



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - July 23rd by Hermann Welm



"The Bard" called the meeting to order. He welcomed all present and reminded us that the RI President is John Kenny, of Scotland; his theme is "The Future of Rotary is in your Hands!" The Letter of the Day was "N" for "Nurture;" as in nurture new members; get to know them!

Susan Myers, our Greeter, gave us a Thought for the Day, to wit: Eat your vegetables; drink lots of water; and take your naps! (Could she have mistaken us for **Sarah's** daycare class?) She then led us in the Flag Salute and spoke a little about her career as both a stay-at-home mom and as chiropractor working out of her house; the best of both worlds!



Captain John, finally getting his wish to set a proper tempo, led the group in a rousing rendition of "My Country 'tis of Thee," written by Samuel Francis Smith, fittingly, in the year of **John's** birth, 1831.

"The Bard" then unveiled the new banner which included banners from various clubs visited by our Rotarians. Lots of exotic locations!

Next, "The Bard" lamented his inability to locate his "little Willy." Correspondence hints at it last having been seen in upstate New York by and unnamed person. It was a very sad thing!

Visitors: In addition to those who will be introduced later in this document, present were **Sam Parwiz** and **Chris Gayler**, both guests of **George Gayler**, **Rob Blatecky**, **Sandee Wiedeman**, and **Jim Keady**.

Visiting Rotarian: **Mary Kay Foss**, from Danville and **PDG Candy Pierce**.

The Welcome Song was overlooked because "The Bard" is still learning the ropes!

Service Above Self

Good Times/Good News/Fine Free: does **"The Bard"** plan on reinstating this and allowing someone to brag without getting fined? "The world wonders" (see Battle of Leyte Gulf, October, 1944, or ask **Captain Sims**).

New Member Induction -- **Hermann Welm** introduced and inducted our newest member, **Mona**



Keady. **Mona**, Classification: Chocolateer, was given her badge, pin, plaques and roster. She, in turn, read a prepared statement based on the "4-Way Test" that extolled the virtues of chocolate and handed out half golf balls (she being afraid, if her chocolate golf balls had been fully formed, they would be played on the course that afternoon by some of our less observant members). As is our tradition, she was welcomed into the club by all present.



Announcements:

Gary Sloan reminded all that there will be a Fiesta Party, honoring **"The Bard,"** at his home on August 15. The sign-up sheet was circulated; he needs a good count since the event will be catered.

"The Bard" reminded all that District Training will be held in Fairfield on August 15, the morning before the Fiesta party. His generous offer to drive a carpool in his Prius was declined by all those attending!

Geoff Johnson spoke again of the GSE Team from Monterrey, Mexico, and the need for hosts for housing and for drivers. The Alamo and San Ramon Valley Clubs are co-hosting, however, the need for assistance is still very real.

Jeff Disch announced that the 25th Anniversary Party will be held on September 22. More on this later, but mark your calendars.

Mike Gunning spoke about the need for all hands to assist with CarboLoad 25 on October 10. Start NOW by distributing posters (beautifully prepared by **Ana Dominguez** and printed by **Cho Tang**) and by gathering Silent Auction items.

"The Bard" announced that the District Conference will be held in South Lake Tahoe this year, October 2 thru 4; there will be no Registration Fee.

John Sims reminded all that the new Rotary Foundation Year has begun; a \$100 contribution is expected from all and a \$200 "Double Sustainer" amount is being sought.

PDG Mark von is quoted on page 13 of the new issue of The Rotarian Magazine, in an article about Polio Plus.

Recognitions: **Dennis Garrison**, who was AWOL for “**The Bard’s**” first meeting was called to account for all of the drinking and accordion playing that goes on in Lithuania. **Rick Probert** was recognized for all of the “wanton destruction” that went on recently when two off-duty firefighters, a police officer, and bystanders managed pulled a lady and her two children from a burning car. They recklessly destroyed her car windows to get access! **Fletcher Thames** also missed “**The Bard’s**” first meeting, but was given a chance to redeem himself by answering the question, “Why does the MacBeth witch say the hedgehog whined ‘thrice and once?’” Unable to come up with that very simple answer (see below), his fine stood! **PP Tom Port** was fined for thinking he could perform his Scribe Duties for July 16 while in Port Townsend, Washington (**Garth Riopelle** saved the day by jumping in after the last minute to fabricate some Scribe Notes). **Fred Nevarez** failed to show “adequate respect” toward “**The Bard**” and was fined (forsooth, did he fail to touch his forelock, perchance?). And **George Gayler** annoyed “**The Bard**” in some manner; something to do with his truck! All-in-all, a very rich day for the Club’s treasury!

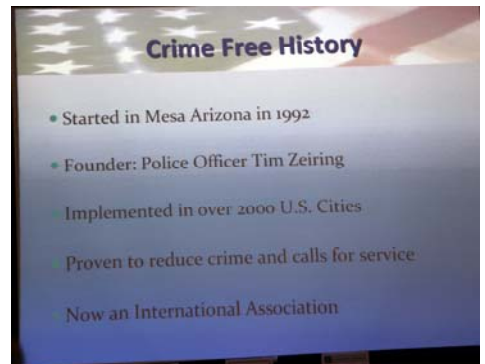
Pre-Program Program:

Geoff Johnson introduced **Marc Fontes** and **Joe Tanner**, both from the City of San Ramon’s Economic Development Department, to speak briefly about their new publication extolling the virtues of Sustainable Green Business practices.



Program:

Bill Clarkson introduced **Darlene Kittredge** and **Sergeant Lance Santiago**, both from the San Ramon Police Department, who spoke about the Crime-Free Multi-Housing and Crime-Free Business Programs. The Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program was started in Mesa, Arizona in 1992, and has now spread to over 2,000 cities in the US. It works with apartment owners and managers to reduce crime in their complexes. As applied in San Ramon, the 13 apartment complexes have had their Call frequency reduced from 263 per month to 171; their Reports from 36 to 14; and their Arrests from 6 to 3 per month! The program deals primarily with the screening of potential tenants and the quick ejection of tenants exhibiting criminal behavior for having violated a “Crime-Free Lease Addendum.”



As described by **Sergeant Santiago**, the intent here is neither crime prevention (on the “grand scale”) nor to rehabilitate criminals, only to move them out so they do not “terrorize” San Ramon residents.

A similar program has been introduced for small businesses in San Ramon. The emphasis here is on visibility (criminals do not like operating in the “open”), by reporting “suspicious behavior” to the SRPD, without fear that you might be inconveniencing them, being alert to phony ID, and by using signage to alert the would-be criminal that you are alert and that the “pickings” here might be a little light (signs such as “Register only contains \$20.00 in Change” or “Employees cannot open the Safe”).



Program this number into your cell phone: **925-973-2779**. This gets you direct access to police dispatch, rather than Vallejo CHP, where calls for service can be delayed by as much as 10 minutes!

"**The Bard**" thanked the officers and indicated that a gift would be made to a Literacy Program in their behalf, as a sign of appreciation for their presentation.

Raffles: The Greeter's Gift was won by **Captain Doctor John Sims**. The Club Gift went to Red Badge, **David Quick**.

*(**Fletcher** really should have known the Answer: it was well-known to all that witches do not like even numbers, therefore, to express such a number they had to use this format.)*

Next Week: the Greeter will be **Fred Nevarez** and the Program will be **Mark Curtis**.



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, July 30, 2009, you will be greeted by Fred Nevarez

Here are some things you should know about Fred:

Fred has been a member of our club since, April 1991

Classification: Gemological Services

Here is some info; I was born & raised east of L.A. in Pico Rivera. I served in US Coast Guard for four years, stationed in Hawaii. When I returned from Hawaii, I joined the L.A. County Fire Dept. for 17 years. I had to take an early retirement due to a back injury (hit by fire truck). I then went back to school and received a degree in Gemology. I worked in L.A. for a jewelry company and then was transferred to San Francisco to manage a new store. Then, in 1992, I opened Versailles Jewelers in San Ramon. I have been in the Rotary Club since 1992 with perfect attendance. I have served on the Board of Directors for 2 years. I am married to the most wonderful woman, with beautiful red hair, Valerie. My hobbies are fishing, hunting, water/snow skiing and boating.

About Rotary!

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

The Seed is Planted (cont'd)

(At their third meeting, and first "business" meeting, on March 23, 1905, the group of 15 attendees zero in on a name for themselves: Rotary Club.)

The fledgling organization (*furthermore*) decided there would be no dues -- all club expenses would be paid from 50-cent fines collected from miscreant members for such mis-deeds as missing meetings. Membership would last for one year, with each member needing to requalify annually. A single "nay" vote from existing members would prevent anyone from joining, and a three-fourths vote would be required to stay in the club at each anniversary. To promote fellowship, members would greet one another using only first names; any salutation beginning with "Mister" would surely incur a fine, as would risqué jokes and religious and political discussions. A board of directors was elected at that third meeting, and although Paul Harris was the obvious choice for president, he declined the position, nominating Silvester Schiele instead. Thus Silvester became president number one of club number one by acclamation

(The club grew, and) by October 1905, when Harry Ruggles printed the first roster, the Rotary Club had 30 members. A little more than a year later, the number had grown to 80.

By the fifth meeting, it was clear that the membership was too large to fit into any member's office. *(A)* White approached the manager of the Palmer House hotel and persuaded him to let the club use a meeting room on the balcony at no charge. It was such a success that President Schiele asked White to make similar arrangements for the next meeting. This time, the club met at the Brevoort Hotel which served dinner. This marked the beginning of another tradition: that of having the meeting over lunch or dinner, usually every two weeks, except July and August.

For months thereafter, they rotated between hotels and restaurants throughout the Loop -- Chicago's central business district. For a while they ate dinner in the dining room of the Sherman Hotel and then retired to a guest room to conduct the club meeting. "The members would not only occupy all the chairs that could be crowded in, but perch on the window sills, bureaus, radiators and even fill up the beds," recalled Rufus Chapin, a 1905 member. Increasing membership soon rendered such a venue impractical. Following the complete renovation of the Sherman Hotel, the Rotary Club of Chicago elected to make this its permanent meeting place in January 1911.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Begun just after World War II, in 1947, with eighteen "Rotary Fellows" from eleven countries, the program has now expended more than \$500 million on over 39,000 scholars from 115 countries. In 2007-08, 673 scholars from 72 countries were awarded \$14.1 million.

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. sss

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:

July 30th	Mark Curtis
August 6th	Phil Toste - Rugby: The Game & Culture
August 13th	Richard Price - Fire Chief SRVFPD

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

August 15th	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:

July 30th	Fred Nevarez
August 6th	Annie Gibbs
August 13th	Mona Keady

