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Rotary Meeting - May 21st by Dr. Bill Harlan

President **Tom Port** came in for a dead-stick landing and we began. Greeter **Dave Larsen** opined that speaking well was no substitute for doing well. (This correspondent begs to differ.) Salute and Song followed. The visiting Rotarian was **Quentin Alexander** of Walnut Creek. Guests included **John Stone** of Loaves and Fishes; **Mona Keady**, chocolate maker extraordinary; **Annie Gibbs** of BDS; **Linda Marley** of Agape Village and former Rotarian **Bill Pittson** and his wife Kimberly and son Scott.



Kathy Gailey was welcomed back from her Rotary trip to East Africa, bringing flags from clubs in Ethiopia and Kenya. She attended a Rotary conference in Nairobi and has lots of ideas for international projects.

Dennis Harvey announced our next golf tournament on the third Wednesday of June.

John Sims reminded us our annual Foundation commitment is now due. Tony and Vito are right behind, so pay up quickly.

Herm Welm received his one-sapphire Paul Harris pin and looked ravishing.



Captain Sims capped his performance by blowing out 91 candles while we sang "Happy Birthday." The cake was wonderful, although poor John didn't get any.

Service Above Self

The club inducted **Paula Silva** from Comerica Bank. She was raised in Hayward and welcomes the opportunity to give back to the community through Rotary.



Glen Weber, after taking lessons again, went to the Indy 500 to play sax in a reunion band of the Purdue Boilermakers.

Mike Prilutsky introduced our Student of the Month for the last time. **Mark Corti** described the how **Scott Pittson** was an exemplary student and an inspiring athlete who played with pain. Scott helped arrange for a sculpture of a bear to be presented by the graduating class to Cal High. Mike thanked **Marie & Ed Galbo** for doing the certificates for the Teacher/Student program over the years. The Club thanked Mike for his classy stint in charge.



Don Jones presented checks for grants to Loaves and Fishes and Agape Village. **John Stone** described how L&F supplies food at kitchens throughout the county five days a week, serving 6727 meals in May. **Linda Marley** explained how Agape Village supports over 100 foster kids and trains would-be foster parents.

Bob Desautels introduced our speaker, **Andre Supchek** who spoke on Tax Credits for Research & Development. The US introduced the program in 1981 to spur improvements in American business. It is designed to aid the development of new products or processes. There must be some technical challenge or uncertainty involving hard science, with a process of testing to measure results. The credits can be used to offset the salaries of any employees involved. The process of qualifying for the credit is strenuous, the documentation requirements rigorous. The speaker observed that in the current downturn, good companies are using every opportunity, such as these credits, to differentiate themselves from their competitors.



This correspondent did not win the raffle, again.

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, after having earned his law degree in 1891, at the University of Iowa, deciding to delay his law career for five years. Instead, he embarked on a "grand adventure" by traveling around the country, picking up odd jobs to pay his way.)

(After roaming the Pacific Northwest, California, Colorado, Florida, Washington, D.C. and Kentucky) while in Philadelphia, he saw a newspaper advertisement seeking crewmen for a cattle boat about to sail for England. He applied to the shipping company, and before dawn the next day he was hired and underway.

It was a dreadful experience. The ship was filthy, the seas rough. Sanitary conditions and food were no better for the crew than for the cattle. Worse yet *(since he was hoping to really visit "the home of Dickens and Shakespeare")* when the ship arrived in Liverpool 14 days later, Paul had but a few hours ashore in the grimy docklands before having to set sail for the return voyage. Yet despite the conditions -- the boat had no mattresses or eating utensils -- Paul saw the experience as part of his adventure.

No sooner had he returned home than he searched for another ship. He soon found one with much better conditions and which was destined for London. He finally got to see the British capital, and the few days he spent there were some of the happiest of his life.

The day Paul Harris arrived back in the United States in 1893, he immediately took a train to Chicago to see the World's Fair. The Windy City had outbid all other cities for the honor of hosting the World's Columbian Exposition, which celebrated the 400th anniversary (albeit off by a year) of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas. Visitors -- a total of 27 million people attended between May and September -- were fascinated by the latest inventions such as moving sidewalks, the world's first elevated electric railway, the Ferris wheel, and exhibits or pavilions from 52 countries. It was during this brief visit that he decided Chicago would be the place for him to launch his law career once his vagabond years ended.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

That Rotary International's "Rotary Grants for University Teachers" provides funds for faculty members to teach in developing countries for three- to ten-month periods. Since 1985, 486 university teachers have shared their expertise with a college or university in a developing country, at a cost of \$4.8 million. In the 2007-08 Rotary Year, 26 university teachers from 5 countries taught in 17 countries.

Shared by Hermann Welm

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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. vpl

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:

May 28th	Mike Prilutsky - SR Educators of the Year
June 4th	Dave Lambert - African School Project
June 11th	Kathy Gailey - GSE Team - Africa
June 18th	Tom Port - 2008/2009 Recognitions I
June 25th	Tom Port - 2008/2009 Recognitions II

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

May 24th & 25th	San Ramon Art & Wind Festival
July 9th	Club Assembly (6-9) No Noon Meeting
July 11th	District 5160 Awards Banquet, Corning
August 9th	Family BBQ - John Tatum's Home
September 22nd	SRRC's 25th Anniversary Gala
October 1-4	District Conference Lake Tahoe NV
October 10th	Carboload 25

Schedule of Greeters:

May 21st	Dave Larsen
May 28th	Judy Lewis
June 4th	Steve Renfro

