



# Crow's Call



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## **Rotary Meeting - February 11th by Art Kubal**



**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bill Harlan, still president of the club, who reminded us that the RI President is John Kenney of Scotland and his theme is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands". Oh, be sure to wash thoroughly!

**GREETER:** The Bard introduced John Tatum, today's greeter, as the only San

Ramon Rotarian who is currently under treatment for an obsessive-compulsive disorder involving timber! For the Thought for the Day, John read a story about the professor and the "jar of life". He filled the jar with golf balls (representing the major important things in life); then dumped in a hand full of pebbles (representing the smaller important things in life); then poured in sand (representing the small, less meaningful things in life) until all the spaces between the pebbles and balls were full. "Is the jar full", he asked? "Yes", replied the class. He then poured in two cups of coffee until the jar was truly full. The professor explained that the point of the story is that one must be careful not to fill your jar of life so full with the "little" things that you don't have room for the "medium" and "big" things in life. A student asked, "what does the coffee represent"? The professor said, "it means that no matter how full your life is, there is still room to have a cup of coffee with a friend".

**SONG:** Herman Welm lead the group in "God Bless America". Perhaps we were an octave or two too high—most had trouble with the high notes.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** There were no visiting Rotarians today. But many Rotarians brought their "Valentine". Each was introduced but for brevity here, only the Rotarians are listed. They were: Bill Harlan (2), Lauren Schall, Hermann Welm, Paula Silva, Mike Rood, Patti Hennigan, Marie Galbo, Jeff Disch, Guy Greco, George Gayler, Chris Gallagher, Geoff Johnson, Dave Larsen, Ana Dominguez, Horace Crawford, Pat Paterson, Gary Sloan, and David Quick. Happy Valentine's Day to all. Ira Hillyer lead his table in singing the welcome song.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Spike Stevens—March 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Interact Club fundraiser at the Warriors/Raptors game.



**Service Above Self**

Steve Wilcox (via the Bard)-- looking for Business Hall of Fame candidates.

Chris Gallagher—March 1 is the deadline for submitting Foundation Grant requests.

John Sims—two weeks from today, the District Governor will visit our Club and will help present PHF's. Let John know if you can have your PHF designee available that day. Let's "make Bard look good"!

Bard—complained about not having his picture on a plaque in the lobby yet. (After all, it has only been 7 ½ months). In fact, there isn't even a plaque! He made a plea to the Sergeant-at-Arms to make it happen soon!

Bard—our next meeting will be a Club Assembly next Thursday evening. Reception will be at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 at CCCC. Sign up sheet is circulating. Let Dr. Bill know if you plan to make it but didn't sign up.

Mark von—the Wheelchair Annual Ball at the Blackhawk Museum will be Saturday, February 27. Seats are \$150 each; preferred seating is \$250 each. See Mark.

Bard—the San Ramon Education Foundation will be honoring John Tatum and the S. R. Rotary club on April 26 at Bridges.

Bard—there will be a 6 Club spring meeting (date tbd) featuring the internationally renowned humanitarian Deepa Willingham, President of Pace International.

Bard—the new DVSR Club will meet next Wednesday at the SR Community Center at 5:15 pm. Bill Clarkson would like a couple of our newer Rotarians to attend to share experiences with their 52 new members. Let Bill Clarkson know if you can attend.

#### FINE FREE--GOOD NEWS:

--Happy Birthday to Patti Hennigan.

--Ginny Weber is coming home today with a new knee.

--Guy Greco has been nominated for the Danville Business person of the year.

--Mark von announced a new granddaughter, Taylor Lynn, arrived on Monday.

--John Sims attended a career day discussion at Cal High—34 students attended and heard him talk about a career in the Navy—a great experience.

--Patti and John Hennigan are now empty nesters.

The BARD presented Our Shakespeare Moment: Sonnet 29—"when in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes", and on and on (Dave Smith would have fallen asleep). Mark von wanted a translation but Bard was out of time. (See Dr. Bill's e-mail of 2/11 for full translation).

#### RECOGNITIONS:

Art Kubal – rash of accidents reported up and down I-5 and I-10.

Horace Crawford – raised the 2009 per capita consumption of yellow grits in the US by 23%. Pat

Paterson – received a "15 Years of Service" pin in SCORE (Supporting Criminal Organizations Retailing Energy) –Service Corp of Retired Executives, which supplies help to small businesses.



**PROGRAM: OLD MARRIED COUPLES GAME**  
 (patterned after the Newlywed Game).  
 Chris Gallagher MC'd the show and introduced the participants Dave and Kathleen Larsen, George and Darlene Gayler, and Guy and Mary Greco.



The men left the room first and the questions for the ladies were:

If your spouse were lost while driving in a foreign city, would he:

Find a way to blame you (Kathleen and Mary); Pretend not to be lost (Darlene)  
 {Dave and George got it right; Guy said he "would stop & ask directions"}

You give your husband the most points for:

Smells good (Kathleen and Darlene); Being a gentleman (Mary)  
 {Dave said "Well dressed"; George said "Well dressed"; Guy said "Well dressed"}

When it comes to upper body, you would say your husband is:

Puffed (Kathleen); Stuffed (Darlene and Mary)  
 {Dave got it right; George said Puffed; Guy said "Doesn't have enough"}

Your husband loses points for:

Hogging the remote (Kathleen & Darlene); Hogging the covers (Mary)  
 {Dave, George, and Guy got it right}

Which one of your husband's friends do you find the most handsome?

His brother Rick (Kathleen); Chris Gallagher (Darlene); Wayne (Mary)  
 {Dave and George got it right; Guy said "Dennis Harvey"}

What is your husband's favorite midnight snack?

Ice Cream with Chocolate sauce (Kathleen); Cheese burger (Darlene), Orange (Mary)  
 {Dave and Guy got it right; George said "drum stick"}

If you could bring your husband in for servicing, just like with a car, what would be the

first thing he would ask to be fixed?

His gas tank (Kathleen, Darlene, and Mary)  
 {Dave and Guy got it right; George said "stick shift"}



At the end of the first half, the scores were: Larsen's 6, Gaylor's 3, Greco's 3  
For the second round, the ladies left the room and the questions for the men were:

How much will your wife say she pays for a haircut?

\$75 (Dave); \$150 (George and Guy)

{All three ladies got it right}

If stranded on an island, what is the one thing your wife could not live without?

Chocolate (Dave and Guy); Grand Kids (George)

{Kathleen got it right; Darlene and Mary said "books"}

If you bought your wife a wig, what color would it be?

Brunette (Dave & Guy); Dirty blonde (George)

{Mary got it right; Kathleen said "Blonde"; Darlene said "Red head"}

What flower best describes your wife when she first gets up in the morning?

Snap Dragon (Dave); Sunflower (George and Guy)

{Kathleen and Darlene got it right; Mary said "Snap dragon"}

Which of your wife's friends is the biggest gossip?

Debbie (Dave); Stephanie (George); Annette (Guy)

{Kathleen got it right; Darlene said "Carolee"; Mary said "Donna"}

If a parrot was in the bedroom, what phrase or saying would he repeat because you say it so much?

Did you sleep well (Dave); I love you (George); Are you feeling ok (Guy)

{Kathleen said "Where is it"; Darlene said "Turn it Down"; Mary said "Turn it Down"}

Which best describes your love life, i.e. making woopee?

Like Thanksgiving—I am grateful for anything I can get (Dave & George); Like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July—hot and explosive (Guy)

{Kathleen got it right; Darlene and Mary said "Like Halloween—full of trick & treats"}

The Game Winners were Dave & Kathleen with 11 correct. Dave's prize was a pair of red shorts and Kathleen got a stuffed animal. George & Darlene tied for second with Guy & Mary with 5 correct answers. They shared a box of chocolates.



(Editor's note: you had to be there to capture the fun of it all. You can volunteer to be a participant next year—just see Chris).

GREETER'S gift of \$20 was won by Pam Bickford; the Club gift of \$20 was won by David Quick.



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, February 25th, 2010, you will be greeted by Barry Toby**

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

**Barry has been a member of our club since January 1995.**

**Classification: Law - General Practice**

I was born in Monterey Park, California and was raised in southern California. I attended Santa Clara University and received a degree in Finance in 1974. I met my wife, Cindy, at Santa Clara and we were married after she graduated in 1975. After I received my law degree from Southwestern University in 1977, Cindy and I moved to the Monterey area. In 1981 we moved to San Ramon and started a family. We have three children: Stephanie, Chelsea and Andrew, all of whom are college graduates, employed and not living at home - Yahoo!

I am currently a partner the law firm of Toby&Sherman and our office is in Pleasanton. My interests include golf and travel. Before joining the Rotary Club of San Ramon, I was a charter member of the Oakland Sunrise Rotary Club.

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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. vss

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 25th District Governor Visit**

**Mar 4th Film Festival - Ann Montgomery**

**Mar 11th Speech Contest "Four Way Test"**

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

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

February 25th District Governor Visit

### Schedule of Greeters

February 25th Barry Toby

March 4th Pam Bickford

March 11th Walt Trembley

