



# Crow's Call



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## **Rotary Meeting - August 13th by Karen McNamara**



**President Bill the Bard** greeted us donning a new red hat and reminded us of our SERVICE to the community as S is from the It's All in your H.A.N.D.S. Former President Viking Gallagher offered an example of service through our annual sponsorship of the

Tree Lot. While in Ashland Oregon, Bill reported receiving a picture of his favorite Willy missing an ear. The picture included our favorite Moe and Bill was very concerned for both of their safety.



**Mona Keady** was today's greeter. The thought for the day from Mona in honor of the Bard – *brevity is the soul of wit*. Everyone clapped profusely. Wonder why?

Visiting Rotarians were introduced. Dan McMann from North Carolina. A patriotic song was led by **Crissy McConnell** – a new one we haven't heard for a while – This Land is Your Land.

Table introductions of guests: **Kathy Gailey** introduced her son Mike. President Bill introduced his three guests – his grandson Andrew, his granddaughter Katie who will be starting high school and his son Will who is on leave. **Ana Dominguez** introduced Vanessa from Gates and Associates.

### Announcements:

**Stan Smalley's** father passed away yesterday. He was 91 years old in Ohio.

**Service Above Self**

The Board approved a new recognition program to recognize volunteers in the community who contribute service through various non-profit organizations, schools, public agencies, etc. Spike will volunteer to put together a program. If you have ideas, please see her.

**Gary Sloan** announced details of the event this weekend to honor the new president, Bill. Bring your swimsuit.

**Guy Greco** announced the Leadership Training event on Saturday morning.

**Geoff Johnson** announced that visitors from Monterey Mexico will be our guests for 4 days starting September 24. We need hosts for these guests.



**Mike Prilutsky** announced that a GSE leader to lead a trip from District 5160 to Monterey Mexico for a month in April has been found –thank you to **Ed Duarte**.

**Tom Port** announced the purchase of a shelter box that will be used as a display at various Rotary events. The Club purchased a shelter box in honor of **Alan Altura**.

**Hermann Welm** asked for volunteers to staff the Rotary Alliance at the Alamo Rotary Music Festival.

**Mark VonH** announced the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party of our Rotary Club on Tuesday, September 22. Several special guests and speakers have been lined. RSVP's are requested and were mailed. Send back to **Crissy McConnell**

Carbo Load sponsors –**Glen Weber and** San Ramon Regional Medical Center Foundation



**Mike Gunning** announced the CarboLoad planning meeting was held today. Tickets are out. Sell-sell-sell. Posters are available.

**Jeff Disch** asked for members to submit a silent auction item for the CarboLoad.



**Jim Livingstone** asked if anyone was having trouble receiving the Crow's Call. Contact Jim if you are not getting the Crows Call.

**Paula Silva** announced that Rotary members can bring books, videos, school supplies for the trip to Mexican orphanage that is being planned for October.

**Steve Wilcox** announced the golf tournament.



Diapers and Dead Bodies –The Club received thank you notes from the two organizations we donated funding to.

### Recognitions:

**John Sims** attempted to recognize **Marc Stillman** who fled the room prematurely, so this will be postponed. However, John did take the opportunity to speak about the Rotary Foundation and recognize those members who are Paul Harris members.

**Dennis Harvey's** son hit hole in ones on two back to back days in a tournament on their birthdays at a course in Chino Hills. His first one was when he was 8 years old.

**Bob Desautels** was recognized for doing a wonderful stand in job for the President last week.

**Chris Gallagher** was fined for being a party to the kidnapping of the Bard.

**Ray Giles** was fined for providing the Prez with a very useful chart tool that tracks the fines.

### Fine Free – Good News:

**Ana** announced that her son got married last weekend, and her daughter will be getting married in October.

### Program



The presenter today was introduced by **Bill Clarkson**. Allan Purvis -He is part of the Caledonia Club of San Francisco and will be discussing the Scottish Highland Gathering and Games. We were entertained with a bagpipe entry – very impressive. Mr. Purvis was wearing a modern kilt with the California tartan. He described the items that went with the tartan and the history of these items. Another guest was Nicole who performed a Scottish dance with accompaniment by the bagpipe by Nick.

Scotland is celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, an author, poet and storyteller and songwriter. Mr. Purvis was born in Sterling Scotland. Scotland is one of seven celtic nations. Scotland is an independent country as are England and Wales, and together they make up Great Britain. Population is about 5

million people. You can never be more than 10 miles from the ocean in Scotland. The patron saint is St. Andrew. Some famous Scotsmen are Lord MacBeth, William Wallace and Robert Bruce, John Knox, John Napier, Adam Smith, James Watt, Andrew Fleming, Alan Pinkerton, Alexander Graham Bell, Sean Connery. The 144<sup>th</sup> Scottish Games will be held on September 5/6 over Labor Day weekend at the Pleasanton Alameda County Fairgrounds. The game is the caber toss, also known as the long telephone pole, about 26-28 feet about 180 pounds. The goal is to get it flip end to end. It is the location of the world hammer event. The event includes piping and drumming, fiddling, dancing and a whiskey tasting. The question of the day that went unanswered was clarification, not verification, of what is worn under the kilt. Mr. Purvis offered a range of possibilities.

Allan was presented with a certificate thanking him for his presentation and acknowledging a donation by the Club in his name to the literacy program at Mission Elementary School in Antioch.



Next week's greeter is Kristin Parsons

Next week's program is Lisa Vorderbuggen





# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, August 13th, 2009, you will be greeted by Kristin Parsons**

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

**Kristin has been a member of our club since, September 2002**

**Classification: Civil Engineer**

Paul Harris Fellow +1  
R.I. Benefactor  
Rotarian of the Year 2002-2003

Kristin was born in Ohio and grew up in New Jersey. She received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Civil Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ. She then moved to Boise and later Boston where she worked for Morrison Knudsen as a construction engineer on the Central Artery 3<sup>rd</sup> Harbor Tunnel project. She returned to her family's home state of California in 1994 and joined Wilsey Ham in 2002. As Vice President of Engineering she oversees projects across Northern CA in the Bay Area, Valley, Sacramento and up North to Redding. She oversees both the San Ramon and Chico offices and is in charge of business development and marketing for the firm.

Kristin and Bob were married in 2005 and less than a year later Kassi (3 ½) was born and then Khloe (2). She also has two step children, Kristin (20) and Robert (21), who live in Southern California. Kristin (and Bob) dedicate most of their non working time to her children who keep her active and worn out! Kassi is a practicing ballerina who wants to be a race car driver when she grows up and Khloe has yet to tell us what she wants to be but they are both great swimmers all ready and have a mad love for the water – especially the pools and beaches of Hawaii...

Until having children she was very active in the Rotary community and held Board positions for most of her 11 years in Rotary. She has also served on past District Committees.

Her hobbies include taking pictures of her family, cooking and relaxing on the beach!

# About Rotary!

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

The Seed is Planted (cont'd)

*(The movement of the Rotary Club of Chicago toward a more service-oriented organization intensifies in 1906 and 1907.)*

. . . . Frederick H. Tweed (*who had joined the club in December 1905*) used Donald M. Carter as a patent attorney. In April, 1906, he made a visit to Carter to acquaint him with Rotary. Since the classification of "patent attorney" was unfilled, he seemed a good candidate for membership. Carter was both flattered and interested, and he inquired as to the club's objectives. When explained that it had two -- to boost everyone's business and promote friendship -- Carter was not satisfied. . . . Tweed pulled out the new constitution and bylaws and proudly showed them to the attorney. "The way it looks," Carter said, after reviewing the documents, "such a club has great possibilities if it could do something of some benefit to people besides its own members. I believe it should do civic service of some kind." Tweed responded with an offhand suggestion that would have ramifications both immediately and for 100 years to follow. "Why don't you join the club, and perhaps we could amend the constitution the way you think it should be done?"

Donald Carter joined the club in May 1906 and drafted a third Object (*of Rotary*), which was added in 1907:

- (1. The promotion of the business interests of its members.*
- 2. The promotion of good fellowship . . . )*
3. The advancement of the best interests of Chicago and the spreading of the spirit of civic pride and loyalty among its citizens.

This was a pivotal moment in Rotary's history. With Don Carter -- who became known as the Father of Community Service -- as the driving force, Rotary One enthusiastically embraced civic service as an ideal. Men who ran banks, law firms, and insurance companies were soon building comfort stations, helping disadvantaged children, and packing food baskets and delivering them to impoverished tenement dwellers.

*(To be Continued)*

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

That Group Study Exchange (GSE) awards travel expenses to paired Rotary Districts for reciprocal teams of non-Rotarians from a variety of professions to visit each other. One Rotarian accompanies the visitors and the hosting District organizes four- to six-week itineraries of vocational, educational, and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, about 65,000 individuals in over 13,500 teams from 106 countries have participated, at a cost in excess of \$100 million.

**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. lyf

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 20th	Lisa Vorderbuggen - Times Columnist
August 27th	Uri Elihau
Sept 3rd	Gina Allen - San Ramon Express
Sept 10th	John Carpenter

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

September 7th	Board Meeting - 5:30pm @ ATI
September 22nd	SRRC's 25th Anniversary Gala
October 1-4	District Conference Lake Tahoe NV
October 5th	Board Meeting - 5:30pm @ ATI
October 10th	Carboload 25

### Schedule of Greeters

August 20th	Kristin Parsons
August 27th	Mike Rood
September 3rd	Pat Paterson

