



# Crow's Call



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## **Rotary Meeting - March 4th by Hermann Welm**



President "**The Bard**" opened the meeting by reminding all that the RI President is John Kenny, of Scotland; his theme is "The Future of Rotary is in your Hands!" He thanked **Barry Toby** for the quick work he did (for an attorney) in getting **The Bard's** picture posted in the Club's lobby, taking only 8 months to do it! He noted that it has been exceedingly well received; that no doubt the singe marks on it were due to too many people burning candles beneath it. Those that knew the truth, chose not to rock his already wobbly boat (and psyche).

Our Greeter, the perky **Pam Bickford**, led us in the Flag Salute; her Thought for the Day was, "Life is an experience; follow your heart," or sentiments on that theme. **Pam** and her husband, **Mike**, run a kitchen and bath remodeling business.



**PP Don Jones** led the assembly in the traditional Patriotic Song, "God Bless America."

Three Visiting Rotarians were introduced: **Michael Heller** (Lafayette), **Don Sullivan** (Dublin), and **Mary Kay Foss** (Danville).

Other visitors included our Speakers, **Chad Caines** and **Ann Montgomery**, **Bruce Giron**, **Kathleen Daniel**, **Kathleen Costa**, Dean of Instruction at the community college that is NOT named after **The Bard**, former Honorary Rotarian, **Joan Diamond**, **Greg Young** and **Chris Majors**.



The singing of the Welcome Song was, for once, done in a manner that the club can be proud of. Unfortunately, this **Scribe** failed to note which Rotarian led it!

The Fine Free Badge was auctioned off by **Barry Toby** and sold to **Jeff Disch** for \$75.00!

**Service Above Self**

## Announcements:



**Bruce Giron**, of the Diablo Black Men's Club was introduced by **The Bard** -- also thanking **Mike Prilutsky** and **PP Dave Larsen** -- as the force behind the Hayward Youth Academy. This after school program at the Bowman Elementary School features chess and Scrabble as a vehicle for enhancing students' daily educational experience and to give them a safe place to hang out. The school is really pushing academics with a "Focus on 800" theme, setting a high bar for their academic testing score. Extra help, in the form of Saturday classes, are available as well and are considered a "good" place to be rather than punishment for underachievement.

**Dennis Harvey** reminded all that the hands-on Smoke Alarm Project will be held the morning of April 24; he will need 25 volunteers. This year, the project has been expanded to the entire Valley community, not just Sunny Glen, with the other five clubs handling Alamo, Danville, Blackhawk, and other areas of San Ramon. Anyone needing assistance replacing batteries, or needing a new smoke alarm, can complete a request form. Check our website at <http://www.sanramonrotary.org/> for more details and for a copy of the form.

**Crissy McConnell** will be looking for assistance in decorating a Rotary Fourth of July Float that will be entered in the Danville Parade. Once again, all six Valley clubs will be cooperating in this project.

**Patti Hennigan** will be spearheading a new Kids for Lunch with Seniors; more on this later.

**Paula Sue Silva** will be handling a proposed Children's Fingerprinting. Again, more on this later.

**The Bard** announced that the Rotary Alliance is now looking at an event featuring Fitness and Health along the Iron Horse Trail, which will be cosponsored by the East Bay Regional Park District and, possibly, Kaiser Health. **Hermann Welm** is looking for a club rep to work with the other four (or five) clubs' reps.

**The Bard** noted that the Board will take a decision at the March 8 meeting on adding a Valley Fashion Show as a major fundraiser.

**Lucky Sandhu** announced that there will be a CarboLoad Planning Meeting on March 18, starting at 10:00 am. He would like all committee heads to be there.

**The Bard** announced that **PE Dennis Garrison** is on his way to PETS Training, and is fervently hoping that Dennis will NOT embarrass us! (PETS, for the newbies, is "President Elect Training Session," or the like!)

**NOTE \*\*\* NOTE \*\*\* NOTE:** There will be no meeting on Thursday, March 25. There will instead be a Six-Club Meeting on the evening of Wednesday, March 24, at the San Ramon Presbyterian Church (next to the SR Post Office). The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and will NOT include a meal! The speaker will be Deepa Willingham, of PACE International. Be there, or stand by to suffer the wrath of **The Bard!**

## Good Times/Good News:

**PP Guy Greco** once again bragged about his granddaughter, **Lauren Holden**, who is the Cal High's Varsity Soccer Team's Goalie -- yet only a freshman -- who was named "2<sup>nd</sup> Team Goalie" for the League. **Guy** forgot to mention that this **Scribe** coached **Lauren's** mom, **Angie**, as a youngster so she naturally had a lock on this honor!

**PP Don Jones** reported that **PDG Bill Spalding** (Walnut Creek club) is finally on his way home from earthquake-ravaged Chile where he had been volunteering on a Rotoplast team.

**Glen Weber** announced that **Ginny** is doing very well with her new knee and thanks all who brought over meals and flowers.

**Joan Diamond**, retired administrator for the SRVUSD and former Honorary Rotarian, is working on a Project 60+ Wisdom, where she gets snippets of wisdom and/or humor from the ancients to pass on to whippersnappers.

Recognitions: **The Bard** took the opportunity to “recognize” several members to the tune of \$40.00 each: **PP Don Jones** for helping reduce our club’s insurance costs by \$1,000 per year (**Walt Trembley**, being who he is, generously picked up that fine); **PP Tom Port** for “dumping” a whole bunch little Rotary trinkets on **The Bard** (over **Tom’s** vehement denial of any culpability, as any right-thinking attorney would do).



**PP Guy Greco** for being named Danville Chamber Businessman of the Year

**Ana Dominguez** for authoring that outrageous Ode to **DG Kilmer** at last week’s presentation; **Karen McNamara** for making a mistake in last week’s Crow’s Call (firstly, an impossibility; secondly a devastating blow to the concept of a Free Press); **PP Chris Gallagher** for his handling of the Old Couples Game in celebration of Valentine’s Day; **David Smith** -- yes Virginia, he still is a member of this club! -- for gracing us with his presence, while seeking political asylum away from outraged Rossmoor activists; and **Jeff Disch** for appropriately naming his business -- Green Escrow Services -- after the half-eaten bean burrito in his top left hand desk drawer.

Program: **Judy Lewis** introduced **Chad Caines** and **Ann Montgomery**, of the California Independent Film Festival, to those present. This year’s Festival will be held on April 22 thru 25, at the Orinda Theater. Specifics on what films are being shown when, as well as ticket pricing, can be found on their website: <http://www.caiff.org/>. **Chad** went on to talk about the nature of movie making on very tight budgets; how they have to deal with filming in entirely different ways than the large studios. As for the Film Festival, they will have several different categories, including Feature Films (of 120 minutes), Shorts, Mini-Shorts, Animation, and Music Videos. One way they have created interest in film-making is the “Iron Filmmaker’s Contest,” where they challenge people to make a film in 24 hours, specifying three ingredients that must be in the film, and insuring, thru the inclusion of clearly-dated material, that the film was not made earlier. The Festival will also bring in established film-makers to pique the interest of attendees.



**Ann** then went into further detail on the “Gala,” which will be held at the Blackhawk Auto Museum on April 24. Actor Richard Dreyfuss will be the guest of honor and will receive the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. Tickets for that event will be \$125.00. She suggested that those wishing to attend the Gala, or any of the film screening sessions in Orinda, get their tickets ASAP. The events and screenings WILL sell out!

#### A Shakespearean Moment:

**The Bard** asked, “Why are there never more than four dead bodies on the stage at the end of a Shakespearean tragedy?” If you had attended the meeting, you’d now know the answer to this very important (with geopolitical implications) question! Don’t miss meetings if you want to be “in the know!”

Raffle: The Greeter’s Gift went to **Steve Wilcox**; the Club Gift went to **Glen Weber**. Once again, it was the unworthy who won!

Next Week: The Greeter will be **Walt Trembley**; the Program will be with the Four-Way Speech Contest.



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, March 11th, 2010, you will be greeted by Walt Trembley**

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

**Walt has been a member of our club since April 2003**

**Classification: Banking Management**

**Background:**

A native Bay Area resident, I was born and raised in Brentwood, California, attended Diablo Valley Community College and California State University at Fresno before entering Banking in 1971. My wife Cheryl and I have been married for 37 years and have two children. Cheryl is an elementary school teacher in the San Ramon Unified School District. Our daughter graduated from UC Santa Barbara with Honors and is a Financial Manager / CPA with Disneyland, while our son graduated from a Fresno State Honors Program. He is currently employed by the Fresno State Sports Department and is in a masters program. In addition, I have been actively involved in the community through the San Ramon Rotary Club, Student Recognition Project, and San Ramon Chamber of Commerce. Other activities have included a PTA office, supporting school booster clubs, and youth coaching tied to baseball, soccer, basketball, and swimming,

**Occupation:**

I am currently employed with Fremont Bank as the Manager of their San Ramon Office. A finance professional with over 38 years of corporate/retail banking experience positioning financial institutions for higher productivity and profitability, that is enhanced by an in-depth knowledge of commercial banking tied to lending, credit risk analysis, and valuations. This experience includes over eight years as an independent consultant with the major accounting firms.

**Accomplishments/Goal:**

My life accomplishment is the joy of raising two children with my bride and taking an active/spectator part as they choose their life paths.

The recipient of the 2005 San Ramon Community Award – Business Person of the Year (City of San Ramon / San Ramon Chamber of Commerce). Past Chairman of the Board for the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce. I have also been inducted into the Liberty Union High School Athletic Hall of Fame – Football (Brentwood, Ca). My goals include giving back to the community through service and a positive example.

**Affiliations:**

San Ramon Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors / Executive Committee / Ambassador / 2002

Chairman of the Board / 2006-2007

City of San Ramon

Transportation Advisory Committee / 2008 - 2010

Vice Chairman / 2009

Economic Development Advisory Committee / 2010

Rotary Club of San Ramon / Member / 2003

San Ramon Valley Business & Education Roundtable

Student Recognition Project / Steering Committee / Treasurer / 2002

San Ramon Historical Foundation / Member / Advisory Group tied to Fund Raising

Leadership San Ramon Valley / Class of 2004

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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. syt

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:

Mar 11th Speech Contest “Four Way Test”

Mar 18th Creating & Design - Ana Dominguez - Jim Burch

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

March 24th - Special 6 Club Meeting, 7:00 PM at  
San Ramon Presbyterian Church

March 25th - DARK—No Meeting

### Schedule of Greeters

March 11th	Walt Trembley
March 18th	Chris Gayler
April 1st	Brent Tucker

