



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - April 23rd by Karen McNamara

President **Tom Port** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. **Geoff Johnson** was today's greeter. His thought for the day is: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a flat tire"



Gary Daniel led us in America the Beautiful. Lucky Sandhu helped Geoff Johnson with the long version of the Welcome song.

Visiting Rotarians: John Knotch from Oakland 3 Rotary

Table introductions: **Glen Weber** introduced the event today in honor of National Administrative Professional Day. Rotary members brought key employees today as guests. Other guests of Rotary-David Quick; Pam Bickford; Elle Falahat; Paula Silva; Patty Diaz; Mona Keady [speaker today]



Announcements

Dennis Harvey is coordinating the Senior Smoke Alarm Project will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00am to 12:15 pm. The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District will assist in coordinating the event. Randy Perkins (SafeAlarms) has donated the batteries. Smoke detectors have been provided by Home Depot.



Service Above Self

Bill Clarkson announced the Rotary Hall of Fame lunch in two weeks.

Geoff Johnson started the sign up sheet to work in the Art and Wind Festival beer booth. Event is Sunday and Monday May 24, 25.

Mark Von announced the Rotary Peace Fellows – the club can submit nominations for a scholarship. Focus is on international relations. This is a two year scholarship. Five universities participate.

July 11 is the District Awards Dinner near Redding, Ca. Rolling Hills Casino. Welcoming new District governor and district board.

Gary Daniel announced that each member received an online membership survey from the 09/10 Board of Directors. Members are encouraged to fill it out and respond to immediately.

Carbo Load is Saturday, October 10. Save the Date

Day at the Races – tickets have been handed out – reminder to wear your hat

Guy Greco announced the Bocce Ball Challenge is Saturday May 9th with the Martinez Bocce Ball Federation

Recognitions

Dave Larsen was recognized for his birthday on April 19.

Bob Desautels was recognized for his wife Anne's birthday.

Marc Stillman and his wife Carol will celebrate their anniversary on April 27

Geoff Johnson was recognized for his anniversary coming up on May 2.

Members who could not attend the Rotary at Work Day [**Carolyn, Fletcher, Bill C, Mike G., Garth**] were fined the “catch up-max out” provision of recognition.

Program: **Bob Desautels** introduced the guest speaker today- Mona Keady from Raffine Chocolate. She passed out gold boxes empty of chocolate. Many members were concerned it was a new form of dieting. She prepared artisan chocolates with Belgian and swiss chocolate. Nine out of ten people likes chocolate – the 10th person lies. Chocolate labeling is like wine –designating regions or types of cocoa feves [beans]. Chocolate has plant compounds called falvonoids which are healthful. To taste, one must use multiple senses-sight, smell, taste and feel. Taste test from mild to intense. Ideal temperature for chocolate is 68-73 degrees. Ganache is a blend of crème and chocolate that is heated. Creates customized chocolates with company logos.



Website is raffinechocolates.com. Shop is near San Ramon Post Office on Alcosta Blvd.

Raffle winners were Art Kubal

Next meeting is George Luna on betting at the horse races.

About Rotary!

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

The Man behind the Movement (cont'd)

(Continuing with the Paul Harris, being raised by his grandparents in Vermont, but not very serious about his education, contrary to grandfather Howard's belief that this is key to his future.)

As Howard Harris grew older, he felt an abiding duty to provide Paul with a good education. He realized that the child's own parents were incapable of preparing him for the world. That it was up to him to provide Paul with the skills needed to build a successful career. He sent the teenaged Paul to Black River Academy . . . but he soon discovered that Paul's penchant for pranks was not welcome there. Within weeks, "the President of the Academy took an inventory of the good and the bad in me, and concluded that there was insufficient good to justify any attempt at salvage," Paul wrote in 1925. And so, to the despair of his grandparents, he was expelled.

They sent Paul to another private school, Vermont Military Academy, and this time he did well in both his studies and his behavior. He earned admission to the University of Vermont in 1886, but 18 months later was wrongfully accused of misconduct and was expelled. Many years later, the university apologized, absolved him, and conferred a B.A. in physical culture, in 1919, and an honorary Ph.D., in 1933. Paul was admitted to the prestigious Princeton University in New Jersey and, despite being far from his friends and beloved Vermont valley, enjoyed the university and did well academically.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know: You can Make Up a missed Rotary meeting on-line? Log on to:
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/programs.htm>

Shared by Hermann Welm



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, April 30th, 2009, you will be greeted by Don Jones

Here are some things you should know about Don:

Don has been a member of our club since, April 1989

Classification: Personal Insurance

Born and raised in Oakland, California

Graduated from Skyline High School, June of 1964

Graduated from Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo with a degree in Finance in 1968

Married Cynthia (Boruck) Jones on November 11, 1970

Children: Dawn Land Jerrid

Entered the property and casualty insurance business in 1972 in Oakland. Purchased the agency in 1978 and relocated the agency to San Ramon in 1989. The firm specializes in providing insurance for homes, autos, small businesses and religious institutions.

Joined San Ramon Rotary in February of 1990. Have been chair of Wind Fair, Carbo Load and many other Rotary activities.

Served as president *2007/2008*. Presidential nickname: Big Bird

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
Crow Canyon Country Club
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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. smf

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:

April 30th - George Luna - Day at the Races

May 7th - Bill Clarkson - Business Hall of Fame

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

May 2nd	Day at the Races
May 9th	Bocce Ball Challenge
May 24th & 25th	San Ramon Art & Wind Festival
July 11th	District 5160 Awards Banquet, Corning
September 22nd	SRRC's 25th Anniversary Gala
October 1-4	District Conference Lake Tahoe NV
October 10th	Carboload 25

Schedule of Greeters:

April 30th	Don Jones
May 7th	Nancy Vinson

