



# Crow's Call



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## Rotary Meeting - August 6th by Tom Port



Our President-Elect, **Bob Desautels**, who's nickname has yet to be coined, opened our meeting as "**the Bard**" was still up in Oregon obsessing over more of his names sake's plays.

**Annie Gibbs** was the greeter (her first time, I believe). Annie offered a helpful thought for the day and introduced the visiting Rotarians.

**Bob** pointed to our banners that are once again on prominent display and reminded all members to bring back banners when we visit other clubs. We are very proud of the national and international orientation of our club and its members.

All present noticed that the bust of Sir William, once thought to have been stolen, had surprisingly reappeared. The fact that its true owner was out-of-state may or may not have been a factor. Sadly, one of our members seems to have taken up the dark practice voodoo, as the dear Sir William was missing an ear and showed other macabre signs of serious lacerations.

### **Announcements:**

**Steve Hart** and **Nancy Vinson** have left the club. Steve may be rejoining some time next year. Nancy explained by letter that she simply could not find the time to keep up.

District Training is coming up August 15. It will take place in Fairfield. See **Herm** or **Mike Prilutsky** for details.

**Geoff Johnson** advises of the need for housing and help with events in regard to the visiting GSE team this September. He is working with Alamo and San Ramon Valley clubs.

**Mike Prilutsky** detailed opportunities to participate in the GSE team next spring.

Rotary Alliance: **Hermann Welm** seeks volunteers for the next event.



**Service Above Self**



**Jeff Disch** announced that Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party will be held September 22. This is a “not-to-be missed” event.

**Mike Gunning** reminded us that Carbo-Load is coming up fast. As always, silent auction items are much needed. Tickets were passed out and all are urged to push sales aggressively.

District Conference: This is set for October 2 through 4th in South Lake Tahoe. Lets show support for our new District Governor by attending this great event.

Mexican orphanages: Books, paper and pens are needed.

Thank you notes from the kids who received dictionaries from us were passed around.

**Program:** Our speaker was **Fire Chief Richard Price**. Chief Price gave a fascinating overview of the San Ramon Valley District's organization, fire prevention efforts and community involvement. The District maintains two cameras, whose constantly streaming video is viewable on line at the Department's website. These cameras provide the Department with real-time information on locations of fires or other issues.



The Chief passed around reference books which provide responding fire crews with highly detailed information regarding structures, roads, fire hydrants, etc. to assist them in responding to any kind of emergency.

Recent emergencies mentioned by the Chief included a brush fire at Las Trampas on Aug. 5 and a structure fire in July.

To improve community understanding and involvement agenda of upcoming Board meetings and other topics of community interest are posted on the Department's website.

The Chief spoke about how the Department handles call for help and, in general, projected a very reassuring sense that our community is well protected for any conceivable type of emergency or threat.

Next weeks Program: Alan Purvis - Scottish Games

Next weeks Greeter: Mona Keady

**Guy Greco** being honored for his service as Assistant District Governor 2008-2009





# San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



**This week, August 6th, 2009, you will be greeted by Mona Keady**

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

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

**Classification: Chocolatier**

Mona Keady has a mission: to create the ultimate instrument of chocolate pleasure. Keady's passion is perfection. This she achieves by pairing the finest chocolate available with the ideal blend of flavorings and textures, and finishing each confectionary taste sensation with a design so elegant, so enticing, that no self-respecting chocolate lover can leave it on the shelf.

Keady's drive to perfect the chocolate experience compelled her to hone her art at the most respected pastry and chocolate institutions in Europe, including the École LeNôtre in Paris, France, the École du Grand Chocolate Valrhona at Tain l'Hermitage, (France) , the Callebaut Chocolate Academy in Gent, Belgium and the École Bellouet Conseil, also in Paris. Raised in a culinary family where "good was good, but you could always do better," and trained under master chocolate makers whose highest form of praise was "*pal mal*" ("not bad"), Keady is accustomed to producing nothing short of excellence. She embraces the highest standards—in crafting her extraordinary chocolates, in growing her business and in living her life. This approach is reflected in her company's name, Raffiné: to refine, to enhance, to create a product that rises above all others.

Keady is committed to bringing the true European chocolate experience to the American palate. She also supports a variety of social issues, and frequently volunteers for charitable events through the World Pastry Forum. Keady currently lives in Danville, California, with her husband, Jim, whose second passion, after his wife, is her chocolate

# About Rotary!

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

The Seed is Planted (cont'd)

*(In early 1905, the Rotary Club of Chicago had established many meeting protocols, but changes toward a more service-oriented organization were afoot almost from the start.)*

The club continued to grow, but while its members joined for the objectives outlined in 1905 -- business reciprocity and friendship -- others began to wonder if they should do more. It is noteworthy to remember that many members hailed from rural villages and farms, where helping a neighbor in need was considered a natural, unquestioned act of service. Paul Harris later stated that in his mind, the club was never intended solely to promote business between members: "Whether a member was selfish or unselfish depended, of course, upon where he found his happiness." He added that many of those 1905 members had designated their days at the dawning of Rotary as "the sweetest and most selfless of their lives."

Long before the club adopted "service" as an objective, individual members gave freely of their time, talent, and treasure to those in need. In 1907, Paul Harris agreed to assume the Rotary Club's presidency, and used his bully pulpit to move the club toward the vision that was evolving in his mind.

Back in 1905, he had realized that the club needed a formal structure, so he drafted its first constitution and bylaws, which . . . . . included only two Objects (*of Rotary*):

1. The promotion of the business interests of its members.
2. The promotion of good fellowship . . . . .

Both these goals were clearly being met. . . . . But several members wanted the club to reach for higher, altruistic goals. This was due, in part, to scattered press reports criticizing Rotarians for selfish motives, but largely because the members wanted to give something back to their community to make it a better place.

*(To be Continued)*

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

That you, as a Rotarian, are NOT a member of Rotary International. Technically, you are only a member of your Rotary Club; Rotary International's 33,000 clubs are its members. This bit of arcane information will someday come in very handy on a trivia quiz!

**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. wol

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 13th Alan Purvis - Scottish Games  
August 20th Lisa Vorderbuggen - Times Columnist  
August 27th Uri Elihau  
Sept 3rd Gina Allen - San Ramon Express

### Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

August 15th Family BBQ - Gary Sloan's Home  
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 13th Mona Keady  
August 20th Kristin Parsons  
August 27th Mike Rood

