



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - June 18th by Dr. Bill Harlan

Coming in on his final flight path, the carefree aviator, **Tom Port**, crash landed and we emerged from our bunkers to begin. Greeter **Paula Silva** told us there were no secrets to success, which destroyed another of this correspondent's few illusions. Paula works at Comerica Bank and is a former Miss Oakland. The Merry Songster, **Hermann Welm**, managed to get out of his falsetto phase and start the song about here. Our visiting Rotarian was **Cecilia Mason** of Pleasanton North. Guests of Rotary included **Judy Port**, first lady of Rotary, and representatives of Hospice of the East Bay, Hollow Creek Ranch and the Northern California Lyme Disease Association.



Announcements:

- Don't forget the Demotion Party the evening of June 25. Contact **Spike Stevens**.

* Members' Night Out on August 15 will celebrate the Ascension of Dr. Bill to the presidency at **Gary Sloan's**.

* **Dennis Garrison** introduced **Michelle Brackett** who just graduated from Cal State East Bay. The Club supported Michelle after her parents were murdered in 2001.

* **John Sims** commended the Club for their generous giving this year to the Foundation and warned that Tony and Vito would be visiting those who had not yet given their annual gift. He also expressed appreciation, as do we all, for the short pieces on Rotary which **Hermann Welm** includes in the Crow's Call.

* **Mike Gunning** introduced the new Major Sponsors chair for Carboload, **Mark von Hoetendorff**, who made his pitch for helping find sponsors with his characteristic empathetic bullying. He also reminded us that the Club's fabulous 25th Anniversary Party will be held on September 22nd. He then pitched the Livermore Valley Rotary's golf tournament at Ruby Hills. (Contact Mark for more information.) Finally he dumped on poor Tom 14 Rotary flags from his extensive travels in West Africa.



- **Bill Clarkson** announced that from our Tsunami Relief project is



the last water project finally on-line.

Service Above Self



* **Bill Harlan** introduced **Ana Dominguez**, who passed her 4-Way Test for a Blue Badge with flying colors and was acknowledged once again for her striking posters about the club which were hung in the Wind Faire booths.

Grants:

- **Hermann Welm** introduced **Julie Castle** who accepted a grant for Hollow Creek Ranch which provides **horseback** riding for disabled kids in the Bay Area.



Ed Duarte introduced **Carolyn Degnan schiki** of the Northern California Lyme Dis-accepted a grant for an upcoming medical ease. Ed then introduced Cindy from the Bay, who accepted a grant for a medical Ed announced that we had given \$52,000



and **Barbara Bar-ease Association** who conference on the dis-Hospice of the East locker for the facility. in grants this year.

Special Events:

- **Chuck Fletcher** celebrated his birthday in Cancun.
- Dennis Garrison** celebrated Sally's birthday at a Chamber event in Monterey.

Recognitions and Thanks from Tom:

- Red Badge of the Year to **Spike Stevens**. Her response: "It's all about fun."



- His Board: **Toby, Stillman, Disch, Welm, Harlan, Lewis, Nevarez**



The following members received gifts: **Bickford, Clarkson, Degnan, Desautels, Dominguez, Duarte, Fletcher, Garrison, Giles, Greco, Gunning, Harvey, Hennigan, Johnson, Kubal, Larsen, Livingstone, McConnell, Renfro, Riopelle, Sims, Sloan, Silva, Stevens and Trembley.**

In a callous display of greed, two of today's honorees also won the raffle, **Robin Stevens** and **Ana Dominguez**. Both will want to be extra special about reporting all income on next year's taxes.

Dr. Bill Harlan

"Now, when aliens demand you take them to your leader, you'll know who to contact."



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, June 25, 2009, you will be greeted by Karen McNamara

Here are some things you should know about Karen:

Karen has been a member of our club since, April 2006

Classification: City Government

In October 2005, I returned to work for the City of San Ramon as the Public Services Director. Prior to that I worked for five years as the Parks and Community Services Director for the City of Tracy, and before taking the City of Tracy job, I worked for the San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department for about 11 years. My background in public service started nearly 30 years ago in the recreation field and has continued to grow in complexity and diversity. While in Tracy, I was responsible for management of recreation programs and services, administration of transit services including fixed route and paratransit bus services, management and operation of a general aviation airport, park and facility planning, design and development, park and landscaping maintenance and oversight of solid waste and recycling programs. Presently, in my job with the Public Services Department, I am responsible for administration of maintenance operations for the City's infrastructure including streets, traffic signals, street sweeping, median landscaping, parks, facilities, fountains, signals, street lights, creeks, and the City's fleet of vehicles and equipment. I also participate in development and construction projects such as park and playground renovations. The Department consists of over 70 staff and a budget of \$17.5 million.

I have been active in several professional associations and have served as the President of the California Park and Recreation Society and am currently President of the Park Operations and Development Section. I am active in presenting coursework through the American Public Works Association Northern California Chapter and have authored a chapter on parks, facilities and urban forestry for the new Public Works Administration Handbook. I have a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Cal State Hayward. I completed the Leadership San Ramon Valley in the 1990's and was also on the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for four years in the 90's.

I have a soon-to-be 16 year old daughter and we live in Castro Valley where she is active in a travelling softball league.

About Rotary!

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

The Seed is Planted

By 1905, Paul Harris had developed his Chicago law practice where it provided a steady stream of clients. He was certainly not making a fortune, but the financial concerns of nine years earlier had dissipated. For a while, he occupied an office in the same building as Clarence Darrow, one of the nation's most famous attorneys who was at the vanguard of the social consciousness movement.

. Theodore Roosevelt was in the White House; the first pizzeria had just opened in New York City. The words *smog* and *depression* had entered the vernacular. New York City had opened the United States' first subway system, and Henry Ford had just broken the world land-speed record when he raced a car across frozen Lake St. Clair, near Detroit, Michigan, at 91 mph.

Chicago was a maelstrom of commercial exploitation, social unrest, political corruption, and religious fundamentalism -- all brought together in one giant melting pot.

Chicago's bars and brothels continued to pander to the desires of the flesh. Crime, from street muggings to murder, was rampant. And if you survived your walk in the streets, you probably did so gagging from the stench. Chicago was the Midwest's great stockyard capital, and millions of cattle were brought to the city's slaughterhouses. Nauseating hydrogen sulfide gas from burning bones filled the air, and the effluents -- fats, blood, gristle, guts -- were dumped into the rivers that crisscrossed the city, creating lagoons of waste as they flowed into Lake Michigan. Slowly, very slowly, social consciousness awakened and civic and business leaders launched the first attack on vice and crime.

In the days before television, radio, and movies, people socialized by joining clubs, and there was no shortage of clubs in the city. But they were clubs organized for narrow special interests: sporting associations, religious clubs, trade or union affiliations, ethnic groups and political parties. It was considered unacceptable to use the club forum to promote one's business interests.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

That Konstantin Pats, recognized as the father of democratic Estonia, shared the same birthday as Rotary and was a charter member of the Baltic country's first Rotary club in the capital city of Tallinn. He governed Estonia from 1921 to 1924 and again from 1934 to 1940. Estonia rejoined the ranks of Rotary nations after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Shared by Hermann Welm

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
Crow Canyon Country Club
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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. Its

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 25th	Tom Port - 2008/2009 Recognitions II
July 2nd	No Meeting
July 9th	Dr. Bill's First 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 - Gary Sloan'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 25th	Karen McNamara
July 9th	David Quick
July 16th	Patti Hennigan

