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Rotary Meeting - September 24th by Marie Galbo

President Bill "The Bard" Harlan opened the meeting and welcomed all to our Club. Greeter, Mike Prilutsky, saluted firefighters in honor of our visiting GSE team from Mexico. After our flag salute and patriotic song, Mike introduced visiting Rotarians Larry Blair and Valerie Munoz. Guests included David's wife, Claudia Quick, Gary Curley from Venture, and Thomas Chan from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage (Crissy McConnell). Welcome song led by the Steve Wilcox table.



Mark von gratefully accepted sponsor checks from Garth Riopelle, David Quick, Guy Greco, and Ray Giles.



Special thanks to Mike Prilutsky for his hard work organizing our GSE team from Mexico. Club members providing housing and assistance include Kathy Gailey and Marie Galbo. A farewell dinner will be held Saturday night at 7pm at Primo's Pizza in Danville.

Guest, Gary Curley, presented the "Top Ten Reasons Why You Joined the San Ramon Rotary Club".

10. You heard that singing at Rotary lunches was excellent preparation for the American Idol tryouts.

9. You wanted to join a group interested in improving the world, but you were too afraid of heights to consider living in a tree.

8. You chose the Rotary Club over the Lions Club because of the huge signing bonus.

7. You became so adept at dodging the San Ramon police radar guns that you missed the thrill of getting fined.

6. You thought the Rotary was a club for people like yourself who loved to



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spin around in circles until they got dizzy and fell down, and it turned out you were partly right.

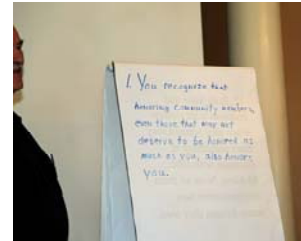
5. Who in their right mind wouldn't identify more with an activist group that's into "Carboloading" and sit-down lunches than with groups that prefer fasting and marching?

4. What better way to hone your public speaking skills without a lot of harsh criticism than to speak before your fellow Rotarians who never listen to you?

3. You actually wanted to join an Oakland Raiders' booster club but your spouse threw away all your old Halloween costumes.

2. You thought it would be a great way to meet other good looking, charming, brilliant, and sophisticated people, at least until you attended your first meeting.

1. You recognize that honoring community members, even those that may not deserve to be honored as much as you, also honors you.



David Quick reminded all of the Shadow Program signups scheduled on October 15. In addition, Rotarians should take advantage of the opportunity to have "brown bag" lunches with Cal High students..a forty minute presentation about your area of expertise.

A special thanks to Crissy McConnell and her "25th Anniversary" committee. All members' names were not mentioned...but thank you all!

Carbo-load is quickly approaching. Mike Gunning is busy putting together the finishing touches. Don't forget to sell and return tickets (Bill Clarkson), buy and sell raffle tickets (Hermann Welm or Crissy McConnell), provide silent auction items (Jeff Disch), look for sponsors, and check your workforce assignments(Steve Wilcox), and bring FULL propane tanks (Jim Livingstone).

Gary Sloan announced our next member's night out .. a Halloween Party to be held at Chris and Renee Gallagher's home on Friday, October 30th. Also watch for an email regarding new Club shirt ordering instructions.

Reminder from John Sims..one more week for Club matching funds for our annual Rotary Foundation donation. Contact John or Jeff Disch.

Hermann Welm eagerly presented Rob Scott's with his Blue Badge after Rob successfully recited the "4 WAY TEST".



Cal High "Student of the Month" award was presented to Ashley Jensen by Steve Renfro. Ashley has been busy setting up fall orientation and registration for 2400 students, Homecoming, and Cal High news editor.

The Bard recognized Kathe Mitchell for moving “up” i.e. from 1909 to 1911 Devil View Place!!! And what was that about Barry the “Toby Toile Twister”? I missed that part of the entertainment at the 25th Anniversary Party!

Mike Prilutsky introduced our firefighting and paramedic GSE team from District 4130, Mexico. Team Leader, Rolando Chavez, indicated that their District has 40 exchange students a year, send 520,000 USD to the Rotary Foundation, provide 10,000 hearing aids and 500 wheelchairs a year, and provide equipment for hospitals and water projects. He also honored the late, RI President, Carlos Consecro, for his vision of a polio free world.

Fire chief, Rene Alejandro Calderas, is 33 years old and has been a firefighter for seven years. He has also studied to be a veterinarian.

Maria Fernanda Hinojosa is a 24 year old paramedic from Monterey. Monterey is known for its tourism industry.

Alejandro Reyna Limon is a fire chief from Montemouilus, an area known for citrus producing.

Gilberto Alonso Almaguer is 29 and also a paramedic from Monterey. Mexico has 65 indigenous languages, primarily Catholic, and known for their enchiladas and mole. Tequila is their national drink.



Next week's speaker-Peace Scholar from UC
Next week's greeter-Rick Probert.



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, October 1, 2009, you will be greeted by Rick Probert

Here are some things you should know about Rick:

Rick has been a member of our club since, April 1987

Classification: Fire Protection

Rick Probert has been a resident in the San Ramon Valley for 34 years. He has been married to Judy for 42 years and has one daughter, Natalie Kurtz and a four year old grandson named Jake. Rick is retired from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District after 28 years of service. Prior to joining the fire service Rick was a journeyman machinist with Chevron in their Richmond Refinery.

Rick and Judy enjoy all aspects of retirement, but especially the time that they can spend with their grandson. As with many of their generation they are faced with the challenges that come with caring for their aging parents. Most recently this has taken up much of their time to ensure that they receive the care and attention that they deserve.

Rick and Judy would be the first to tell you that they are blessed to have the love of their family and friends, live in a wonderful community and above all have their health. Rick believes that you do the best that you can with tools that you are given to make a difference.

About Rotary!

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

The Expansion across America

(By 1909, Rotary Clubs had formed up and down the West Coast, using the Chicago "formula" almost verbatim. Homer Wood had been a driving force in these expansions, Wood himself having been introduced to the Rotary idea by Chicago's Manuel Munoz.)

Paul Harris and Homer Wood came to like one another immensely, despite not having met. They regularly corresponded and agreed to each send encouraging letters to anyone with the potential for starting a new club. Having failed to win over his dear friend George Clark in Florida, Harris asked Wood to write him with inspiring news from the West Coast. Homer heard of a prospect in Denver and not only wrote to him but also quickly passed on the lead to Paul. A few days later, Harris wrote to Wood, asking him to send "the Rotary letter" to somebody in Washington, D.C. Skeptics have argued that selfish interests were behind the person who organized a business-boosting club in his own city, but that charge cannot be leveled against a person who helps the movement grow in distant towns where he has no interests. In 1938, Arthur Holman described Homer Wood as "the secret ingredient" in Rotary, adding, "In those early days, the original Rotary idea hit Homer Wood harder than anyone else, for here was the first real missionary of Rotary."

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

That during the early organizational year of 1909, the club that was forming up in Los Angeles hired a professional organizer to assist in making contact with senior executives. After about a year, the club's Board fired him for reasons unknown, however, Herbert C. Quick was not going to let that interfere with his pursuit of financial gain from a good idea. He incorporated the National Rotary Club ahead of the Los Angeles club. And when he tried to do the same in Seattle, the Los Angeles Rotarians warned them; they barely beat him to the punch there. By 1912, Quick's own Board had had enough of his financial shenanigans and also fired him; the two rival Los Angeles clubs then merged in November 1912.

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. swc

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:

Oct 1st	Peace Scholar from UC - Mark Von
Oct 8th	Carboload - Mike Gunning

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

October 1-4	District Conference Lake Tahoe NV
October 5th	Board Meeting - 5:30pm @ ATI
October 10th	Carboload 25

Schedule of Greeters

October 1st	Rick Probert
October 10th	Sam Parwiz
October 17th	Garth Riopelle

