



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - August 20th by Tom Port

The **Bard**, apparently none the worse for his encounter with the shallow end of **Gary Sloan's** pool, opened the meeting with sonorous tones.



Kristin Parsons gave us the thought for the day "...better to be exhausted from success than rested from failure".

The patriotic song was "led" by **Geoff Johnson** and went OK after the rest of us reached agreement on what key we were supposed to sing in.

Visiting Rotarians:



Gahame Henderson of Pebbles, Scotland, the homeland of **John Kenny** this year's RI President, paid us another visit and brought us greetings from his fellow Rotarians in the land of the kilt.

Jay Tontz, our old friend, also showed up, as did **Elaine Betts** from the San Ramon Valley club.

Announcements:

Thanks to **Gary Sloan** for the great swim party at his house Saturday. District Leadership training went well as reported by **Mike Prilutsky** – except for the projector failure which forced **Kathy Gailey** to ad lib.

Karen McNamara says get your Club Survey's in a.s.a.p.

Mexican GSE Team is coming in September. Sign ups are needed for drivers, guides, housing help and etc. The team will also be attending a baseball game.

Carboload is coming up Oct 10th. As always **Jeff Disch** needs silent auction items. Tickets sales are just getting started so have at it. Also, we could definitely use more sponsors.

Service Above Self

The **Bard** also reminded members of the upcoming District Conference Oct 2 – 4 at South Lake Tahoe. Sure to be a great event

John Sims awarded multiple Paul Harris's to **Mike Gunning**: two sapphires; **Fletch Thames**: 3 sapphires; and **Horace Crawford**: two rubies. Congratulations and our thanks to them!!!

Mexican Orphanages: **Paula** reminded us that books, paper and pencils are still needed.



Steve Wilcox and **Fletcher Thames** presented CarboLoad Sponsorship checks as they have so faithfully done in the past.



Golfers: Sept. 24 is the day. Check with **Steve Wilcox**.

Recognitions:

Horace Crawford, Kristin Parsons, Lucky Sandhu and **Kathe Mitchell** all got taxed. As did **Annie Gibbs**. At least the **Bard** had the decency to fine himself for screwing up the e-mail intended for our Pat Paterson (one "t"), and sending it instead to a previously unknown two "t" Patterson who found the mistake annoying, but got over it.

Program:



For the benefit of those who don't get their fill of politics from the cable channels Contra Costa Times political reporter, **Lisa Vorderbuggen**, gave us an update on the political scene regarding the District 10 special election September 1 to fill the seat being vacated by Congresswoman EllenTauscher. It appears Garamendi, who really lives in District 3, and is be attacked as a "carpet bagger" has a slight advantage over the other 13 candidates at this point, although a close vote is expected. District 10 has been gerrymandered as a safe Democratic District. Nevertheless, on the Republican side, David Harman hopes to do the impossible and win later this fall. New district lines will be drawn in 2011. California may actually lose a seat.

As for the governor's race, "moonbeam" Jerry Brown is viewed as the likely winner over Gavin Newsom who's popularity statewide is nothing like his popularity with the SF folks.

Carly Fiorini is expected to give Barbara Boxer a stiff challenge for her Senate seat. As for McNerney, town halls are to be avoided, but I guess you really can't blame him after what we have seen on the national cable channels over August.

So, that's the political scoop, according to **Lisa Vorderbuggen**.



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, August 20th, 2009, you will be greeted by Mike Rood

Here are some things you should know about Mike:

Mike has been a member of our club since, October 2008

Classification: Club Management

While born in Santa Monica, I basically grew up in rural Missouri on the family farm. I received a degree in History from William Jewell College in Kansas City, Missouri. It was during these years in college that a summer job working at a nearby Theme Park led to a full time job in the accounting department while still in school. After graduating and learning the business end of the Theme Park and Water Park industries, my career path led me into various management positions within the Recreational Industry. After about 10 years in the waterpark business, it took me to a company that owned and ran Waterworld USA. First in Phoenix and then Sacramento and Concord. This time also provided me experiences in designing, building and running large family entertainment facilities including miniature golf courses, large arcades, bowling alleys and various restaurants.

My experience in the Golf and Country Club Business began in 1995 as a marketing and sales executive with American Golf. I was responsible for membership sales and revenue strategies for 35 Clubs located in the Midwest. My focus then moved from sales to operations as I became a Regional Operations Director. During this time, I also had the opportunity to build 3 country clubs from the ground up and oversee the remodel of 5 more. In the fall of 2005, the ability to move the family back to California arose and run the Pacific Northwest Region for American Golf. In the spring of 2008, the perfect opportunity came up to become the General Manager of Crow Canyon Country Club where I have been enjoying every moment.

My wife of 16 years, Valarie is a District Sales Manager for Valley Yellow Pages in Walnut Creek. We have a son, Matt who is 14 and a daughter, Lindsay who is 12. Outside of work, both Valarie and I support the kids who are very active in sports while on competitive traveling teams. but if we're not in the bleachers at a game, you can find the Roods back country in the mountains or hiking isolated beaches on the coast.

About Rotary!

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

The Seed is Planted (cont'd)

(With the Rotary Club of Chicago adopting community service as its third "Object of Rotary" in 1907, other opportunities were starting to be discussed. The Club had grown to 140 members and was now a registered non-profit corporation, but.)

(Paul) Harris wasn't satisfied. He thought: If the Rotary Club has been this well received, if it has made such a difference in Chicago, why not replicate it in other large cities? He had written to business contacts and former college friends in other cities, but none of them had shown any interest in picking up the mantle. Even his dear friend George W. Clark in Florida had not responded favorably. Then there was his own club, which would have to commit manpower, money, and effort to extend the club to other cities.

When he proposed the idea to Chicago members, he found considerable opposition. After all, they argued, they had formed and joined the Rotary Club to make friends, increase their business from other local merchants, and later, to improve the city of Chicago. What benefit would they gain by starting a club in New York City or Jacksonville?

Paul knew he would lose if he insisted that the club officially embrace his expansion ideas. It was therefore only in a casual way that he talked with Manuel Munoz in June 1908 when Munoz told Harris that his company was sending him on a business trip to San Francisco. . . . Paul said, "Maybe you could get someone interested in starting a Rotary club there." This off-hand suggestion changed forever the shape of the Rotary movement.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

That the Rotary Club of Pondicherry (India) meets on Wednesdays, at 7:30 pm? Well, you could have found this out by checking the Rotary International website! If you're interested in doing a Make-Up Meeting anywhere in the world, while travelling, check out the places you'll be visiting before you leave. You can drop in and enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner with fellow Rotarians. It's also good to keep the contact information provided on the website handy, in case you should encounter difficulties in out-of-the-way places!

Shared by Hermann Welm

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Dr, Danville

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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:

Sept 3rd	Gina Allen - San Ramon Express
Sept 10th	John Carpenter
Sept 17th	Camp Royal/Robotics - Spike Stevens
Sept 24th	Tassajara School House - Ed Duarte

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 27th	Mike Rood
September 3rd	Pat Paterson
September 10th	Randy Perkins

