



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting — August 18th by Tom Port



We heard a voice from the past as **Dr. Bill Harlan** took the podium in place of "Trixie". Though **Kalyan Banerjee** was and still is the R.I. Pres.



Ed Duarte, our Greeter for the Day, sounded a political note suggesting our President and the folks we sent to Washington should "... lead the country or get out!"



Herm Welm got stuck with the blame for the Patriotic Song which was tonally challenged at best.

Visiting Rotarians: **Laura Day**, Dist. Gov. Elect and **Gary Vilhauer**, Dist. Rep.

New Member **Jim Peterson** was introduced and we all look forward to his induction ceremony. **Ladd MacDonald** is expected to join next week.

In keeping with visitation from the past, **Dennis Garrison** handed out, much belatedly, a "Gumby" T-shirt to **Fletcher Thames**.



Service Above Self

After bribing us with a DVD of **Dennis'** demotion party **Fletcher Thames** was again drafted for the recently reinstated ritual of the Rotary Magazine quiz. It seems the Denver club will be racing around Africa to raise funds for a water project, and there is a "must read" article about stamp collecting and the upcoming conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

Announcements:



Kathy Gailey reminded us to sign up for e-scrip. Also, bring in dinner gift certificates for CarboLoad. Be sure to check your e-mails for "basket assembly".

Hermann Welm reminded us of the up-coming "Hack & Whack" event. Don't miss it.

Gary Sloan: **Trixie's** "Coming Out" party will be August 27. "Be there or be square".

Rock Wall is this Saturday. "Its all set" says **Glen Weber**.

Finally, **Dr. Bill** and his new bride **Ruth** are inviting us all to a somewhat belated wedding reception September 10, from 4:00 to 8:00 at **Dennis and Sally Garrison's.**"

Main Event: **Gary Sloan**, presented our guest speaker, **Hans Florine**, who introduced us to the dizzying heights of the sport of "speed" rock climbing. Apparently it's not enough to be dangling by a slender cord thousands of feet above the floor of Yosemite Valley, you have to do it even faster than some other lunatic in order to claim bragging rights.

Hans is pretty good at it though. He has made the climb 145 times and is still on this side of paradise. So, we can be sure he knows his stuff. He has also taken a variety of companions up with him including folks with disabilities, children and even some fools as old as typical Rotarians.

As recently as the 1980 it would require as much as five days to make the climb, but with modern technology, and new fangled devices that grab and release the rock wall quickly, it is possible to make the climb in a matter of hours – assuming, of course, you are virtually fat free and muscularly endowed.



Hans has a training gym in nearby Concord with various simulated kinds of rock on which to practice. So, if any of our club members are serious about physical conditioning and are considering suicide, due perhaps to an upcoming IRS audit or SEC investigation, Hans has all you need to get started as a "speed" rock climber.

Raffle: **Tontz** and **Sloan** got prizes, and there was another lucky winner for one of Han's books.

Closing: Dr. Bill said something about stewed prunes and prostitution in the time of Shakespeare. Oh well.

Next Weeks Greeter: Chris Erbe

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
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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. cff

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:

August 25th - “Lie Detectors” - David Roby

Sept. 1st - Sequencing the World of Possibilities” - Massie Ballon

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

August 27th - Trixie’s coming out party

Schedule of Greeters

August 25th Chris Erbe
September 1st Marie Galbo
September 8th Chris Gallagher

