



# Crow's Call



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## **Rotary Meeting - April 2nd by Karen McNamara**

**Bill Harlan** was today's greeter with quite a lengthy thought for the day from Robert Frost that he beautifully memorized.

Visiting Rotarian – Dr. Jay Tontz (can we expect an economic forecast do over today?) Fletcher Tyler

Table introductions of guests: Jim Birch from Gates and Associates; Kristen McConnell from Wells Fargo Bank; Jean Ohman – Honorary Rotarian; Tam Bickford; Ben Adikari; Elle

### Announcements:

**Gary Daniel** will be presiding at next week's meeting - be sure you all still show up

Carbo Load – October 10<sup>th</sup>

Bocce Ball Challenge – May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rotarians at Work Day – April 25<sup>th</sup> – 9-noon.

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Demotion Party for Tom Port

**Don Jones** announced that the Rotary Foundation Board met and approved grants to the families of the fallen Oakland Police Officers

April 11<sup>th</sup> – District Assembly – Cal State East Bay – 8:30am

Art and Wind Festival – Sunday, Monday -Memorial Day – May 24, 25

### Good News

**Bill Clarkson** announced that SRVUSD had 10 schools awarded Distinguished Schools recently.

**Dr. Bryan Welm** [son of Hermann] was awarded a four year, \$600,000 grant by the American Cancer Institute so he can continue his breast cancer research at the Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah. Bryan is a PhD research professor at HCI.

**Stan Smalley** announced that Marsha is doing well and can now drive!

### Recognitions:

**Kristen Parson's** birthday is today – a well-sung version of Happy Birthday and a very small cake, along with the appropriate fine

**Barry Toby's** luggage is still in Italy so he is without his razor and therefore duly fined.

**Service Above Self**

## Program

**Lucky Sandhu** was today's presenter on the topic of social networking. Why do I need it? Where do I build my social network? How do I get started? Social networking are websites that allow people to link to others to share opinions, insights, experiences and perspectives such as MySpace, LinkedIn, Classmates or Facebook.

Social applications. Make new friends, keep in touch with friends and families, make yourself heard within your online communities, buy and sell stuff, keep tabs on your kids, promote a charity or personal cause. The fastest growing demographic segment in Facebook is the 35-54 year olds with a growth rate of 276% in the last 6 months.

Professional applications. Getting elected to the highest office in our nation- the President. Finding a job. Finding an employee. Building your professional network. Reconnecting with old colleagues. Marketing yourself, your products and your company. All Fortune 500 companies are listed on LinkedIn.

Basic registration requirements. Have an overall plan. You need an existing email account, a user name and password, a picture [optional], some basic information on your professional and academic background, social networks and interests, hobbies, political affiliations, etc.

Next week's greeter is **Steve Hart**

Next week's program is Dave Lambert with the African School Project

Raffle winners were **Judy Lewis and Jeff Disch**

# *About Rotary!*

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

## The Man behind the Movement

. . . . Paul P. Harris was not a person of wealthy, aristocratic roots, but of humble and meager beginnings. Paul's mother, Cornelia Bryan, was born in Racine, Wisconsin, and grew up in a comfortable middle-class family. Her father, a lawyer, was the city's second mayor. Cornelia married George H. Harris in 1864 in a double wedding with her sister. The couple soon had their first child, Cecil, followed on 19 April 1868 by a second, whom they named Paul Percy Harris.

But this was not a perfect family. George was a gregarious type whose financial planning and business acumen fell far short of his ideas and dreams. He had drifted from job to job, finally settling to run a Racine drug store, which his thrifty Vermont father had paid for. The young family was under tremendous pressure. Cornelia's family was well-known and respected. George, a stranger in their midst, must have felt the strain of needing to provide for his family in his wife's hometown while going home each night having seen his business slip a little lower. "The affairs of my father's family were always at boiling point," Paul later recalled.

After George's father refused any further bailouts, the business failed. In 1871, unable to provide for his family any longer, George took five-year-old Cecil and three-year-old Paul on the long train journey back to his home village of Wallingford, Vermont (population 2,052), leaving Cornelia and their infant daughter, Nina May, in Racine.

*(To be Continued)*

**Shared by Hermann Welm**



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, April 9th, 2009, you will be greeted by Steve Hart**

**Here are some things you should know about Steve:**

**Steve has been a member of our club since, October 2008**

**Classification: Fire Suppression**

Steve Hart was raised in Pleasanton and lived there until September of 1979. He then moved to Tuolumne County and enrolled in Columbia College's Fire Science program and began his formal education in the fire service. Steve received his Associates of Arts degree in Fire Science. Continuing his education, Steve was accepted into the Public Administration program at California State University at Chico and graduated in 1984.

After working as a Seasonal Firefighter for several fire seasons for California Department of Forestry, (Now Cal-Fire), Steve was hired as a firefighter with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in February of 1988.

Steve has benefited from varied responsibilities and challenging assignments with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. He was promoted to fire apparatus engineer in 1991. Then in 1992, he was promoted to Training Officer where he was in charge of the Fire District's Recruit Academies. Steve also was a CPR and First Aid instructor for the District and taught public classes for 14 years.

Steve was then promoted to Battalion Chief, in charge of the District Training Division. In April of 2002, Steve was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief managing Personnel / Administrative Services. In January of 2007, Steve's assignment changed once again, this time to Assistant Fire Chief in charge of Support Services. Current responsibilities include overseeing Facilities and New Construction projects, Fleet Maintenance, 911 Communications Center and Technology.

Steve is a past president of the Contra Costa County Training Officers Association and a graduate of the 1995 Class of Leadership San Ramon Valley.

Steve has been a resident of San Ramon since October of 1991. He is married to Michele and has twin 5 year old boys, Shane and Luke.

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. swt

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 9th      Dave Lambert - African School Project

### 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
October 10th	Carboload 25

### Schedule of Greeters:

April 9th	Steve Hart
April 16th	Dennis Harvey
April 23rd	Geoff Johnson

