Sloan announced that the **Reno Train Trip** planned for **January 21-22, 2011** has been **CANCELLED**. All that signed up will be refunded their deposits. In place of the train trip, **Gary** proposed that the group consider flying to Las Vegas for the weekend instead. The cost would be roughly the same (\$300) and would cover transportation (Southwest Airlines) and lodging. Please let Gary know if you are interested.

Patti Hennigan announced that plans for the **January 6th Shadow Day** are well under way. Students from California High will shadow Rotarians for the day in their business' and then be guests at our club for our lunch meeting.

President Dennis presented two awards for outstanding work at the tree lot:

1. **Carolyn Degnan** was honored for her hours of cashiering at the tree lot. This also included organizing daily financial records and keeping a database on customers for future tree lot sales.

2. **Valentino Villar** was recognized as the most outstanding volunteer for his hard work and cheerful spirit. He dedicated numerous hours to help our club sell the trees.



President Dennis then presented a gift to **Ethan Gayler**. The gift was a singing reindeer that bellowed the song "who let the dogs out" as it was presented to **Ethan**.

Update on San Ramon Rotarians: **Alan Altura** is at an extended care facility in Berkeley. **Mel Creusere** is here in San Ramon at a care facility. Please keep them in your thoughts over the holidays.

President Dennis presented **Moe**, our outstanding waiter, with a card and a gift on behalf of the **San Ramon Rotary Club** for all he does for us during the year. Thank you Moe

PP Bill Harlan gave an *ode*, which was based on his recent travels around the country:

"Top ten things we learned flying across country with a pussycat named Olive"

When your kids who live in a one-bedroom condo in New York City with an active two-year old and a ten-old cat

say that they have something they want to give you, it isn't necessarily going to be home-made fruitcake. Learn to say "el gato" to communicate with New York cab drivers who ask about the strange bag.

Dressing your kitty in a little Santa cap and fake whiskers helps to ease the tension at the check-in counter.

Apparently terrorists have been trying to construct bombs out of kitty collars and leashes, which must be handled separately from the cat and with great care.

When the cat escapes from the TSA person and runs through the hallway, shout, "Pussy Chase is On!" so everyone will join in.

It's really difficult for kitties to stand in the full body scan machine with the paws out to their sides; you'll probably have to help them.

The pussycat really doesn't appreciate it when you cram its carrier into the overhead compartment.

You can cover up the situation pretty well when the kitty yowls by announcing in a loud voice, "I knew I shouldn't have ordered the Fiesta Delight in the Airport Grill."

When the guy sitting in the seat next to you says he doesn't believe you have a cat in the bag, agree with him and say you're really smuggling exotic snakes. He usually doesn't say anything else during the flight.

1. Don't forget the kitty litter. Airplane lavatories don't always have it readily available.

President Dennis announced that he was married 32 years ago today to his wife **Sally**. Congratulations to the **Garrisons!**



Program:

Dennis Garrison honored **Don Kowalski** **Don's** birthday is **December 24th**. **Den-**Polish jokes for **Don**. Unfortunately for vah's Witness and no longer works over make it. May have been a stroke of



and **Mayor Abram Wilson** with birthday presentations. **nis** had previously hired a comedian to come in and tell **President Dennis**, the comedian suddenly became a Jeho-the holidays. Therefore, at the last minute he could not luck for **Don!**

President Garrison was able to come through for our **Mayor of San Ramon, Abram Wilson**, whose birthday is **December 22**. **Mayor Wilson** was entertained in front of the club with a singing telegram performed by none other than **Marilyn Monroe**. The mayor was serenaded with several songs including **Marilyn's** famous rendition of "Happy Birthday Mister Mayor." Need we say more!



Raffles:

Valentino Villar picked the tickets for the club gifts presented by **President Dennis Garrison**. Winners of the gifts were **Judy Thomas** (won twice), **Rob Scott**, **Valentino Villar**, **Don Jones**, **Laura Holden**, and **Kathleen Larsen**.

Next Meeting- January 6, 2011

Greeter: Mike Rood

Program: Shadow Day

Happy Holidays!!!



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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. cff

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:

Jan. 6th - Job Shadow Day - Patti Hennigan

Jan. 13th - Gems & Jewelry - Fred Nevarez

Jan. 20th - Fitness for Health & Longevity - Dr. Leslie Hewitt

Jan. 27th - Economic Forecast for 2011 - Jay Tontz

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Schedule of Greeters

January 6th	Mike Rood
January 13th	Lucky Sandhu
January 20th	Rob Scott

