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Rotary Meeting — October 28th 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".

Judy Lewis was introduced as our greeter. **Judy** gave us two Thoughts for the Day: "Immortality will come to such as are fit for it; and he who would be a great soul in the future must be a great soul now" (Emerson). "Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards" (Soren Kiekegaard). She then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Flag Salute.



Guy Greco led us in a patriotic song with a rousing rendition of "Take me out to the ballgame". Let's go Giants!

Visiting Rotarians: **Judy** introduced the visiting Rotarians which included **District Governor Karl Diekman** from the Woodland Club, **David Behring** from the Danville/Sycamore Club, and **Bob Myhre** from the Alamo Club.

Visitors: **Stan Smalley** introduced his wife **Marsha**. **Spike** introduced Cal High Principal **Mark Corti**. She also introduced **Sally Garrison**, **President Dennis'** wife, and **Hiromi Diekman**, wife of **DG Karl Diekman**.

John Sims led the club in the Long Version of the "Welcome Song."

Service Above Self

Announcements:

President Dennis announced that the **District 5160 Annual Conference** will be **November 4-7, 2010** at the Holiday Inn, Capital Plaza in Sacramento. One of the highlights will be the 13 California High Interact Students who will attend the event on Sunday the 7th. Sign ups are still being taken.

The **Reno Train Trip** will be **January 21-22, 2011**.

The **Halloween Party** at the **Gallagher's** will take place this **Friday, October 29th**. The set up crew of Carolyn, Kathy and Paula have decorations in place. Fred and Barry will be cooking BBQ for all. Chris has concocted a special pumpkin martini for all to try! Bring Costumes and Smiles for a great celebration. Thanks for hosting **Chris and Renee!**

Hermann Welm presented the blue badge and all of its privileges to **Chris Gaylor**.

It was announced that **Kathy Gailey** will be the **Carboload Chair 2011!**

Rotary International Inspirational Presentations

John Sims along with **District Governor Karl Diekman** presented Rotary International awards to members of our club.



Mark Corti and **Jeff Tucker** were presented with **Paul Harris Fellows**.

A **Paul Harris Fellow Award times four** was presented to **Dennis Harvey**.



Brent and Terry Tucker were presented with a **Major Donor Crystal and a 2 Diamond Paul Harris Fellow**. The **Tuckers** have donated over \$10,000 to the Rotary International Foundation. Brent's grandfather joined the San Francisco club over 100 years ago. This makes Brent is a third generation Rotarian. Brent and Terry's daughter has just become a fourth generation Rotarian as she has just joined the La Jolla Rotary Club.

Robin Stevens announced the **Interact Fundraiser**. The Interact students at Cal High will be collecting canned food and money for the Berkeley poor. **President Dennis** donated cans of Spam and boxes of Mac and Cheese left over from his college days! Someone will eat well soon.



Program:

Dennis Garrison introduced our guest speaker **District Governor Karl Diekman**. **DG Diekman** was born in Ohio and raised in West Virginia. He was introduced to Rotary in Florida and has been the President of three California Clubs, including his current club in Woodland. Ten of his family members have earned Paul Harris Fellows.

DG Karl took us on a photo Journey of his life experiences leading to the present. He created snapshots in time within our minds of the events that led him to become District Governor of Rotary 5160.



His first photo came in the summer on **1966** when he met his friend **Jim Henry** who at the time was a senior in his high school. Jim's job was to tend 1500 chickens. This job he later turned over to **DG Karl**. The following year when Jim returned home from College, he bestowed words of wisdom on **DG Karl** that would change his approach to life. Jim stated that, "he had learned that every professional receives a great deal from the community in which he lives and works and that some of what the community has given needs to be returned". Little did he know that this idea would lead him on a path to becoming a Rotarian.

In **1981**, **DG Diekman** became the Fire Chief of Belleair Bluff, Florida. There he met **Mayor J. Wilson Reed**. The Mayor brought Karl to the Belleair Bluff Rotary Club as a guest of Rotary. He realized that every person of influence in the community was a part of the club and that the club was represented by members of every important vocation in the town. At that point **DG Diekman** realized that he wanted to become a Rotarian and contribute to his community. He was elected and sponsored by **J. Wilson Reed**. On June 30, **1982**, he was inducted into the Belleair Bluff Rotary by **President Jerry Hubbell**. After this, **DG Karl** took on numerous club jobs, eventually leading him to become President of the Belleair Bluff Rotary.

In 1986 at the District Conference meeting the focus was on Polio. The disease was rampant, with 350,000 known cases in 125 countries around the world. Rotary International made a decision to provide free vaccinations to people around the world in an effort to eradicate the disease. Today, the number of polio cases has dropped to 663 reported cases in only four countries. Rotary International now feels that Polio may be completely eliminated from the earth by 2012.

Another image from **1990** is of Karl riding an elephant in a parade in downtown **Ramona**. The elephant was part of a circus Karl brought to town for a fundraiser. His point was to be innovative when selecting a project, but most of all have fun doing it.

In **2006 DG Karl** participated in the 'Tsunami relief project' for Thailand. Rotary had sponsored a fish farm to help feed those suffering from hunger due to the tsunami. He gave us an image of standing on this Thai bridge literally four inches wide over a swollen river. Life can be exciting.

DG Karl's image of an international project while he is DG will be to take copies of the "Dictionary 4 Life" to 6th graders in Zambia, Africa. Karl honored Dennis Garrison, Stan and Marsha Smalley, Mark Von H, and Guy Greco by donating dictionaries on their behalf to the Zambia Dictionary for Life Program. Rotary gives us all the opportunity to serve all over the world. One of Karl's favorite images is a young girl in India holding up her finger indicating she had not received her polio vaccination. Fingers are marked following vaccination. Karl took care of getting her vaccinated.

DG Diekman said Rotary's gift to all of us is that we can serve our fellow man just about anywhere in the world. Challenge yourself to find someone in your life that Rotary can benefit!

The following Ode was written and presented by **Bill Harlan**, on behalf of the San Ramon Rotary Club, to **District Governor Karl Diekman**.



“ODE’ ON THE OCCASION OF DISTRICT GOVENOR KARL DIEKMAN’S VISIT TO THE SAN RAMON ROTARY’

From Costco to Nob Hill we welcome you here.

From Twin Creeks to Creekside our kids all will cheer.

From Abram to Jimmie the City sings praise.

From Izzy's to Ruggie's all glasses are raised.

But beneath all the joy lurks a troublesome doubt,

A question, a puzzle we can't figure out.

First Kilmer, now Diekman, you're firemen all.

Is there anyone left to respond to a call?

Bill Harlan, San Ramon Rotary

Flowers were presented to the first lady **Hiromi Diekman**



Raffles: **Herm Welm** won the Greeter's Gift. **Bob Myhre** won the Club Progressive Raffle



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, November 4th, 2010, you will be greeted by Karen McNamara

Here are some things you should know about Karen:

Karen has been a member of our club since, April 2006

Classification: City Government

In October 2005, I returned to work for the City of San Ramon as the Public Services Director. Prior to that I worked for five years as the Parks and Community Services Director for the City of Tracy, and before taking the City of Tracy job, I worked for the San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department for about 11 years.

My background and passion for working in public service started nearly 30 years ago in the recreation field and has continued to grow in complexity and diversity. While in Tracy, I was responsible for management of recreation programs and services, administration of transit services including fixed route and Para transit bus services, management and operation of a general aviation airport, park and facility planning, design and development, park and landscaping maintenance and oversight of solid waste and recycling programs. Presently, in my job with the Public Services Department, I am responsible for administration of maintenance operations for the City's infrastructure including streets, traffic signals, street sweeping, median landscaping, parks, facilities, fountains, signals, street lights, creeks, and the City's fleet of vehicles and equipment. I also participate in development and construction projects such as park and playground renovations. Since January 2010, I am also serving as the interim Director of Parks and Community Services overseeing recreation programs and facilities and special events.

I have been active in several professional associations and have served as the President of the California Park and Recreation Society. I am active in presenting coursework through the American Public Works Association Northern California Chapter and have authored a chapter on parks, facilities and urban forestry for the new Public Works Administration Handbook. I have a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Cal State Hayward. I completed the Leadership San Ramon Valley in the 1990's and was also on the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for four years in the 90's.

I have a 17 year old daughter who will graduate high school in the spring, we live in Castro Valley, and I do lots of gardening in my free time.

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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. ptc

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:

Nov. 4th - Fred LaCosse - “The Founding of America”

Nov. 11th - Carla Goulart - Sentinals of Freedom

Nov. 18th - Charles Anderson - Company C Contemporary Ballet

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Thanksgiving November 25th - NO MEETING

Dec. 9th - Holiday Lunch Meeting at San Ramon Senior Center

Schedule of Greeters

November 4th Karen McNamara

November 11th Fred Nevarez

November 18th Pat Paterson

