



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - June 11th by Pat Paterson

President, "The Aviator" Port opened the meeting of the Rotary Club of San Ramon. This year's Rotary International president is Dong Kurn Lee from Korea. His theme is "Make Dreams Real." Greeter **Crissy McConnell's** thought for the day was "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery and today? Today is a gift! That's why we call it the present." **Crissy** led us in the pledge. **Hermann Welm** led us in "God Bless America." There were no visiting Rotarians.

Guests were: John Korzick from California High School, Annie Gibbs, prospective new member, and Cheri Clasen,, guest of **Bill Harlan**. **Crissy** is with Wells Fargo next to Lucky's. The Welcome song was not sung.

### Special Presentation:

**Dr. Bill Harlan** was introduced as our President for 2009 – 2010. He received a standing ovation and the full support of the membership.

**PP Don Jones** presented a Grant's Check to John Korzick from California High School for his "Romanics class. The students design and build robots competition.

### Announcements:

RI Foundation: **John Sims** reminded us the Rotary year is coming to an end; get your contribution to him by next week. **John** also confessed to buying a new BMW

Rotary Installation dinner: Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Rolling Hills Casino in Corning. Black tie optional, \$45.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: has been **cancelled**. We will be dark that day.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>:** This will be **P Harlan's first meeting and attendance is highly recommended**. Dr. Bill said he is bringing in group of enforcers from the East Coast. **Time: Noon, Place: the Crow Canyon Country Club**. The previous announced Club Assembly for July 9<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.



Service Above Self

## Recognitions:

### Rotarian Birthdays:

**PP "Pat" Paterson** June 7<sup>th</sup>. He is **John Sims** junior by 17 years. Rotarian

### Spouse's Birthdays: none

Rotarian's Anniversaries: **Horace** and Peggy (Cindy) **Crawford** June 9<sup>th</sup> (47 years)

Other : **PP Chris Gallagher** back from leave of absence and 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Program: District 5160 GSE team to Ethiopia and Kenya

**Kathy Gailey**, team leader, gave an overview of the team's trip to District 9200. The district is made up of clubs from five countries. The team was made up two women and two men from club in the northern part of our district.

The GSE (Group Study Exchange) program is a cultural and vocational exchange. The team members age from 25 to 40 and are non Rotarians. The team leader is always a Rotarian. The duration of the trip is from four to six weeks. Their trip was four and a half weeks.

The majority of their time was in and around Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The last week was attending the 9200 District conference in Nairobi, Kenya with 1400 in attendance.



**Kathy** described number of the NGO (Non Governmental Organization) projects. "Wise up" is to promote the use of condoms and to educate prostitutes. Not only do they distribute condoms but they train the women how to earn a living with crafts, growing food and products. NGOs assist orphanages and support hospital care for the young women.

Ethiopia is much more primitive than many of the southern Africa countries. The more affluent people live in compounds with large gates. The streets have no names nor do the houses have house numbers. Only the main roads are paved if you can call it that. The people hold to their traditions and the food is interesting but very good. Their hospitality can not be matched. There is a total lack of infrastructure. Water, electricity, roads and education present a big challenge.

There are many opportunities for Rotary to help. The African Rotary clubs have to initiate the projects; our clubs can only support these projects.

**Kathy** closed with memorable pictures she had taken of the people, landscape and animals. Thank you, Kathy, for your informative, challenging and timely presentation.

## Raffle Winner:

Greeter's gift: **PP Gallagher**

Club's gift: Annie Gibbs

## Reminders:

Next week's Greeter: **Paula Silva**

Next week's program: **The Aviator's** year end recognitions.



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, June 18, 2009, you will be greeted by Paula Silva**

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

**Paula has been a member of our club since, May 2009**

**Classification: Banking**

Paula was born and raised in Hayward. She received a B.A. degree from The University of California Berkeley with a major in Political Economy of Industrial Societies. She became a Retail Personal Banker earlier this year after working for the Oakland Raiders selling their Luxury Suites at the coliseum.

She lives in Pleasanton with the love of her life, Scout, a three year old boxer. Paula is also known in her community as a former Miss America Representative from her year of service as Miss Oakland 2007.

Paula is a banker for Comerica Bank in San Ramon. Before entering the banking field this year, Paula worked for the largest Technical Recruiting Company in the nation, Aerotek, right in the heart of Bishop Ranch. She managed a team of 7 recruiters to staff for manufacturing, medical device, and electronic companies. After that Paula went to live out her dream of working for the legendary Oakland Raiders.

Paula is very active within her community. She is a mentor for patients at Children's Hospital in Oakland and continues to assist in the Miss Oakland Scholarship Pageant. She is a member of the San Ramon Chamber and is very active in participating with Junior Achievement. When she is not busy you can find her playing on the San Ramon Competitive Coed Soccer and Soft-ball teams

# 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 slowly starting and growing his law in the dog-eat-dog world of Chicago.)*

. . . While he was successful in developing his professional life, he found the big city a barren place in which to find many personal friends. He saw people obsessed with greed, selfishness, and competition. He felt increasingly isolated, desperately lonely, a village boy dropped in the midst of an impersonal metropolis.

On Sundays Paul would attend church -- any church, since he felt no allegiance toward any one faith or denomination. . . . It was typical behavior for the Paul Harris who was yearning to learn more about his fellow man. He frequently took walks in the parks, or long country hikes, returning late in the evening to his lonely rented room. Several years later, reflecting on those days, he wrote: "I was dreadfully lonesome. I pondered the question of increasing my acquaintance with young men who had come to Chicago from farms and villages, who knew the joys of friendliness and neighborliness . . . Oh (*how I missed*) the green fields of my New England Valley and the voice of a kindly old friend." He had made acquaintances, but not true friends.

A seminal moment in Paul Harris's life came one afternoon in the autumn of 1900. Another attorney, Bob Frank, invited Paul to dinner at his home in the Rogers Park neighborhood, north of downtown. After the meal, Frank suggested a neighborhood walk, and as they strolled . . . Paul noticed how (*the*) storeowners greeted Frank with a smile and a handshake. . . . The proprietors and Bob Frank greeted one another by their first names. It was obvious they exchanged business with each other because of a genuine mutual trust and friendliness.

That simple afternoon constitutional came back to Paul Harris's mind a thousand times over the next five years. He had finally found an oasis where strangers could be united in commerce and friendship, where Wallingford and Chicago came together.

*(To be Continued)*

## ***Did you Know?***

The first effort to standardize the Rotary Wheel came in 1912 when an executive committee appointed by RI President met and recommended the Philadelphia club's emblem as a the standard. Since this club was the 19<sup>th</sup> one, it had 19 cogs. But clubs continued to use variations. In 1919, *The Rotarian* magazine used three different cog counts on three successive editions (19, 20, and 27). In 1929, the current emblem with 6 spokes and 24 teeth was finally adopted at the RI Convention.

**Shared by Hermann Welm**

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. rly

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:

June 18th	Tom Port - 2008/2009 Recognitions I
June 25th	Tom Port - 2008/2009 Recognitions II
July 2nd	No Meeting

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

July 2nd	NO Meeting - Dark
July 9th	Dr. Bill's First 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:

June 18th	Paula Silva
June 25th	Karen McNamara

