



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting — September 1st by Dr. Bill Harlan



President **Trixie** ("Don't call me Spike") called the meeting to what passes for order in the San Ramon Rotary Club.

Greeter **Chris Erbe** explained that he had been missing in action because he had had an operation for a brain tumor. (As Chris' t-shirt reads, "I had a brain tumor. What's your excuse?") His Thought for the Day: "What would Jimmy Buffet do?" a question we can all drink to.



The Club then sang "Happy Birthday" to this correspondent who was given a jester's cap (technically called a "Fool's Cap") to wear and a yummy lunch from Burger King. This correspondent reciprocated by leading the Patriotic Song beginning with a High C. There were neither visiting Rotarians nor guests of Rotary, at least after the Patriotic Song.

Service Above Self

Madame **Trixie** thanked Party-Giver Extraordinaire **Gary Sloan** for her Coming-Out party. After the hijinks in the pool, there was not much more to “come out” if you know what I mean. Pictures of the party were shown on the screen, despite our efforts to finish lunch. (If anyone thinks of it, please turn over **Fred Nevarez**, who is still floating face down in the pool .)

Kathy Gailey held the CarboLoad Committee meeting today. She asked that people get restaurant gift certificates in and that people sign up for the Gift Basket Assembly meeting on September 15 at her place. You can also bring the contents of your basket to Rotary that day and Kathy will see to it that it gets put together.

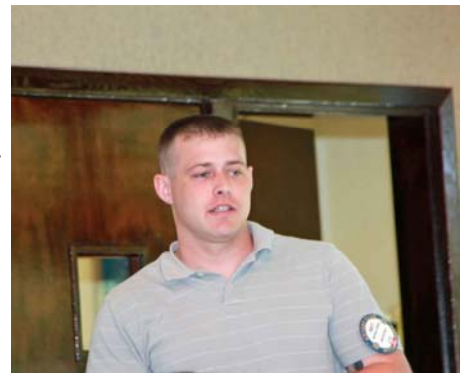


John Sims went over the different ways you can meet your RI Foundation commitment: 1.) give to the annual fund; 2.) give to the permanent fund (pamphlets available describing what’s involved); 3.) sign up for TRF direct so it’s taken out automatically; 4.) have Jeff Disch bill you and send the check to RI. **Kathe Mitchell** agreed to take over as scribe for **Carolyn Degnan** who has a new job.



Mike Gunning will be ordering Rotary shorts for new members to wear for CarboLoad.

The Club is going all out for Veteran’s Day this year; let **Matt Carhart** know if you are a vet or you know or are related to one.



Guy Greco announced the fund-raiser for the Crow Canyon Country Club coming up; see him for details. If you haven’t let Dr. Bill know about the reception at Dennis Garrison’s for the Harlan-Martin nuptials on Saturday, September 10, do it now!

Gary Sloan introduced our speaker, **Massey Balon**, of the Department of Energy's Joint Genome Institute in Walnut Creek. This federally-financed operation investigates the genome and its operations to find new sources of energy. The Institute determined about 10% of the human genome some years back. Now they work with the national labs throughout the country to identify sources for biofuel. They focus on plants, fungi, microbes and metagenomics, microbe communities. The genome is composed of only four letters, but the sequence of those letters is the key to understanding how genomics works. The advance of the technology allows for rapid and comprehensive research. Whereas the original human genome took years to unravel, new programming can duplicate the feat in about a week. The day is not far off when an individual will be able to get his person genome mapped for about \$1,000.



We need to develop a lot of alternative sources to cut down on the consumption of oil. Most biofuel now comes from corn, which causes problems with our food supplies. The institute is looking at microbes that exist in the guts of insects, birds and cows and do an excellent job of breaking down fiber. They are also interested in microbes that consume oil (to help with spills) and heavy metals (toxic waste sites). Right now the most exciting work is being done on enzymes. On October 15 there will be an open lab on the Institute's work at the Lawrence Berkeley Lab. It's free, great for kids and more information can be found at www.lbl.gov/openhouse.

Barry Toby ratted out **Chris Erbe** for a double-header – his anniversary and his wife's birthday. (Welcome back, Chris.) On a roll, he then zapped **Gary Sloan** for winning at poker on Monday; poor Gary paid all his winnings to the Club treasury.

The raffle was won by **Don Jones** and **Ray Giles**, both of whom will want to make sure they list said winnings on their tax returns for this year. I'm just saying....

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:

Sept. 8th - EBMUD - John Coleman
Sept. 15th - Rotocare Project - Steve Poccyn
Sept. 22nd - Camp Royal Students - Trixie, Cal Hi Football -Ed Billeci
Sept. 29th - Rotoplast - Neil Bordenave

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

OCTOBER 8TH — CARBOLOAD

Schedule of Greeters

September 8th Chris Gallagher
September 15th Jim Peterson
September 22nd Dennis Garrison

