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Rotary Meeting — December 9th by Hermann Welm



Dennis "The Menace" Garrison, hosted the Annual Senior Christmas Party at the San Ramon Senior Center, thanking **PP Marie Galbo** and **Cho Tang** for organizing the event.

Rick Probert, our Greeter, gave us a Thought for the Day then led us in the salute to the Flag.

The "Patriotic" Song, "God Bless America," was selected, and very ably led by **PP Don Jones**. The quality of this rendition was definitely enhanced by having the seniors and the four members of the combo from the California School for the Blind accompanying us; as a matter of fact we sounded quite good!

Visiting Rotarians: there were none.

Other Visitors: In addition to over the 80 seniors who had signed up to join us, we had **Wayne Silico, Derek Hitzel, Nicky Pratt** and **Dominic Montegue**, from the California School for the Blind, join us for the festivities. Unfortunately, this Scribe failed to get the names of the staff people who accompanied them.

Announcements:

Patti Hennigan announced that the Gift Wrapping for Seniors session will be held at the Senior Center on December 20, from 9 to noon. This service will be free to senior citizens.



Service Above Self

Horace Crawford thanked all who brought food and/or warm winter clothes this morning for the Fresh Start Program for the homeless. He will continue to accept more donations at our next (December 16) Rotary meeting.

Gary Sloan reminded all about the Rotary Christmas Party, at the Tucker home, this Saturday evening.

John Sims set many hearts aflutter when he was introduced by **The Menace**.



Program:

A delicious lunch of salad, smashed potatoes and chicken was served by many of the Rotarians present, while others visited with the invited seniors. The meal was catered by Checker's, of Livermore, and prepared by City volunteers **Lakshmi Anne, Rachel Brinkman, Jackie Esse, Angie Roncagliolo, Lisa Martin, Gigi Merritts, Tapasi Gutta, Onda Szuch and Robin Hallock**.

The combo from the California School for the Blind entertained the assemblage with Christmas tunes.



The Menace and **PE Spike Stevens** then proceeded to Raffle off The Menace's

stash of chocolate goodies that had been languishing in his hidden larder since he "took the pledge" to become chocolate-free this past July 1! There were well in excess of eighty (80!) such items, enough that every single senior present was able to win something! What an amazing coincidence!

The party ended with the singing of Christmas carols by all, once again accompanied by combo from the California School for the Blind.

Great fun!

Next Week: There will be a Club Assembly at the usual Thursday meeting time and place. This is an important business meeting for the membership.







San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, December 9th, 2010, you will be greeted by Tom Port

Here are some things you should know about Tom:

Tom has been a member of our club since, April 1997

Classification: Family Law and Litigation

Tom Port is a past President of this club and a member since some time in the last century. Tom is a lawyer who is still practicing in the areas of employment and business law. Tom's main professional emphasis is his work with "Just Like Sugar, Inc.," a Nevada corporation which markets "Just Like Sugar" sweetener in the US, Canada and Europe. This is a start-up venture with all the attendant risks involved; but it is gaining ground fast and so there is great hope on the horizon.

Tom and his dear wife, Judy Thomas, a retired horticultural teacher and professional arboricultural consultant live in Oakland. They love hiking and traveling; and Tom loves riding his motorcycle when it's not too cold. Tom is also a pilot which explains his nickname "The Aviator"; but Tom's flying adventures have been much attenuated in recent years as he remains focused on his legal/business venture.

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
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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:

Dec. 16th - Club Assembly - Regular meeting time
Dec. 23rd - Surprise Program—not to miss!
Dec. 30th - No Meeting - Happy New Year

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Dec. 16th - Club Assembly - Regular meeting time

Schedule of Greeters

December 16th	Tom Port
December 23rd	Garth Riopelle
January 6th	Mike Rood

