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Rotary Meeting - May 7th by Kristin Parsons

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!"

Nancy Vinson, our Greeter, gave us a Thought for the Day, reflecting on travel and how her career took her outside the US – how fantastic it is to live in the US – we take it for granted – all the things we have. She talked about gratitude for what we have.

Nancy then gave us the Flag Salute, and our fearless leader decided not to have a patriotic song I guess because we were asked to be seated at that point.

Nancy then introduced the two Visiting Rotarians from the San Ramon Valley Club Francisco Cabrita and Dany Gregory.

NOTE: There was an extensive guest list and no one had them sign in so I apologize up front for any and all errors in names and spelling... Whose idea was it anyway to ask this person to scribe on the busiest meeting of the year LOL! I did my best LOL !!

MC:

We were lucky to have a local Danville resident Mark Curtis from KTVU act as MC for today's meeting. He spent a "minimal amount of time" talking about his book on Obama titled "The



Making of The President". He did mention that he will be donating 10% of his sales on the book to Rotary and also that he has a book signing tonight. Mark went on to talk about our community in business in rough times. He recently spoke to a group of Eagle Scouts and talked about Astronauts Armstrong and Lovell. When he was asked which one was a better astronaut he said well one was the first to walk on the moon and the other was the Captain of the Apollo 13 and guided it to a landing after it had half exploded. Both are equally good in his mind. Then he was asked who is a better leader? Anyone

can be a good leader in good times but when times are tough it is a different story. James Lovell is a better leader since he flew the shuttle back home after it exploded. The true test of leadership is how we do in tough times and how we reach down into our pockets to help the community in tough times. The firm we are honoring today represents a true leader.

Visitors and guests:

Alex Mehran from Sunset Development, Roz from the new SR Express newspaper, Our old friend Jeff Church from Toyota, Don Carlson from Toyota, a number of people from the City of San Ramon including Herb Moniz, Jan Ohman from the SR Historic Foundation, Ray Marqus from Keller Williams, Rich Ikes, Pam Bickford, Jarod Jones (Don's son), Barbara Lindsey from SR Express, Mary Hantos from Danville Weekly, Steven Cox from the SR Senior Center, Adam Sabrial from Solutions Group Consulting, The love of Stan Smalley's life Marsha, Erica Franco from AAA, Mauna Keady the candy lady, Paula Silva from Comerica Bank, David Quick who was being inducted today, Patty Hennigan also being inducted today, Representatives from Joan Buchanan's office, Chris Truebridge and Dan Coleman from Shappell Homes, Susana Schlendorf, SR Center's aka "Harlan Hall" LOL, Dean of Academic program Julie Walters, the man who replaced our



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own Dr. Bill at DVCSRVC Kevin Horan, Terry Koehne and Rachel Hurd from SRVUSD, who spent countless hours helping pass Measure C the parcel tax for Schools.

I guess today was a song free day since this pseudo scribe noted there was no welcome song sung to our visitors either.

Inductions:

Dr. Bill Harlan was up next to perform the induction of two new members David Quick (Barry Toby) and Patty Hennigan (Tom Port). He noted that he was giving them each a red badge with their name actually correctly spelled for a change, the Object of Rotary, the 4 Way Test and a roster to be signed by all members. David Quick has been coming to Rotary for about a month and goes by David, Dave, or Big Dave as he was called at 14. Patty Hennigan grew up in Chicago and moved out here as a teenager – her kids are out of high school and she is ready to give back to her community with a club that gives back to theirs.



Paul Harris:

Captain John Sims was allotted 30 seconds us quite frankly. John spoke about Rotary sent a Paul Harris fellow certificate to Don and Cynthia are to continue to make contributions with Don and now they will begin to



only but that means nothing to John as he told eliminating polio worldwide and then pre-Jones' son Jarod. Don related how happy he is about the contributions – Cynthia and their daughter are also PH work on one for their dog!

Don Jones- Grant Presentations:



First up was Jean Ohman from the SR Historic Foundation, the Fund Raising arm for Forest Home Farms. This grant will pay for materials for display cabinets created by our own Herm Welm (she did specify material cost only but Herm told this scribe that he retired at a good time to get out of work but at a bad time in the market and his retirement funds were not as he expected them to be – hmmm – maybe we should follow this grant through??). The cabinets are installed and are beautiful! They recently used them for display for a Civil War reenactment and a Sheep Shearing day – they have lots going on so come check them out and see Herm's handy work at the same time – I hear he is actually quite a craftsman! Next up was Steve Cox from the SR Senior Center Foundation whose grant will be spent on a new mobile AV cart with flat screen TV and DVD player to replace the humongous box they currently use. They will be doing Wii exercise courses there now so come check it out. Also the garden is now open and is very beautiful - come on down and see them! Lastly was Kevin Horan from DVCSRVC – Oops I mean Harlan Hall. The San Ramon campus serves 4000 students in Dougherty Valley. They moved into their new facilities in 2006 and hired their 19th full time faculty member. The new facilities gave way to new demands for courses and with the new science labs came the need for an anatomy class. The problem is that DVC requires the school to have a cadaver to work on in order to offer an Anatomy class. I heard there were volunteers and am concerned about which Rotarians were missing today... But seriously the cadaver this grant will supply will serve hundreds of students going into medical fields and is greatly appreciated.



Announcements:

Carolyn Degnan told of upcoming events. She mentioned that unrelated to Rotary a brand new website was launched this week called San Ramon Express. You can opt in to get a weekly email about what is happening in town and Rotary can post events there too. There is a Chamber Ribbon Cutting Mixer at the Residence Inn tonight – Luau style. Everyone had fun at the Races Day and I think I heard Marie Galbo was the only one who won money – she was a mortgage broker before retiring so you can continue to see her for personal loans now I guess. The Art and Wind Festival is coming up Memorial Day Weekend (Sunday and Monday) and we still need more sign ups. The Interact Club will also have a booth there and they need vol-

unteers to help man the booth and make caramel apples (Saturday and Sunday). The newly established 5 Club Rotary Alliance will have a booth at the Wind Festival as well to educate everyone about Rotary – the other clubs will man the booth for us since we are a wee bit busy that day! May 28th is our Educator of the Year luncheon. CarboLoad is October 10th at Toyota and lastly but not leastly our beloved Dany Gregory was here from the SRV Club to remind us that their Teen American Idol contest finals is set for May 28th (see Gary of you still want to go).

Good Times/Good News/Fine Free:

Not today.....

Recognitions:

Not today either...

Program: Business Person of the Year

Alex Mehran from Sunset Development who was the 2007 Hall of Fame recipient talked about our fine City of San Ramon having a fair and consistent clear policy on business, that our local government encourages commercial growth and that our businesses have a partnership with the SR government. There are almost 600 companies at Bishop Ranch and many are here because of this partnership. It takes good infrastructure, a good school system, a good plan for growth, a positive attitude towards business and the issues we face on a daily basis and he gave credit to our elected officials and City staff. We must continue to think positively about how we work closely with local government to be competitive and make San Ramon a positive place to do business. Bishop Ranch was originally home to Shropshire sheep – say that 3 times fast – we have come along way - no other community has grown in such an organized fashion in the last 30 years- this is due to partnerships between business and our local government.



Carol Rowley, City Council Member and a 40 year resident of San Ramon spoke about our school system and the partnership between schools and businesses. Toyota has been a wonderful partner with the school system. About \$600,000 from CarboLoad has gone to the SRV Education Foundation to date. She thanked City staff, the City Manager, and said we as a City welcome business and want you to feel this is your home – if you need help come to us and ask – we will help you.



Mary Piepho was present from the County how honored and privileged she was to represent of businesses is what makes San in San Ramon better. This Hall of Fame has in business and to the San Ramon Valley – to make sure our City stays a better place and Chris Truebridge from Shapell Homes (last ies the ideals of Rotary and is a graduate of the other credits.



Supervisor District 3's office and spoke of sent Contra Costa County today. This com-Ramon what it is and makes business and life set marks very high for those that contribute serve, care, spend personal volunteer time – maybe even gets better. She then introduced year's Hall of Fame inductee). Chris embod-Leadership of SRV among a long list of many

Chris Truebridge discussed how honored he was to introduce the 3rd recipient of the SRRC Hall of Fame Business Person of the Year. He talked about Toyota moving to San Ramon in 1982. Back then they consisted of 10 warehouse men and a small admin staff and are now 75 warehousemen, 15 managers and supporting admin staff. Toyota makes it a priority to be involved in the community. They adopt a family at the holidays, allow emergency response drills to take place at the facility for the Fire Department, host numerous blood drives and are instrumental in helping make the SRRC CarboLoad event as a success. They were a leader in recycling and the reuse of materials long before it was fashionable. Don has managed Toyota facility since 2006 and has been in the organization for 26 years. He takes pride in his employees. He has moved a number of times around the country. He noticed that the San Ramon community is blessed by good planning, good schools, active engaged political leadership, good local government, and involved siblingry. Don is married, has 3 daughters, 2 grandsons and another one any day now.



Don Carlson was quite thankful stating that a key philosophy at Toyota is respect for people – being able to give back to the community. In a tough economy giving back has to happen in different fashions like offering up the facility to our Carboload event. Don mentioned he met recently with our City Manager and Mayor to talk about what draws business to San Ramon. Being a part of the community is a privilege here in a City full of great folks and wonderful businesses. Toyota feels a sense of belonging here and loves it – thank you in particular to SRRC – we have a great working relationship. He alluded to there being a lot of great businesses at this lunch and applauded us all.



Proclamations were given by the City of San Ramon (Carol Rowley), Contra Costa County (Mary Piepho) and John Sims presented Don with a Paul Harris Award.

Mark Curtis closed by mentioning what a great place San Ramon is – a testament to government, civic and business leaders to dig into their pockets when times are tough and make the contributions necessary to have such a wonderful place to live. Thank you to everyone here.

A Special Thank You to Bill Clarkson and his crew for putting this together.

Raffles:

The Greeter's Gift, book, went to a guest and the Club Gift went to Horace Crawford.... Hmm why do I still buy tickets?

Next Week:

Next weeks Greeter is Art Kubal



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' grandfather having died in 1889 and his grandmother reminding him of the hopes and dreams "Pa" had had for him))

His grandmother urged him to pursue his dream of studying law.

Paul chose to start law school in 1889 at the University of Iowa in Des Moines, and to reach that city he had to change trains in Chicago. He was so mesmerized by the huge, bustling city that he spent a week there. Chicago was still very much a frontier town. Muddy streets carried fancy carriages with elegantly dressed ladies on the way to shopping emporiums; open carts moved construction materials to the building boom that was underway since the great Chicago Fire. That cataclysmic 1871 event had destroyed four square miles of the city, including the central business district, leaving 90,000 residents homeless. . . . land values has skyrocketed . . . (so) . . . architect William L. Jenny had in 1884 erected the world's first skyscraper . . . (the) . . . the 12-story Home Insurance Building . . . In 1893, the 16-story Monadnock Building became the world's tallest office building with load-bearing walls.

After his Chicago stopover, (Paul Harris) continued to Iowa where for the first year he read law at the University of Iowa and clerked for . . . (a) . . . law firm in Des Moines. He then transferred to the Iowa City campus where he earned his law degree in June 1891. He had been a good, but not outstanding, student, saying years later that the greatest benefit he derived from his educational experiences was the contact he had with other students. He would call on those acquaintances time and again later in life as he sought to spread Rotary.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

That Rotary International's "Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants" fund large-scale two-to-four-year projects that enhance health, help alleviate hunger, or improve human development. Since 1978, 324 projects in 77 countries have been funded at a cost of \$84 million. In the 2007/08 Rotary Year, 19 new projects were approved and \$5.3 million was spent on these and ongoing projects.

Shared by Hermann Welm



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, May 14th, 2009, you will be greeted by Art Kubal

Here are some things you should know about Art:

Art has been a member of our club since, February 1988

Classification: Chemical Mfg.

Art was born in Rexburg and grew up on a potato farm near St. Anthony, Idaho. On scholarship, he attended Carroll College in Helena, Montana and Montana State University in Bozeman. He obtained a B. A. in Mathematics and an M. S. in Mechanical Engineering. He started work for Standard Oil of California (Chevron) at their Refinery in Richmond in 1965. He continued his education and earned an Executive MBA from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. During his 31 year career with Chevron he held various jobs as a Design Engineer, a Manager of Refinery Operations, Manager of Crude Supply and Distribution, Chemical Plant Manager, Global Supply Manager and as Manager of Corporate Projects.

Married to Sandy in 1975, in 11 years they moved from the Bay Area to Los Angeles to New Jersey back to the Bay Area to New Orleans and back again to the Bay Area in 1986. He was invited to join Rotary while living in New Jersey in 1977 and again while in New Orleans in 1982. He joined San Ramon Rotary in 1987 and has been here since. Art was Club President in 1998-99 and received the moniker of "Krash Kubal". He thinks that the Krash nickname is totally unjustified and believes that most of the older members will surely agree, although some really unbelievable "accident" stories came out during his year.

His hobbies include RVing, golfing, and welding (as in metal art). He and Sandy enjoy their six grandkids, all of whom live within 3 hours of the Bay Area.

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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. lth

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 14th	Nola Woods - CCC Vector Control-West Nile Virus
May 28th	Mike Prilutsky - SR Educators of the Year
June 4th	Dave Lambert - African School Project

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

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:

May 14th	Art Kubal
May 21st	Dave Larsen
May 28th	Judy Lewis

