



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - January 28th by Karen McNamara



Bill – ‘Still your President’ **Harlan** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The theme this year is The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands – Don’t drop it. Thought for the day from one of our newest member – Lauren Schall – who is just waking up to the nightmare

that she has gotten herself into. Her quote for the day is “*When you become senile, you won’t know it*”.



Visiting Rotarians: Tom Eager from the San Ramon Valley Club

Table introductions: The last time as a guest – Chris Gayler – next time he pays; Miss Effie is Sam’s son’s 2nd grade teacher at Golden View school; Kent Miller and wife Marlice, daughter Alyssa; Liz Vargas and daughter Danielle and representing Cal High Mrs. Bonagura

Presentation of Students of the Month – December and January. Presented by Spike Stevens.

Both are Cal High seniors. Both students have been 5th grade interns and have mentored students at Country Club School. They recently took time out of their day to answer questions from 5th grade students about going on to middle and high school.



Sam introduced Miss Effie who is a teacher at Golden View and the Club has donated a grant to the school for new books for their literacy and reading program.

Last week the Club collected about \$600 dollars from members in attendance and will be directly billing others for \$20.00 in the next bill. Funds are being used to purchase a shelter box which will be dedicated in the memory of Mike Katz. An additional shelter box will be funded, and additional funds will go to the Haiti Relief Fund which is a program of Rotary International.

Service Above Self

John Sims threw Fletcher Thames under the proverbial bus. He also reminded us all that we are in a new tax year for Rotary Foundation purposes. On February 25, the District Governor will be at our meeting. We will receive the little white slips from John very shortly advising us if we are current or in arrears.

Club Assembly on February 18th. Talking about the new fundraiser, the hands on project and new Carbo Load plans. Last Friday, Dennis and Lucky met with Terry Koehne and Christine Burr of Education Foundation on how the Club will distribute funds from proceeds of tree lot and Carbo Load. Pres Bill will meet with their full board in next month. So far so good.

On April 26, the Ed Foundation will hold their annual dinner at Bridges and John Tatum and the SR Rotary Club will be honored at their dinner.

Announcements

Spike reminded about March 13 Warriors vs. Raptors game as a fund raiser for the Rotary Interact . The Cal High Interact Club is collecting funds for another shelter box for Haiti. The Interact Club will still sell caramel apples at the Art and Wind Festival.

Chris Gallagher announced one month remaining for local community grants. They range about \$750-\$2500.

Steve Wilcox announced Business Hall of Fame. One person is nominated each year into the Hall of Fame. Think about possible nominees for ceremony later this spring.



Pres Bill attended the new Dougherty Valley of San Ramon Rotary Club on Wednesday with the other local club presidents and District level representatives. Thirty people attended. They have the minimum number to be granted provisional status. Meets on Wednesdays at 5:40 to 6:40pm. No permanent meeting location yet. Clubs in the area are continuing to support the new Club.

Kathy Gailey collecting books for Kenya. Bring books for distribution at end of February. Bring books for K-12.

Teen Job Fair – Saturday March 20 – held at San Ramon Senior Center sponsored by Dublin-San Ramon Women's Club and City of San Ramon Looking for volunteers from Rotary Club to conduct mock interviews

Dennis Harvey announced that April 24 is the Work Day for Rotary District – a smoke alarm project district wide. Need local members from our Club to assist other clubs who are new to the smoke alarm project.



Hermann introduced our newest member for induction, Chris Gayler. Chris is a big Rotary fan and watched his dad through Rotary giving back to the community.



Fine Free – Good News

Spike's remodel is done.

Recognitions

Hermann Welm who does brain surgery at the OR at the hospital when Gary is gone.

Guy Greco in honor of spring training and one more chance for the giants to break our hearts.

Mike Prilutsky because of the recent cyber research that shows 24% of the single women in San Ramon used Mike's name in recent tweets.

Marco Bronzini fined for breaking Hermann Welm's heart.

David Quick in honor of being the only English major in the SR Club who still has a full time job.

Geoff Johnson for cashing in on the Green Movement by selling his used engine oil to Taco Bell.

Program: **Hermann** introduced the guest speaker today-Susan Heckley, a wildlife rehabilitation manager for the Lindsay Museum. She joined as a volunteer in 1982 and the staff in 1987.

The museum was established in 1955. There is an exhibit hall and rehabilitation hospital. They operate with volunteers. The number one problem with wild animals are free roaming cats. Make your cat an indoor cat. About 20% of animals in hospital have cat injuries. Birds flying into windows is also a problem. The glass reflection is the problem. Put non-reflective covering or hang something on the outside. Sticky indoor traps put outside can catch birds. They are attracted to the insects who are stuck on the fly paper. Lizards and other small animals/birds can get caught or stuck in the rat traps. Rodent and rat poisoning outside is eaten by the rodent and then eaten by the bird who are then poisoned. Put deer fencing about the ground so that small animals, snakes and lizards are not caught in the netting. Racoons visit houses looking for food and shelter. The hospital has a hotline for questions or problems and it receives about 15,000 calls a year – is staffed by volunteers. Put uninjured birds back into a nest if you find one on the ground if you can. Mother birds will not reject the bird.



Next week's meeting is a presentation from Kathleen Mero of the John Marsh House.

Next week's Greeter: Fletcher Thames



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, January 28, 2010, you will be greeted by Fletcher Thames

Here are some things you should know about Fletcher:

Fletcher is a Charter Member (1983) of our club.

Classification: Optometry

Although born in San Francisco, I was raised in Whittier and attended UCLA for my undergraduate education.

I met my wife Judy while we were both working at Disneyland and we were married in 1977. We live with our two daughters, Jackie and Stephanie, in Danville.

Initially I worked in education as a reading specialist. Then I decided to go into optometry and graduated from UC Berkeley's Optometry School in 1982. I began my current business, the San Ramon Optometric Group, here in 1983. We are still in our original location in the Tucker Professional Building on Crow Canyon Road.

Aside from work my other interests include golf, gardening, running and skiing. I was a charter member of our club and the recipient of the club's 2004 Hall of Fame Award

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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. gts

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:

Feb 4th Kathleen Mero - John Marsh House
Feb 11th Chris Gallagher - Valentine Luncheon
Feb 18th Club Assembly
Feb 25th District Governor Visit

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

February 11th Valentines Day Program - (Bring your Favorite Valentine)
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Schedule of Greeters

February 4th Fletcher Thames
February 11th John Tatum
February 25th Barry Toby

