



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting — June 16th by Karen McNamara

Our greeter today was new member Alan Ward with a very profound thought for the day : "If a man yells 'You Lie!' to a roomful of politicians how do you know who he's talking about?"

Visiting Rotarians were Graham Henderson from Scotland, who is here for his grandson's Eagle Scout Award, Sally Platt from Marietta Metro. Sally is the daughter of long time Rotarians Dean and Betty Detweiler. She was visiting on the occasion of Betty's funeral services which were held recently. Betty Detweiler was an outstanding citizen, San Ramon resident and San Ramon Rotarian.

Guests today were a part of the Honorary Rotarian and Rotary Foundation Grant programs and are listed below.

Announcements

- July 4th float for the Danville parade – Hermann was kind enough to build Mt. Diablo and in the process give everyone a geography lesson about the two, not one, peaks of the mountain. Dennis has requested help selling hotdogs at the Chamber event as part of the City of San Ramon event on July 4th.

Honorary Rotarians

Horace Crawford introduced four honorary Rotarians to the group today.

- Cristene Burr: Cristene is not a newcomer to the Club as she has been a partner of the Club through her work on the SRValley Education Foundation. Cristene has been instrumental this past year in helping with the Carbo Load and in getting the schools and the Foundation involved in that event. She was sponsored by Kathy Gailey.



Service Above Self

- Pamela Double: Pamela has been a staunch supporter of the Rotary Club for eight years, volunteering her time for all of the fundraisers, and in particular assisting Judy Lewis gathering silent auction items. She has helped out with the Interact Club in their Art and Wind Festival booth. She spreads the word about the club's grants to non-profit agencies in the community. She was sponsored by Judy Lewis.



- Darlene Gayler: Darlene was surprised by her Honorary Rotary sponsor, Chris Gallagher. She has been an active member of the San Ramon, Danville and Alamo communities. She is the wife and mother of two Rotarians – George and Chris. She is the co-founder of Sustainable Danville, and she currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Danville Chamber of Commerce.

Dave Stegman: Dave has been an active member of the community for over 25 years and he was nominated by Glen Weber. Dave is well known for his career in animal welfare, and he has served as Executive Director for the Contra Costa Humane Society, the Valley Humane society, and the Tony LaRussa Animal Rescue Foundation. He has successfully bridged the gap between human and animal welfare by blending the two in a manner that exemplifies the best in human nature and animal welfare.



Rotary Foundation Grants

Five Rotary Foundation grants were awarded at today's meeting.

- Lifehouse is an organization serving people with developmental disabilities and was represented by Nancy Dow Moody and Barry Brenda. Lifehouse serves more than 300 clients providing assessments, training, counseling, residential care, recreational programs, and information and referral services.
- Afghan Women's Writing Project brings women from Afghanistan and the United States together via the internet to share stories. The project was represented today by Marsha Smalley and Rachel Debase. Funds will be used to purchase a laptop computer for a woman in Afghanistan. The women tell their stories of living there and share a love of storytelling and writing.
- San Ramon Valley Christian Academy was awarded a grant to replenish emergency supplies for backpacks in every classroom at the Academy. Supplies include water, medical supplies, first aid. The Academy was represented by Natalie Kurtz and Jan Brunco.

- We Care Services for Children provides services to children with developmental disabilities and mental health issues. Funds will support activities in the autism family support project. The agency finds resources for families. The agency was represented by John Jones. Trust in Education is a program led by a Rotary speaker, Budd Mackenzie, which supports rural villages and schools in Afghanistan. Budd has recently taken supplies donated by Club members there, and is completing a project to build a school for 350 girls and the funds will be used to purchase desks.

Today's Program

The program today was a presentation from Darlene Gayler on her efforts and the initiatives of Sustainable Danville. The purpose of the organization is to inspire and promote practices that promote a healthy community and healthy lifestyles. Website is www.sustainableDanville.com. They hold monthly forums on organic farming, free range food, greening your home, energy savings, supporting local farmers, native landscaping. They also educate and recognize local businesses and currently have 33 businesses recognized for their efforts in this area.



They are promoting family friendly biking through operation of bike stations for downtown Danville events, as well as a sustainable high school project promoting environmental stewardship. They are always looking for volunteers and donations. One fundraising project is raffling off a green roof dog house, which was built by Gayler Construction. Darlene's motto is "Every choice you make is significant"



Recognitions:

Dennis recognized this unforgettable Chrises –both Gallagher and Gayler – with shirts and hats that will distinguish them in perpetuity – assuming they wear them while in Dennis' presence so he doesn't continue to mix them up.



The greeter's gift was won by John Tatum.

Next week's greeter is Rob Blatecky.

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:

June 23rd - Honorary Rotarians + Surprise Program

June 30th - Dennis' Last Meeting

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

June 30th - Demotion Party

Schedule of Greeters

June 23rd Rob Blatecky

June 30th Marco Bronzini

