



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - March 19th, 2009 by Dr. Bill Harlan

Sky King, a.k.a. **Tom Port**, strafed the field and the meeting rumbled into order. Greeter **Guy Greco** offered words of wisdom about being authentic and led the pledge. Stand-in Songmeister **Hermann Welm** led us in "God Bless America" in a properly Prussian manner. Guests included **Laura Prilutsky**, who was there monitoring her father, Mike; **Shahveen Nasim** of the Cal High Interact Club; and **Paolo Pecola**, a guest of **Bob Desautels**, who, alas, was not there to greet him. (Not to worry, Bob's many friends stepped in and were glad to offer various imaginative and slanderous excuses for his absence!) Announcements followed:



- The District trip to Ethiopia has been cancelled, if you were hoping to sample nightlife in Addis Ababa.
 - Bocce Ball Challenge will be held at the bocce courts in Martinez on May 9. If you're interested check with a Rotarian who walks with a permanent squat.
 - Day at the Races is still May 2, Kentucky Derby Day. Check with **Dave Larsen**.
 - Smoke Alarm is April 25. **Dennis Harvey** needs two hours from you.
 - Student Exchange for next year needs three more host families. See **Bill Clarkson**.
 - District Leadership Training will be Saturday, April 11 at the Concord campus of CSUEB. Everyone invited. See **Gary Daniel**.
- Rick Probert** tells us the Bikes for Tykes event was a great success.

Recognitions:

- Casting aside any semblance of subtlety, President Port ordered **Ana Dominguez**, **Bill Clarkson**, **Lucky Sandhu** and **Karen McNamara** to the front and asked them to recite the Four Way Test. The results were so badly mangled; their stiff recognitions were greeted with loud cheers.

As a result of the unseemly outburst above, **Mark von Hoetendorff** was recognized for being a loudmouth. He waited for several minutes, unsuccessfully, for someone to pick up his fine. The action again drew loud cheers from the members.



Service Above Self

Program:

Guy Greco introduced our speaker, **Randy Williams**, the founder of the Keiretsu Forum. The Forum, whose name connotes "synergy" in Japanese, is the largest North American angel investor network, with over 750 accredited investor members throughout 17 chapters on three continents. Keiretsu members invest in high-quality, diverse investment opportunities – collaborating in the due diligence, but making individual investment decisions. Forum members provide early-stage capital in the range of \$250,000 to \$2 million. In addition, they often offer help and advice to make these companies successful. In 2007, the members of the Forum's Northern California chapters invested \$34 million in 31 companies. Through the Keiretsu Forum Charitable Foundation, members support local non-profit organizations, contributing over \$1 million to 107 charities. The local Forum chapter in San Ramon meets once a month at the AT&T headquarters, and Mr. Williams invited any Rotarians to be his guests. Contact the event coordinator at (925) 283-8159.



The raffle was won by **Dennis Harvey** and **Barry Toby**, neither of whom seemed particularly guilt-ridden for depriving this correspondent of his due.



An auction for cakes to support Interact followed: **Brent Tucker** bought a chocolate cake, which he sent back to the folks in **Guy Greco's** office. **Gary Sloan** bought a second chocolate cake, which he devoured on the spot.



Mike Prilutsky bought a strawberry cake, which Laura took custody of.

About Rotary!

An Excerpt from: A CENTURY OF SERVICE – The Story of Rotary International, by David C. Forward

Introduction (cont'd)

Rotary had barely been established in Europe when “the war to end all wars” broke out in 1914. Further challenges to the organization’s very existence came along in the Great Depression of the early 1930’s and the Second World War a decade later. Yet the Rotary River flowed on, and the narrative will tell uplifting stories of how individual Rotarians tried to calm those troubled waters by applying the principles of service.

During the worst of World War II, Rotarians in England convened a conference on education and cultural exchange, and that meeting subsequently led to the formation of UNESCO, one of the agencies of the United Nations. When the UN charter was signed, Rotarians were serving as ambassadors and ministers, captains of industry, and religious leaders of all faiths. The Rotary organization that the UN invited to observe and consult on matters of world peace in 1948 was far stronger and more influential than that first meeting in 1905.

Yet some characteristics continued to be the organization’s hallmark. Tolerance, high ethical standards, fellowship among members, commitment to community service -- especially toward children -- and world peace have engaged the time and efforts of Rotary volunteers since the first club was founded. And they continue to do so today.

Shared by Hermann Welm



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, March 26th, 2009, you will be greeted by Mike Gunning

Here are some things you should know about Mike:

Mike has been a member of our club since, April 1996

Classification: Promotional Products

I have been married to Sandy for 41 years and we have raised 3 sons, Steve, Scott, and Mark. Steve and is married to Jamie and they have 3 children. Mark is married to Trisha and have 1 child. Scott is not married but has 2 children. All of our sons and grandchildren live in the Bay Area.

We relocated to San Ramon, CA in 1981 from Dayton, Ohio. Sandy does a lot of babysitting for our grandchildren. I have my own business since 1996, GCS Promotion Specialties. The business involves the sale of promotional items for both businesses and organizations. A major portion of my business is apparel, both screen printed and embroidered items.

We have enjoyed San Ramon and the pleasant surroundings of the area and consider ourselves fortunate to live here. Over the past 28 years we have been active in many organizations, including St. Joan of Arc Church, CYO Basketball, Little League Baseball, school activities including sports and academics.

Rotary has enabled me to give back to a community that has given so much and continues to give to our grandchildren as well as ourselves. I particularly enjoy the Dictionary Project, Smoke Alarm Project at Sunny Glen amongst the many things we do for our community. I have served on many Carboload Committees and will be the Chairperson for Carboload 25 in 2009.

Rotary offers many opportunities to make lives better including my own.

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. mpl

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:

March 26th Steve Enoch - SRVUSD Superintendent
April 2nd Lucky Sandhu - Using Social Networking Sites

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

April 11th	District Leadership Training
April 25th	Smoke Alarm Project for Sr Citizens
May 2nd	Day at the Races
May 9th	Bocce Ball Challenge
July 11th	District 5160 Awards Banquet, Corning
October 1-4	District Conference Lake Tahoe NV

Schedule of Greeters:

March 26th	Mike Gunning
April 2nd	Dr. Bill Harlan

