



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting — December 1st by Dr. Bill Harlan



Like clowns getting into the tiny car at the circus, about 50 Rotarians and guests crammed into the Zane Grey Room at the Country Club, a space designed for about a quarter of that number. The Clown-in-Chief, President **Spike Stevens**, clanged her pathetic bell and ordered the doors closed.

Greeter **Dennis Harvey** asked us to observe a moment of silence for the two local service men who had died recently in Afghanistan, led us in the flag salute and promptly departed for Disneyland.



Don Jones led those trapped in the windowless room in a patriotic song. **Dr. Ron White** of Concord Rotary was a visitor, as were **Mark Corti** and **Cindy Bonagura** of Cal High and former Rotarian **Ron "Obscene" Bhasin**.



The Birthday Boy was **George Gayler** who got to wear a pair of spotted cat ears that made him strangely alluring.

We welcomed back two survivors, **Captain John Sims**, who attended with his son; and **Mark von Hoetendorff**, who sucked on ice chips while the rest of us chomped on our sandwiches. It's good to have you both back.

Service Above Self

Terry Koehne introduced the speaker. **Cindy Bonagura** has taught at Cal High for 13 years and established the successful program of placing kids interested in teaching in classrooms around San Ramon to give them firsthand experience of the profession. Now she has started a similar program called "I-Quest" to set up internships for seniors interested in exploring different careers. The kids select the kind of experience they are seeking and find a mentor at the school for the yearlong program. They can get a traditional internship with a company, like the young man working at the fire department. Or they can arrange an independent project, like the student working individually with a Chevron engineer on a career in petroleum lubrication. The students spend a predetermined period of time on their internship each week, attend a class, post a blog on their experience, work on a project related to their work experience, prepare a portfolio and finally make a presentation on what they did. As Cindy says, it helps them connect their academic experience with the world of work. She is still looking for places for two students interested in engineering careers and one looking for a position in construction. She appealed for any Rotarian who might have a place for an interested and highly motivated student intern. Just call Cal High and ask for **Cindy Bonagura** or the I-Quest program.



Announcements:

Alan Ward reminds us that the tree lot still needs help on weekends; Interact has really stepped up to help, but we need Rotarians. Call Alan at 200-0081.



Since no one else stepped forward to run for president after **John Tatum**, a gracious **Barry Toby** was elected by acclamation.

Rick Probert was unanimously affirmed as the club representative for District Disaster Preparedness Program.

The meeting in two weeks, December 15, will be at the Senior Center.

The Progressive Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 17 at a cost of \$40 per person. Hors d'oeuvres will be at the Disch/Harvey residences; dinner (salmon, prime rib or vegetarian) and dessert will be at the Country Club. The Club van will be available for shuttling.

The meeting on December 22 will feature a "Visit from Santa." We are encouraged to bring kids and grandkids and to arrange a gift for them to be given by Santa himself. Get gifts (about \$25) to **Ana Dominguez**.

We will be dark on December 29.

Our next meeting will be a dry run for the incoming president, **John Tatum**. It will feature a presentation by **Horace Crawford** about his work with "Fresh Start" and the 5,000 citizens of our county who are homeless. We are urged to bring items to donate: gift cards (especially for Target, Safeway or Walmart); warm clothes; blankets; sleeping bags; tents; tarps (10 x 10); or cash. Horace will be collecting for the next two meetings. Let's support his good works.



Recognitions:

Carolyn Degnan and **Madam Trixie** celebrated their birthdays on the same day and were recognized. Carolyn worked; Trixie stayed home and watched Mark slurp ice chips.

Ana Dominguez was recognized. Ana went to the Saddle Rack in Fremont and did Texas Line dancing for her birthday. *

George Gayler was recognized for his birthday, for his world-wide travels and for texting during meetings. **Chris Gayler** dropped a dime on his old man, but **Barry Toby** got the recognition reduced for good behavior to less than three figures.

The raffle was won by **Rick Probert** and **Don Jones**, two worthy recipients, but not as worthy as this correspondent. The IRS has been notified.

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
Crow Canyon Country 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. toy

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:

Dec. 8th - Horace Crawford - Fresh Start

Dec. 15th - Off-site at Senior Center - Marie Galbo & Cho Tang

Dec. 22nd - Visit from Santa

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Dec. 17th - Holiday Party

Dec. 29th - DARK - NO Meeting

Schedule of Greeters

December 8th Patti Hennigan

December 15th Ira Hillyer

December 22nd Geoff Johnson

