



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - April 9th by Pat Paterson

President Elect **Gary Daniel** opened the meeting for **P Tom Port** who is reportedly in Boston. Greeter **Steve Hart** chose one of many Coach Vice Lombardi's famous quotes as his thought for the day. **Steve** led us in the pledge. **Steve's** bio can be found in last week's Crow's Call. Bill Randall, PE from Alamo was the only visiting Rotarian. **John Sims** having just returned from Spring Training, led us in "Take me out to the ball game." Visitors where: Mary Greco, Kristin McConnell, Christine Angel, Julieta Bravo and Ann Paterson. **Barry Toby's** table led us in the long vision of the Welcome song.

Paul Harris Fellowship

John Sims presented **PP Jeff Disch** with his three ruby (PH plus 8)

Announcements:

Knee Surgery: **PP Paterson** has returned from the second surgery replacement on his left knee.

CarboLoad: **Mike Gunning** introduced **Lucky Sandhu** as our understudy for chairman.

Exchange Student: **PP Clarkson** announced the three Rotarians have signed up as hosts; one more is needed.

Smoke Alarm project: April 25th. 22 Rotarians have signed up. Contact **PP Harvey**.

Key Employee day: April 23rd. Coordinate your selection with **PP Weber**.

The Rotary Club of San Ramon Website: go on line to see how great we are presented. Thank you **Kathe Mitchell**

2009-2010 Survey: the new board will be sending it out. Let them know what you want for next year and what part you are going to play.

Leave of absence: **PP Gallagher** 60 days

Recognitions:

Mary **Greco**: Birthday April 9th **Barry Toby** led us in Mary's BB song

PP Glen and Ginny **Weber** Anniversary (35) **Glen** Birthday (65)

Service Above Self

The scribe's new knee said" I have been home from the hospital only 8 days and you are not going to catch the rest of the Recognitions this time. I apologize for missing them.

Program; RI 2009 National Immunization Day

PDG/PP Mark von Hoetendorff opened his presentation by noting the outstanding support the members of the Rotary Club of San Ramon have given to the RI foundation with 47 Paul Harris Fellows, 24 Benefactors and over \$400,000 in contribution. This year our members have given \$25,600 plus. We are #1 in District 5016.

Mark gave a power point presentation high lighting his trip in November. It not only showed the work Rotary has done in Africa but more graphically showed the tremendous need. He brought back a list of projects featured at the "Faire Cote D" Ivoire" which will be available to the district. The people of Africa are in such need but equally grateful what has been done. Rotary is working directly with the people to eliminate money being misdirected.

Thank, you **Mark** for this powerful presentation. And on two hour notice too.

Raffle Winners:

Club Gift: **PP Galbo**

Greeter Gift: Mary Greco

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 Harris men moving in with George's parents in Vermont, while Paul's mother and infant sister remain in Racine)

George Harris stayed in Wallingford for a while and then moved on, but for the rest of his childhood, Paul called Wallingford home. It was an education that proved to him that life is not measured by what you have but what you are inside, that integrity, frugality, tolerance, and friendship are core values.

Grandfather Howard Harris taught Paul the work ethic and the need for tolerance. Paul described the older man as an ambassador of goodwill who "never spoke evil of any man's religion or politics." He saw how his grandfather worked six days a week, 52 weeks a year, to provide for the household. He noticed how he wore the same work clothes, repairing them when necessary, instead of buying new ones. The boy learned from his grandmother, too. She was the one into whose loving arms he could run when he was scared. She was a wonderful listener, a faithful churchgoer, and always the first to prepare hot meals or baked goods for a sick or needy neighbor, which Paul would gladly deliver.

Yet the fine lessons of his grandparents did not deter him from being a boy. He developed -- and proudly protected -- a reputation for pranks and practical jokes. He once arrived at church early, placing bent pins on the pews. Then he and his cohorts sat in the back row and watched the people plop their posteriors onto the hard pews, only to shoot skyward with anguished looks on their faces. On one occasion, he and his friends -- they called themselves the Rapsallions -- escaped after bedtime and met at the railway station where they waited for a late-night train to Manchester. They climbed aboard the steel cowcatcher in front of the engine and, risking certain death if they fell (or encountered a cow on the tracks), had a thrill ride to Manchester and back.

(To be Continued)

Shared by Hermann Welm

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Dr, Danville

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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. wat

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 16th Lucky Sandhu - Rotary Speech Contest
April 23rd Mona Keady - Chocolate Making

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

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| April 11th | District Leadership Training |
| April 23rd | Key Employee Day |
| 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:

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| April 16th | Dennis Harvey |
| April 23rd | Geoff Johnson |

