



# Crow's Call



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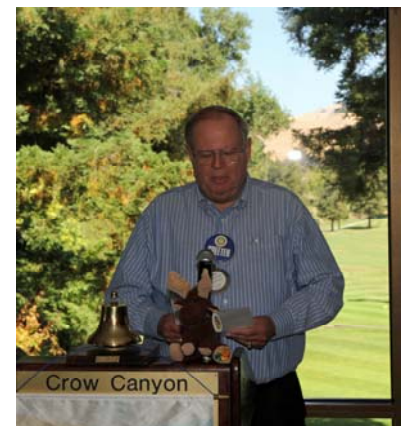
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## **Rotary Meeting — September 2nd by Hermann Welm**



**Dennis "The Menace" Garrison**, called the meeting to order without reminding us that the RI President is **Ray Klingensmith**, from Missouri, and that his theme is "Building Communities; Bridging Continents." **Dennis** believes that San Ramon Rotarians have such highly developed memories that they need no weekly reminder!

Our Greeter was **Mike Gunning**, whose Thought for the Day was, "Enjoy your summer days; they're finally here." And that, "Fall is coming as quickly as CarboLoad!" He then led us in the salute to the Flag.



The Patriotic Song, "God Bless America," was very ably led by **PP Don Jones**.

Visiting Rotarians: **Jay Tontz**, of the Hayward club, and **Dean Labodie**, our speaker, from the Davis club.

Other Visitors: **Marsha Smalley**, **Stan's** spouse, **Ken Mintz**, and **Helen Bernett**; that latter is a representative of the Lucille Glass Mauzy Foundation.

The long version of the Welcome Song was led by **Horace Crawford** and his table; it was worse than awful! It resulted -- and rightly so -- in a \$25.00 fine!

**Service Above Self**

Announcements:

**"The Menace"** announced that the Dougherty Valley Club's Charter Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm, Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Diablo Country Club. Past RI President **Cliff Dochterman** will be the guest speaker.

**The Menace** further advised the East Bay Regional park District is coordinating a Tracks to Trails event on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We need volunteers to staff an informational table at one of the "Stations."

**The Menace** went on to tell us that the District 5160 Annual Conference will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>, in Sacramento.

Lastly, **The Menace** reported that the month of September is Rotary International's "Celebrate New Generations Month."

**John Sims** indicated that there have been a few new Rotary Foundation donations made in the past week. He will be heading back to Annapolis for the 70<sup>th</sup> Reunion of his Naval Academy Class of 1940. When he gets back, all hell will break loose if less than 25 percent of the membership has made their annual contribution! You HAVE been warned!



**Pam Bickford** announced that the San Ramon Chamber will be holding its Taste of the Marketplace event on September 18, from 4 to 7 pm. The \$10 entry fee will get you acquainted (or re-acquainted) with the various businesses located at the Marketplace Shopping Center (where the San Ramon Library is, for those not familiar with the name).

**Guy Greco** gave all present an update on the Walk Around the World challenge. A sign-up sheet was circulated and **Judy Lewis** handed out pedometers to those signing up.



**Lucky Sandhu** was pleased to receive a CarboLoad Sponsorship check from AT&T, presented by their representative, **Ken Mintz**. We know **Ken** as an elected member of our School Board and as a member of the newly-formed Dougherty Valley Rotary Club. Thank you AT&T and **Ken!**

**Lucky Sandhu** thanked **Cho Tang** for printing an additional 250 CarboLoad posters and **Sam Parwiz** for getting the word out through various news media. He also reminded all that, even though the Dougherty Valley club and the San Ramon Education Foundation are assisting with ticket sales, this is OUR event. As seconded by **Fletcher Thames**, we need to get the word out to our friends and sell lots of tickets!

This **Scribe** indicated that the CarboLoad Raffle tickets are being (and will continue to be) handed out. Each member is expected to sell, or personally buy, 12 tickets, which at "3 for \$10" amounts to \$40.00, payable to the San Ramon Rotary Foundation. **PP Chris Gallagher** will be selling them at the alternative price of "\$5.00 each." He even volunteered a bonus by writing a check for \$70.00; what a sport!

**Jeff Disch** reminded all that we need to get the Silent Auction forms back to him. So far he has received only three forms! NOTE that he wants only the forms faxed or emailed to him so he can pre-prepare for the Silent Auction. The item itself can be brought the evening of the event.



Presentations:



Membership Chair, this **Scribe**, asked **John Sims** to assist in inducting **Jay Tontz** into our club. **Jay** comes to us as a "transfer" from the Hayward Club with 35 years perfect attendance. He was given his Red Badge in an abbreviated ceremony and welcomed by each of the members present.

**John Sims** then went on to present a "Major Donor Award" to PDG **Stan Smalley**, who, along with his wife, **Marsha**, was thanked by a rousing round of applause. This is only the third such award -- for reaching the donation milestone of \$10,000 -- given to a San Ramon Rotarian, the others being **George Gayler** and **Mark vonH**.



**PP Don Jones**, Chair of the Grants Committee, presented a check to **Helen Bennett**, of the Lucille Glass Mauzy Foundation. This group supports the County school for disabled children, by that name, which is located in Alamo. They have 125 children in their program. The grant will be used to enhance the arts and music programs, which are an effective way to reach some of the kids.

Program:

**The Menace** introduced **Dean Labodie**, from the Davis Club. He remarked that **Dean** had to serve two consecutive terms as President of his club because there was no legitimate President to succeed him. It seems that RI does not recognize any person as President if they have not been through the President-Elect Training Session ("PETS") Program. THEREFORE, **Dr. "The Bard" Harlan** was our *illegitimate* President! A collective gasp was audible as all came to realize that **The Bard** was in fact illegitimate!



**Dean** went on to explain how he “stumbled” into working on a LN-4 hand Project in Ecuador. His daughter was living there and having a somewhat difficult time of it. He too was in the midst of a business downturn. So he went to visit with her, but a Rotarian friend asked him to “take a hand along.” This was an LN-4 Hand, of course.

This prosthesis was developed by an engineer, Ernie Meadows, in honor of his recently-deceased daughter, Ellen (“LN” is an abbreviation for “Ellen,” and “4” stands for the 4<sup>th</sup> version). It is a low-tech artificial hand that can be manipulated to grasp and hold items, then easily release them. It is strapped on to the stub of an amputated arm.

He showed the arm to local Ecuadorian Rotarians and got an enthusiastic reception from at least one (smaller) Guayaquil club. On his next trip he brought along 120 of these \$50.00 arms, and three Rotary clubs -- Guayaquil, Loja, and Cuenca -- took on the assignment of finding qualified recipients, training the installers, and actually handling the distribution and fittings. The hands are free to the recipients, who can range from children with birth defects to “dynamite” fishermen who lost their limb in a premature detonation. The effort got a lot of local TV and print media attention. He showed us several “before” and “after” pictures of recipients and admitted that the responses created by these hands were very moving.

On questioning, **Dean** stated that the long-term serviceability of the arms has not yet been established. However, they are easy to assemble and repair and he would expect that the sponsoring Rotary clubs would be the “go-to” organizations for fixing problems as they occur.

Further Club Business:

**The Menace** gave a short slide show on the 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party of a pair of Lithuanian twins. His wife, **Sally**, took on the challenge of having flowers delivered to them. Not a big deal, you say! Well, the twins live in a remote part of the country and have no address! That cleared up why it was a “challenge!”

Raffle:

The Greeter’s Gift of two bottles of wine went to **PDG Mark von**, while the Progressive Raffle opportunity was won by **PP Don Jones**, who failed to identify the number of “Zones” within the Rotary International organization (he guessed that it is 35, but it’s actually 34!).

Next Week: The Greeter will be **Patti Hennigan**; the Program will be **Spike Stevens** and the “Camp Royal Student Experiences.”



## San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, September 9th, 2010, you will be greeted by Patti Hennigan**

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

**Patti has been a member of our club since, May 2009**

**Classification: Stylist**

I was born in Chicago, IL and moved to San Ramon when I was sixteen. I moved to Oregon after I graduated and lived on Mt. Hood, in Oregon. I now reside in Dublin, CA with my husband, John, and my two teenage college children, Jared and Samantha. I have a new beautiful grand daughter from John's daughter. We are having a blast!

I have been a Hair Stylist for the last 19 years, and an owner of Salon X here in San Ramon for the last 13 years. It took me 17 years to complete my first degree and I plan on going back to school again in the next year for ultrasound and radiology. You can never have too much education!

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I am an animal lover. I have three dogs, a cat, and Fish.

In My Spare time I love to fish, ride my dirt bike, walk on the beach, and go camping with my friends and family.

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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. hwt

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:

Sept 9th - Spike Stevens - Camp Royal Student Experiences

Sept 16th - Kathi Heiman - Performing Arts Programs

Sept 23rd - Kristen Bibbins-Domingo - Healthy Diets

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

**CARBOLOAD - OCTOBER 9TH**

### Schedule of Greeters

September 9th Patti Hennigan

September 16th Dennis Harvey

September 23rd Dr. Bill Harlan

