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Rotary Meeting - January 21st by Tom Port



The **Bard**, although Williamless once again, was in his usual good humor, at least by the time the writer arrived.

Having missed the intros I learned from **Fumi Suzuki** that the "**Though for the day**" was from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "for everything you have missed you have gained something else; and for everything you have gained you have lost something". And, "When one door closes, another opens". Helen Keller.

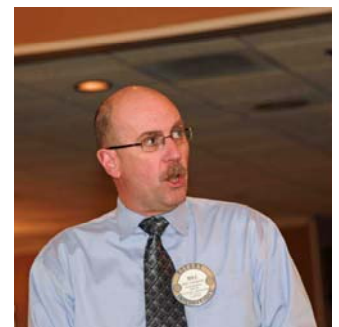


Hermann Welm was tapped for the patriotic song: "God Bless America". I am told **Lauren Schall** led the "Welcome Song".

Shelter Boxes for Haiti: Hermann Welm generously donated \$400 toward a second box. The first is already approved and will be dedicated to our own Mike Katz. Members will be assessed \$20 each. Thankuverymuch!



Business Hall of Fame: Bill Clarkson announced we are seeking outstanding business persons who have been active in the area at least ten years who give back to the community and whose business practices are reflective of Rotary values.



Music outreach: Dr. Bill is seeking volunteers to provide entertainment at nursing homes in the area as **Gary Daniel** and **Fumi** had been doing last year.

Service Above Self

John Sims: “I’m Through”. Mercifully brief, wouldn’t you say?

District Gov. Earl Kilmer’s Visit: The Bard pleaded: “don’t make me look bad” on February 25th.

“Unsung Heroes” The program is upcoming February 25th. Four honorees will receive \$250.00 each.

Club Assembly: Coming up February 18th. Dark at noon that day.

Dougherty Valley Rotary Club: **Bill Clarkson** reports it is looking very promising. 18 charter members are paid up. It will meet 5:30 to 6:40 pm, i.e. a “sunset club”. The bad news: Bill may have to resign as he can’t be in two clubs at once.

News from the Sergeant: **Harlan Jr.** is back in Iraq, north of Bagdad. Be safe Sarge!

Wheel Chair Distribution, Monterrey, MX: **Mark Von Hoetendorff**, back in town and wearing long pants for a change gave us a great report. 400 chairs given out. They worked hard during the day and also visited schools and clinics.



New Member Induction: **Ira Hillyer**, of Mechanic’s Bank, and a Rotarian since 1982, is our newest member. Welcome Ira.



MAIN EVENT



Bill Clarkson introduced our speaker, **Robin Kelley**, whose education program is called: “Epic Journey”. “EPIC” stands for “Empowering Parents In The Community”. Robin has three children of her own, two of which are still in local schools. She has two degrees from S.F. State and a Masters of Divinity, and is a Pastor.

Robin passed out a list of 40 external and internal ‘assets’ that affect how kids relate such as Family support, other adult relationships, positive peer influence, creative activities, achievement motivation, self esteem and interpersonal competence. She invites us to a more intentional involvement with youth. Robin also tries to connect with students that seem to have fallen through the system.

“Epic” definitely appears to be a valuable program for our community.

Raffle: **Ana Dominguez** and **Dennis Harvey** took the prizes

and the meeting was thereupon adjourned!



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, January 28, 2010, you will be greeted by Lauren Schall

Here are some things you should know about Lauren:

Lauren has been a member of our club since, December 2009

Classification: Attorney - Estate Planning

Lauren Schall is the principal of the Law Offices of Lauren Schall. Her practice includes estate planning, real estate transactions, and corporate matters. She provides estate planning advice to clients in handling trust formations, terminations, guardianship matters, and health care directives. In addition to estate planning, Lauren has handled over forty-five million dollars in sales and acquisitions, including preparing and negotiating purchase and sale agreements, completing complex due diligence reviews, loan documentation reviews, and coordinating like kind and reverse exchanges. Lauren also provides legal counsel to boards of directors and shareholders, and has extensive experience with corporate formation, compliance and reporting. Lauren is admitted to the State Bar of California.

EDUCATION

J.D., California Western School of Law, 2004
B.A. Political Science, California State University Chico, 2002

AFFILIATIONS

Member of the Board of Directors, Bar Association of San Francisco
Secretary, Bar Association of San Francisco Barrister's Club, 2010
Member of the Pro Bono Issues Committee, Bar Association of San Francisco Barrister's Club, past Chair
Nominee, Real Estate: The Next Generation 2007 by Real Estate FORUM
Member, Danville Chamber of Commerce
Member, 2009 Showcase Committee, Danville Chamber of Commerce
Member, Spinsters of San Francisco, a women's philanthropic organization in San Francisco
Parishioner and Member of the Homebound Program, Saint Mary's Parish, Walnut Creek, California

FUN FACTOIDS

Grew up in Grass Valley, CA, a small community in the Sierra Foothills (you've driven by it on your way to Tahoe).
Recently engaged to Nick King, and planning a wedding in South Lake Tahoe this fall.
Red wine and chocolate can solve almost any problem.
Lived in Mexico City and almost decided to stay there and practice law.
Is always cold and doesn't understand how people can live where it snows.
Learned how to hunt for a Safari in Africa- and now I'm hooked!
Next Book: The eMyth Revisited.
Has a Cat named Oscar, who is probably the cutest cat ever- he needs an agent!

About Rotary!

An Excerpt from: A CENTURY OF SERVICE - The Story of Rotary International, by *David C. Forward*

The Architect and the Builders

(For decades prior to Paul Harris' death on 27 January 1947, the leadership of Rotary had been in the hands of Ches Perry, a no-nonsense workaholic, who took only one vacation in the 25 years he was Secretary of Rotary International. Paul and he had totally different personalities, leading to a serious "falling out" in 1923, as Harris came back onto the Rotary scene.)

Luckily for all concerned, they reconciled, and Paul went out of his way thereafter to redirect some of the spotlight from himself to Ches.

Albert I, king of Belgium, knighted Perry in 1927 in recognition of his services to Rotary. When he retired on 30 June 1942, the organization which had numbered one club when he joined, had grown to more than 5,000 clubs around the globe. Despite an avalanche of requests that he run for president of Rotary International, he declined. Ches returned to his home club, ultimately serving it as president.

. At the time of his passing (*on 21 February 1960*) the organization he had helped form had 10,400 clubs from 115 countries in its membership.

Rotary is not an organization of heroes. It is composed of men and women who choose to serve for the privilege of doing so rather than for personal accolades. Nearly every one of the 1.2 million Rotarians can name the founder, and some can recall the names of the four original members. (*Harris, plus Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Gustavus Loehr, of course.*) Yet few have ever heard of Chesley R. Perry or know of his contributions to the movement. It is clear that, without Ches Perry, there might be no Rotary today.

It was the founder himself who wrote: "If in truth I can be called the architect, Ches can with equal truth be called the builder of Rotary International."

Did you Know?

With the ascendancy of repressive regimes in Germany, Italy and Japan, and the approach of World War Two, Rotary clubs were forced to close; they were considered "subversive" organizations. A total of 484 clubs, with 16,700 members were eliminated from RI's rolls. Many, however, continued to meet -- at substantial risk -- under other names. In Vienna, for example, the Tuesday club met as "Golfers." The Kiel club, in Germany, formed the underground "Freitagsgesellschaft," or Friday Club. There were 25 such German and Austrian clubs. In Japan, almost every Rotary club shut down by the government, continued to meet under the name of the day of the week on which they met, such as the Tuesday Club.

Many Rotarians, however, were killed or imprisoned, whether for having their names found on rosters, for being Jewish, or for having leadership positions in business and society.

Rotary returned to Germany in 1951.

Rotary was not established in the former Soviet Union, or its satellite states, until after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Shared by Hermann Welm

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Dr, Danville

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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. lym

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 28th Susan Heckly - Lindsay Wildlife Museum
Feb 4th Kathleen Mero - John Marsh House
Feb 11th Chris Gallagher - Valentine Luncheon

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

January 24th/25th Reno Train Trip (CANCELLED)
February 11th Valentines Day Program - (Bring your Favorite Valentine)

Schedule of Greeters

January 28th Lauren Schall
February 4th John Tatum
February 11th Fletcher Thames

