



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - February 19th by Dr. Bill Harlan

Top Gun **Tom Port** buzzed the control tower and the meeting began. Greeter **Guy Greco** shared some wise thoughts from Gandhi and told us about his grand-kids. The Songmeister **Gary Daniel** did a spirited "My Country 'Tis of Thee." And then it was time for guests: **Ana Dominguez** brought **Jim Burch**; **Mark Mulholland** brought **Jerry Kinney**; [kudos to our Red Badges!] **Geoff Johnson** brought **Steve Renfro**; **John Williams**, a local realtor, also joined us. **Geoff Johnson** led his table in a rousing version of the Welcome Song (short form), which was about the most that Cowboy Geoff could muster.



Welcome Jim Burch

- **Gary Daniel** shared that **Ed and Marie Galbo** have weathered their health challenges, are home and welcome visitors.

Guy Greco announced the first golf tournament, March 18 at Crow Canyon



- **Dennis Harvey** declared that our smoke alarm project for senior citizens will take place on April 25 as part of the District Day of Service.



- **Dave Larsen** reminds us of the Day at the Races on May 2, Kentucky Derby Day, and that ladies in traditional big hats and frocks may win an award.

- **Tom Port** told us that the Six-Club meeting on March 11 will feature guest speaker Jeff Tedford of your Cal Bears.
- There will be a Bocce Ball Challenge in Martinez on May 9; we need a team.
- District Leadership Conference will take place April 11 at Cal State East Bay.



Robin Stevens is looking for kids to attend Camp Royale and Camp Venture

Service Above Self

• **Fumi Suzuki** narrated a delightful account of her and **Gary Daniel** entertaining shut-ins around town with Gary finally finding an appreciative audience for his vast store of “oldies but goodies” from the late 1950’s song book.



• **Steve Wilcox** was recognized for the award he recently received from the Danville Chamber for his work on the Board.

• **Kathe Mitchell** is currently overseeing the revision of the club website.

• **Glen Weber** reminds us that April 23 will be Key Administrative Colleague Day.

• **Hermann Welm** urged us to get applications in for foundation grants by March 1.

• **Gary Daniel** described the new process for membership on the Grants Committee, which will ensure that everyone in the Club gets a chance to serve.

The program speaker was **Dave David** of Farmer’s Insurance who recruits and trains agents and works on the Earthquake Preparedness program for the company. He began by telling us that less than 40% of families in the Bay Area have done the necessary preparation work. Dave read a quote on the San Francisco quake which made the point that human error was to blame most of the death and destruction. Government and social services will fail, and the individual will be on his own for survival.



Cash-strapped agencies are incapable of preparing for disaster adequately; flood experts from Holland warned New Orleans of the consequences well before Katrina. On the positive side, 90% of overpasses and bridges in the state have been seismically strengthened and the Bay Bridge will soon be replaced. In our area the Hayward Fault is the most dangerous; it has historically had a significant quake every 140 years and is due right now. A 7.0 quake will cause massive damage with 100,000 homes lost, 300,000 people homeless, 28,000 fatalities, most hospitals and school seriously damaged and water supplies cut off for up to two years. In the cities modern skyscrapers are among the safest structures, but they are designed for the windows to pop out and the exterior walls to fall off; the resulting destruction of parked cars below is likely to set off a firestorm in the streets. After a quake water is the most immediate need. Each person requires a minimum of one gallon a day, and we’ll need that for seven days. The website homerisk.com will tell you what the potential for risk is in your immediate area. Your hot water heater, properly strapped down, is one source for water after a quake. You should have an automatic gas shut-off valve installed. (There are two types.) Every car needs a small survival pack which you can purchase on-line. Scan your financial records and keep a copy in a safe place. You’ll need cash since the ATM’s will not be working. Dave’s advice on earthquake insurance is that you need it if you own your home or have a high equity; otherwise you may be better off spending the money to retrofit your house, making sure your dwelling is bolted to the foundation and that you have adequate support underneath. Kiss your masonry chimneys good-bye. An informative and sobering program!

Hermann Welm won the raffle and has been reported to Homeland Security. (He will rue the day he mocked this correspondent!)





San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, February 26th, 2009, you will be greeted by George Gayler

Here are some things you should know about George:

George has been a member of our club since, October 2004

Classification: Construction / Remodeling

Granville “George” Gayler

Born 1947 in San Francisco and raised in the Bay Area.

George’s father had a construction business and George started working summers for his dad at the age of 13. He continued working for his father after he graduated high school. After a few years, George was in put charge of production, and also did all the sales. In 1978, George got his contractors license. In 1980, he took over Gayler Construction and grew the company, which now does commercial and residential design/build work.

George met and married Darlene in 1980 and they have been married for 28 years and live in Alamo.

George has always had a passion for aviation and earned his pilots license in 1982. He bought his first airplane soon afterwards and has owned an airplane ever since.

George and Darlene love to travel. They also enjoy scuba diving, golf, snow skiing, and are avid walkers. They also enjoy boating and spending a lot of time at their cabin in Groveland with their kids and grandkids.

George is a member of the Danville Chamber, Alamo Chamber and the Lafayette Chamber. He is a Certified Green Builder

George joined the Hayward Rotary Club in 1984 and in 2004 he moved to the San Ramon Rotary club.

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. gls

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:

February 26th Jonathan Lee - Surviving the Current
Economic Storm
March 5th Anna-Lena Scholtz - Ambassadorial Scholars
March 12th Dark - No Meeting

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

March 11th 6 Club Dinner @ Round Hill CC 6:00
March 12th Dark - No Meeting
March 18th Members Night Out - Bocce Ball
April 25th Smoke Alarm Project for Sr Citizens
May 2nd Day at the Races
July 11th District 5160 Awards Banquet, Corning
October 1-4 District Conference Lake Tahoe NV

Schedule of Greeters:

February 26th George Gayler
March 5th Ray Giles

