



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - July 9th by Art & Sandy Kubal

The ineffable **Dr. Bill Harlan**, incoming President, opened the meeting on time with a booming "Welcome the Rotary Club of San Ramon". (*To use or not to use the microphone, that was the question*). He announced that the R. I. President is John Kenny of Scotland, and his theme is "The Future of Rotary is in your Hands".



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Today's greeter **David Quick**, a red badge, is Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Copyrite. His thought for the day was "*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel,*" by Maya Angelou. He led us in the Pledge and gave a short Bio of himself- see his profile in the June 25 Crow's Call.

Visiting Rotarians were George Wineinger from Livermore Valley Club and Joe Hachman from Danville Sycamore Valley Club. Visitors included Dr. Bill's own mobile hospital—his RN daughter Heather, his EMT son-in-law Mr. Greenawalt, and his all-around-keeper, granddaughter Erin. Other table introductions included Judy Giles, Sandy Kubal, Julie Disch, Ginny Weber, David Blane-Pres. of BPS, Mona Keede, Renee Gallagher, Valerie Nevarez, and Honorary Rotarian Jean Ohman. Dr. Bill also recognized Don Jones, in his bee keeper suit, as the epitome of guts and determination for being present so soon after his medical treatments. After recovering from the shock of being asked by Dr. Bill, **Paula Silva** led the assembled group in a rousing rendition of "God Bless America".

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Dr. Bill asked his new Board of Directors and Officers to gather so Past President **Dennis Harvey** could administer the oath of office. Dennis had to wrest the microphone away from Dr. Bill for a chance to instruct the group on oath protocol. "Repeat after me, 'I'(name)... Our illustrious group stopped after "I" and had to be coached to say their individual names! Some of us thought this oath would take hours at this rate. With chuckles and 'cute' comments from some of the group (i.e. Sloan, with hand on Toby's shoulder, "I'll say whatever my lawyer says"), the third or fourth attempt accomplished the goal (well,sort of) when they repeated "do swear to uphold...".



**Service Above Self**

Dennis, clutching the microphone lest Dr. Bill grab it back, explained the tradition of the Club to choose a moniker for the incoming president during the Reno train trip. Since the “Piano Man” played his swan song prior to taking office, the past presidents of the Club met and appointed Dr. Bill who graciously accepted to reign over our incorrigible group. A natural fit, this pundit was crowned THE BARD. (A bard is a person who composed and recited epic or heroic poems. William Shakespeare was The Bard).

Anointed with a Kings Hat, a new President’s badge imprinted “THE BARD”, and his own personal gavel, the duly canonized His Bardship snatched the microphone and immediately placed a bust of William Shakespeare on the podium with imperial hopes of inspiration and guidance throughout the year. As he shuffled papers, he admitted he wasn’t always “off the cuff” and needed notes to stay on script.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**GRECO** recognized the “Sentinels of Freedom” who are having a golf tournament at Crow Canyon on August 10—proceeds go to the Vets.

**SLOAN** announced a Rotary Fiesta Celebration to be held at his house on August 15, 4pm to 8pm, honoring His Bardship.

**DR. BILL** announced a District Installation Dinner Saturday in Corning and a District Training Session in Fairfield on August 15—See Bill for sign ups.

**G. JOHNSON** noted a GSE (Group Study Exchange) team from Monterey, Mexico will be in our District September through October and Geoff asked for volunteers to house some of these firemen and paramedics. See Geoff if you can help.

**TATUM** said golf will be at Diablo CC on July 23. Let John know ASAP if you plan to play.

**DR. BILL**—“And now, 30 seconds of Sims” to talk about the Rotary Foundation.

**John** surprised everyone by taking only 10 seconds to say that he is ready to receive any and all of our annual contributions, checks made out to The Rotary Foundation. “That’s all!” (The Bard was taken aback with so little time to find his place in his notes!).

#### RECOGNITIONS:

“Truth be told, this is the main reason I took this job!” uttered our King. Dr. Bill called on his new Sgt. At Arms, **Barry the Toby**, to help him with recognitions—sort of a Fine Master, if you will. Barry asked **Guidano Greco** to fess up about a new Accura TL. Guy said it was an off grey/green, wasn’t too sure, and that his wife picked it out. Guy wouldn’t have to pay if he could answer one question: “What kind of feedback do you get from the electronic steering”? Guy mumbled something about a 2 inch thick manual and no time to study it—had no answer. The correct answer was “visceral feedback”, indicating a process of instinct versus intellect. (Is that the driver or the car?) Dr. Bill mentioned that the bank bailout money is kicking in about now so Guy should be able to handle the hefty levy.



The Toby asked **Dr. Captain Sims** to talk about his BMW. “That was last year”, said John. “But tell us about your trip to Arizona in the BMW to attend Spring Training”. John finally admitted that he received 2 or 3 citations while down there, saying “the AZ police are real sticklers but they do take nice photos of your license plate”. Dr. Bill fined the Annapolis Grad and PhD for his criminal behavior and **Jeff Disch** volunteered to pick up the levied amount as witness to the zeal of AZ police. (Hmm, something to share, Jeff?)

**Mike Prilutsky** was questioned about his inclusion in a newspaper article on tips for being a successful sexual predator or “How to be a Flirt”. This Scribe did not understand the comment by Mike that “Susie is long gone” but Mike turned it around on Dr. Bill by chastising him for looking. That remark accrued a ‘nice’ fine.

And **Crissy McConnell** was tabbed for her religious retreat to St. Thomas (a wedding, she says) with a stop-over in Las Vegas on the way back (what religion is this, Crissy?).

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS:** This year’s theme is “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands” and Pres. Bill told us that noth-

brought this home for him like the morning a month ago when Gary Daniel resigned. His initial reaction to replacing Gary was that he needed two years to get ready; the Future depended on someone else. **Kathe** (and unnamed others) helped him to see that the Future had picked him. Rotary had always been there for him during his working years, Will's many deployments and long wound recuperation, and Mary's long final illness. Bill decided that it was time to "Step Up" (and the rest of us are so grateful—thank you, Dr. Bill).

The Bard informed us that the Club is in good shape financially and has a solid Board of Directors along with an ambitious plan. He complimented Gary for these plans and will try to honor as many of them as possible. "The future of Rotary is in your hands" he declared, and whatever we accomplish, we will do it together.

Our Sonnetist then delivered his plans for the year. Borrowing from and incorporating into his framework, "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands", our clever professor created his own anagram "HANDS" as a guidepost to his five general goals (even though they had to be explained out of order):

**N is for NURTURE:** Make new members comfortable and important. Almost 20% of our Club members have joined in the last year. Dr. Bill checked out our Red Badge history over the last 20 years and found we have only retained 50% of them. We want to do much better. We have developed a good system of attracting and orienting new members and **Herm Welm** will make it even better. **Mark Von, Guy**, and **Dennis H** will make sure the system for monitoring new members works well and **Gary Sloan** and **Spike** are working hard to involve new members in on-going club activities. Bill asked all of us to reach out and welcome our new colleagues; nurture them so that they will be Rotarians 10 to 20 years from now.

In a stern warning, Bill announced that he expects to see a Red Badge at each table or we will witness what Marc Anthony meant when he said "*Cry havoc! And let slip the Dogs of War*" (predicting savage revenge). Well here we go, the first of many of Shakespearean quotes. We may get just as tired of hearing them as we did of hearing of the Krash injury stories. At the sound of a cell phone, Dr. Bill quipped, "My pants are ringing; I hate it when they do that!" He promptly fined himself \$25.

**D is for DONATE:** Bill wants us to make our donations more mindfully. We do a first rate job of supporting R. I.'s international efforts, of tackling our own projects abroad (tsunami relief, trade school in Brazil), and here in the Valley. Bill wants us to look at our larger community in the East Bay. He and **Dave Larsen** are exploring some exciting new potential partnerships and hopes to bring them to the Club in the coming months. He wants us to explore a new fundraiser for the Spring to enlarge our service to the community and as a hedge against the possibility of losing one of our other fundraisers "*In case GM buys Toyota*".

**A is for ASSIST:** We need to assist the kids in the Interact Club at Cal High (effecting a rousing applause from Spike). Under **Marc Stillman's** and now **Spike's** leadership, we are making real strides to reconnect with these possible future Rotarians. Spike is particularly dedicated because she began as an Interactor. Plans include having some of their leaders join monthly at our meetings, some will go to the District Conference in S. Lake Tahoe in October, and meeting with their Club in April at Cal High. The Bard stated that we WILL all attend at Cal High or we will learn what it means, much as Macbeth did, to "*Unseam you from the nave to the chops*". (No. 2 and beginning the count!)

**H is for HANDS-ON:** Dr. Bill wants to institute some hands-on projects where we can "be dirty" while raising our visibility in the community. It's a great way to invest some sweat equity of our own while we enjoy the fellowship. He'll be asking us via another Karen McNamara survey about some exciting projects we might take on.

**S is for SUSTAIN & SUCCEED:** We have had a remarkable run for a quarter of a century in this Club. It is our job to sustain what we do well and succeed in tackling new challenges, whether it is new members or new projects or new ways of accomplishing the old things.

Pres. Bard finished his remarks with an apology, ahead of time, for his humor—always strange and often inappropriate. But he never means anything personal. (Apology accepted, Bill, but what choice do we have?).

**OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:** The Bard introduced his O & D's again and gave each one a few minutes to speak:

**Pres. Elect Bob Desautels** handed out a Committee Assignment list to everyone and outlined activities covering Membership, Club Administration, and Service Projects. See any Board member if you want a copy of the list.

**Secretary Karen McNamera** was absent due to a family emergency. Dr. Bill queried the outgoing Sec. **Barry Toby** to explain her job. The Toby said "I don't know" so Bill saved him by saying the job is to keep the Internal Revenue off our backs. (We are probably in big trouble if Toby didn't know that!)

**Treasurer Jeff Disch** dispersed copies of the budget for 2009-2010 which he prepared and mentioned that we are a \$100,000 business. He stated his main job is to sell raffle tickets before each meeting (Jeff, we know better and thank you so much for continuing to do this most difficult job). It was moved and seconded to accept the budget as presented. It was approved unanimously. See Jeff if you need a copy of the budget.

**Sgt-at-Arms Barry Toby** and The Bard are starting the "Rat Patrol" (squealing on your fellow members about finable activities) and will be offering *cheesy* bribes along the way—things like free raffle tickets, for example—to become a member of the patrol.



Just give Barry a call with any juicy tidbits you pick up!

**Membership: Hermann Welm** plans to support and improve the recruiting and Red Badge processes along with the nurturing of new members. He requests each member to bring one guest during the year, without pressure for them to join. Those interested will ask how to become a member!

**Administration: Gary Sloan** handed out an administration assignment sheet which covers fellowship activities (something every month-- including family fun days, members night out, and special events) and "Good of the Club" activities (meeting programs, Good Shepherd, Rotarian Magazine, etc.). See Gary for a copy of the assignment sheet or with ideas for fellowship.

**Service: Spike Stevens** says she is in a 12 step program for coming out of her shell (Heaven help us if she comes out any more!) Her responsibilities cover a huge group of activities including Carbolead, tree lot, dictionaries, Camp Royal, Interact Club, international projects, etc. This is at the heart of Rotary so let's all give Spike the support she will need. See the committee assignment sheet available from any Board member.

**International Foundation: Mike Prilutsky** repeated the RI acronym **EREY**—Every Rotarian Every Year, meaning each of us should give the minimum of \$100 to the RI Foundation each year. He will be working on a Five Club commitment on an International Water project.

**Public Relations: Marc Stillman** is responsible for the Crow's Call and web site and blog improvements. Mark will continue with the Rotary Alliance (five local club effort) regarding member recruitment.

**SRRC Foundation: Tom Port** is President of the Club Foundation and is responsible for grant selection and administration. See Tom if you have a worthy cause in mind.

**RAFFLE: Paula Silva** won the club gift of \$20 (way to go Red Badge) and Ray Giles won the greeter's gift of \$20 (way to go old-timer).

**The Bard closed the meeting with a quote from his granddaughter, Erin.** *"Grandpa, you are so silly you need to be the Rotary man"*. And that he is!





# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, July 16, 2009, you will be greeted by Patti Hennigan**

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

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

**Classification: Stylist**

I was born in Chicago, Il and moved to San Ramon when I was sixteen. I moved to Oregon after I graduated and lived on Mt. Hood, in Oregon. I now reside in Dublin, CA with my husband, John, and my two teenage college children, Jared and Samantha. I have a new beautiful grand daughter from Johns daughter. We are having a blast!

I have been a Hair Stylist for the last 19 years, and an owner of Salon X here in San Ramon for the last 13 years. It took me 17 years to complete my first degree and I plan on going back to school again in the next year for ultrasound and radiology. You can never have to much education!

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I am an animal lover. I have three dogs, a cat, and Fish.

In My Spare time I love to fish, ride my dirt bike, walk on the beach, and go camping with my friends and family.

# About Rotary!

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

The Seed is Planted (cont'd)

*(On Thursday, 23 February 1905, Paul Harris, Silvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr and Hiram Shorey met in Loehr's office on the seventh floor of the Unity Building at 127 Dearborn Street, Chicago, to discuss forming a fellowship and business booster club. All four had similar -- small town -- backgrounds and sorely missed the cordial relations that developed in those kind of communities.)*

Paul Harris shared with *(the others)* his sense of emptiness at having no true friends in the city . . . . and the uncertainty of not knowing whom he could trust in his personal and commercial dealings. He proposed they form a club different from any other, one which he described as "a very simple plan of mutual cooperation and informal friendship such as all of us had once known in our villages."

One member would be invited from each profession or line of business, and only those for whose integrity the other members could vouch would be invited. It would thus be a natural "booster club," where reciprocal trade could be practiced, but also a group of men with whom they could all enjoy fellowship. . . . . The foursome were enthusiastic about the idea, and each of them agreed to meet again in two weeks and pledged to recruit potential new members and bring them to the next meeting . . . . .

The second meeting was held in Paul's law office in the Wolff Building, and the original foursome were joined by Harry Ruggles *(a printer)*, real estate broker Bill Jensen, and organ manufacturer A.L. "Al" White.

Silvester Schiele hosted the third meeting of the group at his local coal-yard office on March 23, 1905. There were 15 men present, and the occasion was significant in that it was the first real business meeting at which decisions were made, some of which the organization still honors 100 years later.

*(To be Continued)*

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

That in the early years of Rotary, a club's "Statistician" would offer a weekly report on the volume of business written among the club's members. This practice was officially dropped in 1911, after members began to resist having to do business only with fellow members. This change memorialized the already-evolving shift from "self" to "service" for Rotarians.

**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. wgb

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 9th Fletcher Thames - Camp Venture  
July 23rd Darlene Kittredge - Crime Free Program  
July 30th Mark Curtis  
August 6th Phil Toste - Rugby: The Game & Culture

### 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 16th Patti Hennigan  
July 23rd Susan Myers  
July 30th Fred Nevarez

