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Rotary Meeting - March 5th by Hermann Welm

The "Aviator" called the meeting to order. He welcomed all present and reminded us that the RI President is D.K. Lee; his theme is "Rotary Makes Dreams Real!"

Ray Giles, our Greeter, gave us a Thought for the Day: "Dream as if you'll live forever; live as if you'll die tomorrow." Pretty poetic for an accountant! He also proceeded to tell us that today is his birthday, probably hoping to avoid a fine.

He then led us in the Flag Salute, and Songmeister **Gary Daniel** led us in a patriotic singing of "Happy Birthday!"

Ray then introduced the one Visiting Rotarians, **Pete Giers**, from the Orinda club.

Visitors: **Anna-Lisa Schloz**, our speaker; her friend visiting from Germany, **Anna-Teresa Schmidt**; and **Paul Kupras**.

The Welcome Song was once again overlooked, but this Scribe is certain that all felt welcome anyway.

Good Times/Good News/Fine Free:

Mike Gunning announced that his son and daughter-in-law brought their first "Gunning" into the world on Tuesday; **Madeline Jane** was delivered at our very own San Ramon Regional Medical Center by former Rotarian, **Dr. Michele Riopelle**.

Not to be outdone, **Judy Lewis** also had a new grandchild, **Colin Edward**, in Seattle.

PP Guy Greco couldn't contain himself and announced -- since everyone seemed to want to talk about grandchildren -- that his grandson's soccer team were the season's champs!

Announcements:

PE Gary Daniel reminded all that the Club will be hosting an Exchange Student starting in July. We are requesting a male from South America, who will attend high school for the year. Host families are needed; preferably for two months at a pop. The **Aviator** reminded us that host families will need to be vetted ("scanned" is what he called it) so as to screen out "Undesirables." (How **Gary** hopes to find enough "Desirables" in this Club is another question!)

PE Gary Daniel went on to give a report on progress with the newly-formed five-club "Rotary Alliance." Under **Dr. Bill's** leadership, a nifty tri-fold was developed -- and printed by **Cho Tang** -- that will be used as a handout at the various events Rotarians will be attending to "get the word out." The first event: the San Ramon Chamber Business Expo on March 12.

Service Above Self

Kathy Gailey reminded members that there will be a Bocce Ball Outing, in Livermore, on March 18; sign up NOW (email her if you wish to attend).

Captain John Sims announced that he will be off to Arizona to attend Spring Training Games, but the we are NOT to forget making contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Dr. Bill wants to get all prospective New Members that are ready to commit into the Club by the end of March. So those of you in the midst of recruiting someone, NOW is the time to complete the process!

PP Ed Duarte announced that applications for a San Ramon Rotary Foundation Grant need to be submitted by the end of March. His Grants Committee will meet at that time and recipients will be announced in April.

PP Dave Larsen reminded all that there will be a Day at the Races on May 2; the deadline for signing up is April 2. Contact him if you wish to attend.

The Aviator reminded us our Club will be participating in a Six-Club Dinner on Wednesday evening, March 11. It will be at Roundhill CC, starting at 6:00 pm (cocktails); 6:45 Dinner. The speaker will be Jeff Tedford, Head Football Coach for the Cal BEARS. ***We will be "Dark" on Thursday, March 12!***

Recognitions: **The Aviator** "recognized" **Fletcher Thames'** and **Judy's** anniversary, as well as the aforementioned **Ray Giles** for lasting another year.

Program:

PDG Stan Smalley introduced Ambassadorial Scholar Anna-Lisa Scholtz, from Germany, who is attending UC Berkeley through Rotary. She is studying for her PhD in German Literature and explained that it was NOT silly for a German to study German Literature in the US, because UC Berkeley has an outstanding German department with lots of resources and faculty advisors to assist her in her work. She is undertaking a "comparison" of two German authors, Heinrich von Kleist and Franz Nietzsche, who lived 100 years apart, through an analysis of their letters, and not their books and essays. This is a unique approach.

Anna-Lisa was born in Berlin in 1984, five years before the infamous Wall came down and the two halves of Germany were re-unified. She graduated from the University of Bonn in 2003, attended Oxford University, and earned her Master's Degree in 2007.

She described Bonn -- the former capitol of West Germany -- by naming some of the luminaries who had a close relationship with that city: Ludwig von Beethoven, Friedrich Nietzsche, Karl Marx, Konrad Adenauer, and Pope Benedict, who taught at the University. Haribo, the makers of yummy-bears, also figured into her description, as did T-Mobile.

Raffles: The Greeter's Gift went to **Randy Perkins** and the Club Gift went to **Walt Trembley**. It will be this Scribes turn to win in two weeks!

Next Week:

We will be ***DARK*** on March 12; do NOT show up unless you want to eat alone!

The Six-Club Dinner will be on Wednesday, March 11, at Roundhill!

The Greeter on March 19 will be **PP Guy Greco**; the Program will be **Randy Williams**, and the Kieretsu Forum.

About Rotary!

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

Introduction (cont'd)

One of the early objectives (*of the founding members of Rotary, including Paul Harris, Silvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr, and Hiram Shorey, Chicago businessmen*) was for members to exchange business with each other. But just as streams sometimes change direction, so did the Rotary club, and it did so by discovering the joys of service. Soon, service -- to their community, their customers, their employees, children -- gathered such momentum that Rotary became known as the first "service club." The Rotary Club of Chicago grew to 200 members in three years, and many of them were so proud of what they had created that they wrote to friends in other cities and invited business associates to meetings when they visited Chicago.

When Chicago Rotarian Manuel Munoz told Paul (*Harris*) he planned to visit San Francisco in 1908, Paul asked him to tell businessmen there about Rotary. On the day after he arrived, Munoz met with a young lawyer named Homer Wood; and Wood was so interested in Munoz's story that he immediately wrote to Paul Harris for details on how he could start a San Francisco club. Within weeks, Rotary had its second club. But Wood went beyond the confines of his adopted city, traveling to Oakland to persuade his friends to start a club there. His fellow San Francisco charter member Arthur Holman did the same in Seattle, and then Holman and Wood took the word to Los Angeles; within two years there were Rotary clubs from coast to coast and from the northern to southern borders. The movement spread to Canada and Ireland, England and Scotland, and soon Rotary clubs were being formed around the world.

(To be Continued)

Shared by Hermann Welm



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



NEXT week, March 19th, 2009, you will be greeted by Guy Greco

Here are some things you should know about Guy:

Guy has been a member of our club since, August 1997

Classification: Banking Management

I was born and raised in San Francisco, CA. I attended the University of San Francisco and San Francisco State College, majoring in Business Administration.

I have been in banking for over 40 years, starting with Bank of America's Operations Training program in San Francisco. I moved on to Home Savings of America where I was a Regional Vice President for 21 years. I was also with Fremont Bank in Danville as Area Manager and then to Diablo Valley Bank, now Heritage Bank of Commerce in Danville as Branch Manager at 387 Diablo Rd.

I have been a member of San Ramon Rotary for 12 years. I have served as Program Chair, Director of Club Services and Club President in 2002-2003. I am currently the Assistant Governor for the 6 Clubs in the San Ramon Valley. My wife Mary and I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of our Club.

I have also been involved with our Community through our church, St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon as Chair of the Annual Duffer's Golf tournament, on the Parish Advisory Council, and I am currently on the Finance Council. In addition I have been very active in the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce serving as Chairman of the Board in 2002 and 2006 and currently on the Board of Directors. We live in a wonderful community and I have always felt we should give back in anyway we can to continue to make it so.

My passions are my family wife Mary, two daughters Angela and Laura, two son-in laws Jim and Mike and most importantly five grandchildren Lauren 14, Joseph 11, Julia 7, Abby 6 and Sean 3 who are the loves of our life. And of course I enjoy golf, cooking and photography.

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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. wgc

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 12th Dark - No Meeting

March 19th Randy Williams - Kiertzu Forum

March 26th Steve Enoch - SRVUSD Superintendent

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:

March 19th	Guy Greco
March 26th	Mike Gunning

