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Rotary Meeting - June 4th by Hermann Welm

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!"

Steve Renfro, our Greeter, gave us a Thought for the Day, with a theme of "Doing Less," which us retirees in the room could relate to. He then led us in the Flag Salute.

PP Dan Jones led the group in a rousing rendition of "God Bless America."

Visitors: In addition to those who will be introduced later in this document, present were **Kathleen Daniel**, representing Wardrobe for Opportunity, **Jessica Schyler**, **Sarah Myers**, daughter of **Susan Myers**, **Susan Kang**, mother of one of the Scholarship winners, **Marsha Mok**, a counselor at Venture School, **Mona Keady**, chocolatier, and **Erin Greenawalt**, Dr. Bill's granddaughter.

Visiting Rotarian: **Don Hall** from the Pleasanton Downtown Club.

The long version of the Welcome Song was led by **PE Gary Daniel**.

Good Times/Good News/Fine Free: much to do; no time for this!

Announcements:

Mike Prilutsky was lauded and thanked by the **Aviator** for putting on a really great Educator of the Year program last week!

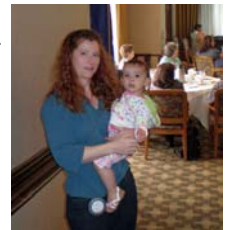
Spike Stevens reported that the Cal High Interact Club's toffee-covered apples concession at the Arts & Wind Faire grossed \$4,500. She thanked **Marc Stillman** and **Mona Keady** for their assistance.

Speaking about the Arts & Wind Faire, **PP Don Jones** reported that the Club's two Beer/Wine Booths netted roughly \$9,000. He and **Geoff Johnson** spearheaded that effort.

Dennis Harvey announced that the Rotary Golf Tournament will be held on June 24; the cost will be \$65.00. It will be held in conjunction with some other tournament (you golfers probably know which one; this Scribe did not catch it!). Contact Dennis!

PP Chris Gallagher will be handling **The Aviator's Demotion Party**, to be held the evening of June 25. For a fun time, plan on attending!

Dan Hall, Rotarian from the Pleasanton Downtown Club, announced that they will be hosting Spirit Run on Father's Day.



Service Above Self

Recognitions: much to do; no time for this!

Pre-Program Program:

Dr. Bill and Mike Prilutski proceeded with the Induction Ceremony of Pam Bickford. She and her husband own Apollo Bath & Design, a home remodeling company. As usual, all members present came forward to welcome her to the Club.



PP Don Jones, as Chair of the San Ramon Rotary Foundation, made Grant presentations to the following:

- Abida Hamid**, of the Lucille Glass Mauzey Housing Foundation (for music therapy).
- Vanessa Chan**, representing Wardrobes for Opportunity.
- Trudy McMahon**, of the Eugene O'Neil Foundation.
- Lori Quinlan**, representing The Assistance League; and
- Jim Bouquin**, of The Wellness Foundation (specifically for the counseling of children of sick parents).

All were given an opportunity to say a little about their programs and to describe how their grant money would be used.

Spike Stephens, representing the SR Rotary Foundation's Scholarship Committee, presented scholarships to the following:

- Huy Young Kim**, from California High School.
- Francisco Hernandez**, from the Venture School, who will be attending Ohlone College in the fall.
- Paul Kang**, from the Venture School, who will be attending UC Berkeley. **Zuchen Xu**, from California High School, who will be attending UC Berkeley.
- Juliana Levy**, from California High School, who will be attending Virginia Tech.
- Richard Carson**, from California High School, who will be attending Cal State Hayward (who will EVER get used to the new name, "Cal State East Bay?") .
- Christopher Gergley**, from California High School, who will be attending San Diego State.
- Amanda Berry**, from California High School, who will be attending UC Santa Barbara. Amanda had attended Camp Royal, sponsored by our Club, and spoke highly of that experience.
- Amanda Birdwell**, from the Venture School, who will be attending DVC this fall and plans to move on to either UC Davis or UC Berkeley after she completes her lower division courses. She wants to major in either English or History.



Program:

Uri Eliahu, President of Engeo Engineering, spoke to the Club about five significant projects that his firm is working on in Northern California; each of which will have a significant impact on the area.

1. Planned Re-Use of Treasure Island. A very aggressive development plan, including from 6,000 to 8,000 housing units, retail, office and public uses, heavily dependent on a new ferry service due to highway access "issues." The key is to stabilize the "wet sand and jello" base on which the current (inactive) Navy facilities are built. The challenge is to create a new, stable base by importing more soil and



overlaying it in an engineered manner, to allow high-rise building to withstand earthquakes. There was considerable "shock and awe" expressed by those present as to actually being able to make this happen! This is a very expensive public/private partnership between the City of San Francisco and a group of developers, "which does not yet pencil out."

2. Hunter's and Candlestick Points Redevelopment. Once again, this is a public/private partnership between the City of San Francisco and a group of developers to demolish the stadium and much of the old Naval Shipyard and to build a new home for the 49ers on the Hunter's Point side. This concept would include 10,500 homes, commercial, office and light industrial uses.

3. Thermal Solar Installations. New legislation requires 20 percent of energy production to come from renewable sources by 2010 and 30 percent by 2014. So a very high-priority project is being undertaken by a firm named BrightSource (sp?), which is under contract to provide thermal solar energy. This is the system -- we've all seen pictures of it -- where a huge array of mirrors concentrate the sun's light beams onto a tower where a liquid is heated to produce steam and then electricity. Each installation requires 5,000 acres of sunlit property; in total five of these installations will be needed. Once again, one might say "good luck!"

4. Levee Protection. A State of California project to beef up the levee system in the Delta area. Seventy percent (70%) of the state's water supply flows thru the Delta and is at risk due to weak levees.

5. High Speed Rail to Southern California. A rail system (that, once again, does not "pencil out") designed for 300 miles per hour across earthquake-prone terrain.

Raffles: The Greeter's Gift was won by **George Gayler**. The Club Gift went to our newest Red Badge, **Pam Bickford**. Poor **Dr. Bill** was heartbroken.

Next Week: the Greeter will be **Crissy McConnell** and the Program will be **Kathy Gailey's Trip to Africa with the GSE Team.**



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, June 11, 2009, you will be greeted by Crissy McConnell

Here are some things you should know about Crissy:

Crissy has been a member of our club since, April 2009

Classification: Banking Management

Crissy was born in Walnut Creek, California in 1982. She is a true Bay Area native as she was raised in Concord and still lives there today. She studied business at Saint Mary's College in Moraga.

She began working at Wells Fargo Bank in 2002 as a Teller in the Alamo Branch. She also worked in the Danville Branch as the Operations Manager. Constant focus, ambition and a love for helping her customers succeed financially brought her to her current position as Branch Manager of the San Ramon-Alcosta Office inside Lucky's. She is also a member of the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce.

Crissy has three younger brothers and one younger sister. She enjoys running and is contemplating her next marathon.

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, having completed his five-year sojourn around the country and world, and almost 28 years old, heads for Chicago on 27 February 1896 to begin his law career.)

On the morning he arrived, the *Chicago Tribune* was responding to the *New York Sun's* attacks on the city's rampant political corruption. The London Lyceum Company, starring Henry Irving and Miss Helen Terry, was at the Columbia Theater; there was "continuous vaudeville at the Olympic, with seats at 10, 20 and 30 cents," and the Hub Store was advertising spring coats at US\$5, \$6.25, and \$8.

Paul rented a small office near Lake and Dearborn streets and obtained his license to practice law in Illinois. He soon found that being a lawyer and earning a living were not necessarily synonymous. As he later put it himself, "To hang up my shingle was a simple matter, and while I had not expected it to attract many, on the other hand I had not thought it would be completely ignored." Chicago had plunged into a recession following the overbuilding that led up to the World's Fair and the exodus that followed its closing. It still had a pioneer-town mentality, with "survival of the fittest" and caveat emptor the rules of the day. There were few consumer protection regulations, and Paul gradually built up a practice representing victims of fraud, bankruptcy, and embezzlement. This laissez faire business attitude probably contributed to his campaign for ethical conduct a few years later.

Paul was active in the Chicago Association of Commerce and the bar association and took on a number of different partners. One of them was Fred Reinhardt, who said of his 28-year association with Paul Harris: "Never in those many years was there ever a word spoken in anger to anyone in our office family." He was very patient but also a most exacting senior partner.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

Wanting to do something significant in honor of Rotary's 75th Anniversary, the 3-H ("Health, Hunger and Humanity") Committee was created in the 1978/09 Rotary Year. This led to many efforts around the world to immunize children against polio. It was not until the 1984/85 year, under the leadership of Dr. Carlos Conesco, of Mexico, that a "Polio 2005 Committee" was formed to develop a plan to eradicate all polio, all over the world!

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. nct

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 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

June 25th	Demotion Party
July 2nd	Opening Meeting New Rotary Year-Spouses Invited
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:

June 11th	Crissy McConnell
June 18th	Karen McNamara
June 25th	Paula Silva

