



# Crow's Call



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## **Rotary Meeting - July 30th by Marie Galbo**



President Bill "The Bard" Harlan opened the meeting and welcomed all to the Club. This year's theme of R.I. President, John Kenny, is "The future of Rotary is in your HANDS". Robin "Spike" Stevens pointed out that the "A" in HANDS stands for "assist" and we will be assisting our special partners in the Interact Club.

The Club's personal jeweler, Fred Nevarez, was greeter, led the flag salute, and offered an appropriate thought for the day. "Pressure turns carbon into diamonds". Fred was born in East LA, moved to the Bay area in 1990, lives in San Ramon with wife, Valerie, and owns and operates Versailles Jewelers.



Hermann Welm led the patriotic song and red badge, Steve Renfro, with the help of members had his first try at the welcome song. Visiting Rotarians include Dan McMahon of NC and Patrick Edwards of HI. Guests include Sam Parwiz (George Gaylor), Gigi Filosal(Cho Tang), Brad Hawkins(Jeff Disch), Steve Glasky (Guy Greco) and Spike's daughters Amanda and Rachel. John introduced four generations of Sims...Son Jack, and his wife Patricia, granddaughter Elizabeth, and great-grandson, Jackson. The Bard has proudly displayed many banners brought to our Club by our members during their visitations both locally and around the world. He reminded us to pick up one of our banners in the gold box each time we plan a trip. This is a wonderful but simple way of sharing a hello from us to the guest Club. The missing Bard-Latest hint is that Little Willy was at the battle of Marathon in ancient Greece. Granddaughter Erin asked, "If you find out who took Mr. Shakespeare's statute, will you send them to the Big House?" And I answered, "Yes, yes I will." Carolyn Degnan noted that Dr. Bill looked especially dapper in his new suit, shirt, and tie....but the shoes have to go (I guess they didn't show in the formal portrait)

**Service Above Self**

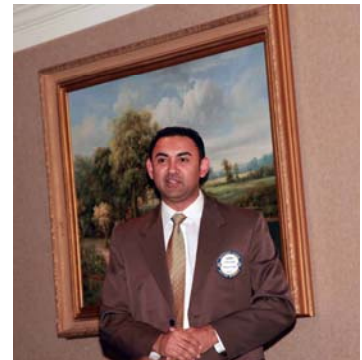
## Announcements

The Sloan Fiesta is on August 15—sign up now  
District Training in Fairfield on Aug. 15-see The Bard or Guy Greco  
GSE in September..See Geoff Johnson to assist with housing, events, and party  
See Mike Prilutsky if you are interested in a leadership position overseeing a GSE team to Mexico in Spring, 2010.



Hermann Welm has agreed to lead five local Clubs in the Rotary Alliance. He will need help with manning Rotary informational booths at local events  
Mark your calendars for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party on Sept 22. More to follow

Lucky Sandu distributed Carboload tickets,  
Hermann Welm needs sponsors for the raffle tickets, and Jeff Disch will soon be gathering silent auction items.



Dr. Glen Weber presented the first sponsor's check of \$500 on behalf of San Ramon Veterinary Hospital.

District conference will be held in South Lake Tahoe, October 2-4

Don Jones will continue to collect used and new hearing aids which will be refurbished and sent to those in need in South America

John Sims reminds us to start making our 2009-2010 RI contribution via check to John, billing to Jeff Disch, or directly to RI (See John for details)

Paula Silva is collecting new and used children's books which will be distributed to Mexican orphanages.

Dr. Bill will be in Ashland next week..wonder who will be filling in?

President Bill will be attending his first six Club meeting..great way to collaborate all the Rotary events in the Valley.

### Fine Free-Good News

John Tatum had a great birthday on July 3<sup>rd</sup>..was that fine free? Reminder-Dr Bill isn't recognizing birthdays this year.

Judy Lewis would love to have us download her movie on I-tunes to keep it number 1. "Ryan and John not so excellent adventure".

### Recognitions

As a typical attorney, Barry Toby, gave our distinguished member, Kathe Mitchell, the third degree on her motives for "hogging" all the Club awards. Kathe is the only member that has received all four including the Red Badge, Hammer, Rotarian of the Year, and Hall of Fame. Thank you Kathe for all your contributions to the Club. The awards were well deserved.



Fletcher Thames has a persecution complex. Hermann did not direct last week's scribe comments toward him....it was Chuck Fletcher! Did Herm pick up Fletch's \$30?



Walt Trembley missed President Bill's first meeting.....so he was put on the spot. Walt had to guess how many words Shakespeare invented--- 1500 new words. \$30 was picked up by Geoff Johnson. Apparently Walt missed the meeting due to a visiting auditor....was that before or after he gave Geoff one of those very low interest loans at no cost?

Carolyn Degnan introduced guest speaker, Mark Curtis, former co-anchor of KTVU and author of the new book The Making of a President 2008. Mark travelled the campaign trail and found that politicians say the funniest things. Mc Cain was quoted as saying "The good news is we have dollars to spend in Colorado, the bad news it is in pockets and purses. Obama.. "I've never been in 57 States and I think I still have one to go". When asked what the most dramatic event of the 2008 campaign was, Mark indicated that it was not electing a Black president. He felt it was the wide spread use of technology...getting the word out through the internet. The one downside was the reporting of false information. Also young people ages 18-30 did not use the newspaper as a primary source of information.



Jerry Brown and Gavin Newsom were the primary Democratic contenders for Governor while Meg Whitman was the most viable for the Republicans. Newsom may not be as popular in parts of California due to his gay rights stance. Whitman may have an advantage as she is a business woman known for starting Ebay and is a political outsider. To correct California's ongoing budget problems, Mark felt that we would need to repeal Prop. 13 or require a majority not 2/3 vote to pass the budget. He felt neither of these would happen. The only way to correct the State's problem would be to increase and strengthen business in the State. He also indicated that we should not assume that Tausher's seat would go to a Democrat. Do to the fact that there is nothing else on the ballot and 50% plus one vote is needed to win, there will be a run off leading to the possibility that a Republican might win. Regarding health care everything is very controversial and it may not pass..Obama appears to be rushing everything through because there is an election next year and the Democrats may lose seats.

Next Weeks Greeter: Annie Gibbs

Next Weeks Speaker: Phil Toste - Rugby: The Game & Culture



# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, August 6th, 2009, you will be greeted by Annie Gibbs**

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

**Annie has been a member of our club since, July 2009**

**Classification: Account Executive**

Born: Jacksonville, Florida

Raised: Tampa, Florida and Montego Bay, Jamaica

Education: BA in Business, minor in Accounting

Business: Account Executive for BPS Digital Solutions

Better Known by the saying "To Blessed to be Stressed"

Hobbies: Bowling, Golfing and Exercising

Residence: Antioch, CA

# About Rotary!

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

The Seed is Planted (cont'd)

*(Having concluded their third meeting, and first "business" meeting, on March 23, 1905, the Rotary Club of Chicago had established several meeting protocols which survive today. And some that didn't.)*

The reciprocal exchange of business was a central theme of early Rotary. Indeed, one of the most important club officers was the statistician. Whenever a member gave business to, or received an order from, another member, he wrote the details on a postcard and mailed it to the statistician. Detailed records were maintained and the results were reported regularly at club meetings. . . . .

Many members were assigned nicknames. The youthful florist Charlie Schneider was "Boy Orator," Rufus Chapin the banker became "Rufe," and undertaker Barney Arntzen was "Cupid." . . . . .

Harry Ruggles, who served as the club's first treasurer, . . . . will forever be remembered for a spontaneous act that went on to become a century-long tradition. There was a lull in the meeting one autumn night in 1905. The buzz of conversation had inexplicably ended. Without warning, and at his own initiative, Harry Ruggles sprang to his feet and called out, "Hell, fellows, let's sing!" He led them in several popular songs of the day, and singing at Rotary meetings thereafter became a tradition. . . . .

. . . . Harry led the singing at his club, at district conferences around the country, even at international conventions. On 23 October 1959, while on his way to speak at the Rotary Club of Cathedral City, California, Harry had a heart attack and the voice, which had brought song and sunshine to Rotary for 54 years, was silenced.

*(To be Continued)*

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

Harry Ruggles is also remembered for offering up his Lakeside cottage -- later known as "Ruggles Rotary Rest" -- for family outings/fellowship, sometimes annoying the neighbors with their "obsessive exuberance."

**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. 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:

August 6th Phil Toste - Rugby: The Game & Culture  
August 13th Richard Price - Fire Chief SRVFPD  
August 20th Lisa Vorderbuggen - Times Columnist  
August 26th Uri Eliahu

### 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:

August 6th Annie Gibbs  
August 13th Mona Keady  
August 20th Kristin Parsons

