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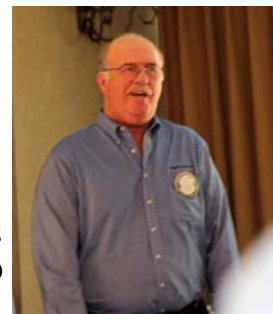
Tom Port

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Rotary Meeting - October 15th by Tom Port



"The Bard" opened the meeting in a typically gregarious way with a hearty "welcome back" for **Don Jones**, who appeared most chipper after his surgery and even led the Patriotic Song. "My Country Tis of Thee". Also making a cameo appearance was our old friend **Rob Blatecky**.



Garth Riopelle was the greeter for the day and the Thought for the Day was: "Service is the rent we pay to be living".

Announcements:



Carboload. It was **Mike Gunning's** turn to receive accolades for the tremendous effort he and his team put into making another "Carboload" a success. Special thanks to those who stayed on after the Cal High Football team's 11:00 p.m. curfew and loaded all the equipment back in the loft at Geoff Johnson's garage.

Paula Silva was noted, not without some suspicion, for her uncanny psychic ability to identify, in advance, mind you, the two winning Carboload raffle tickets.

David Quick was honored for his successful efforts with the **Shadow Program**.

Patti, Pam, Mona, Sam & Steve Renfro were given accolades for their work on the **Literacy Program**.



Service Above Self

John Sims made his usual "2-minute" pitch re Rotary International.

The **Five-club meeting** will be held November 11, 2009 at Roundhill CC. If you plan to attend, be sure to sign up with **Bill Clarkson** as they need a firm attendance figure.

The **Dictionary Project**, under the direction of **George Gaylor**, is a go. All teams are fully staffed.

The **Club Assembly**, will be held Thursday, November 5. No noon meeting that day.

The club's **Halloween Party** will be held Friday, October 30, at the **Gallagher's**. All who remember the **Gallagher's** Halloween party a few years back can attest this is an event not to be missed.

Mark Von (good luck spelling **Hoetendorff**) received accolades along with **Lucky Sandhu**, for their contributions to the recent Rotary Zone Institute in Monterey. **Lucky** for a talk on social networking and **Mark** for a talk on the 5- club "Rotary Alliance".

Sign-ups for a CD of photos from the **25th Anniversary party** were passed around.

Marco Bronzini announced the last golf outing of the season is in 2 weeks at Castlewood. They need more foursomes.

Finally, the **Bard** played auctioneer for **Mona Keady's** fabulous chocolate bars and they went like the proverbial hot cakes.

Featured Speaker:

Peggy Kennedy discussed her book "**Approaching Neverland**", a memoir of her family's personal struggle to adapt and cope with mental illness, terminal disease, homosexuality and many of the other issues that challenge us in today's world.

Her parents met as children and were childhood sweethearts. Her father was a paratrooper in the WWII and returned home to marry and raise five children. As was common place in the fifties and sixties, her mother's bi-polar mental illness was held as a closely guarded secret as long as possible. Today, groups like the National Alliance for Mental Illness are working to gain acceptance of such diseases and assists families in coping with those who are ill. Peggy faced many challenges and discussed them with candor and compassion. She became a realtor in San Ramon, but later decided to divorce and move to San Francisco to pursue a more creative career as an event promoter. Two of her siblings had to deal with being gay, one dying of AIDS. Her father died of Alzhiemer's, her mother died of cancer, but through it all she maintained her humanity and optimism. She later became reconciled to her former husband and finally, with the permission of her sister and brother, decided to tell her family's story.



The Raffle: Bob Desautels won a double header. Kinda makes ya wonder, don it?

Next weeks Greeter is John Sims



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, October 22, 2009, you will be greeted by John Sims

Here are some things you should know about John:

John has been a member of our club since, January 1991

Classification: Management Education

Widower for nearly seven years, after 61 years of marriage to the love of my life, Judy. Four children, all happily married, the results of one marriage all the way to a great-grandson. Each has been a guest at a San Ramon Rotary meeting at one time or another. Jack, retired after 40+ years of Army and government service, as Director of a VA Hospital in Maine; Jeff, soon to retire after 40+ years in the Army and U. S. Forest Service; Susan, early retiree from Intel; Melissa, after career in Silicon Valley teaches second grade in San Jose.

Attended The Ohio State University for one year, where I played in The Best Damn Band in the Land, the Ohio State Marching Band. Entered the U. S Naval Academy at Annapolis, graduated in 1940, retired at the rank of Captain in 1965. During WWII had a bunch of different assignments, one of the more interesting was with the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy at various bases in the United Kingdom. After the war was designated for Aeronautical Engineering Duty Only, spent the remainder of my career about equal time between the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington and Naval Air Stations in Alameda and San Diego and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

In addition to a BS degree from the USNA, I earned an MBA from Harvard Business School, a Diploma from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and a PhD in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley. Other academic experience included Instructor of Aeronautical Engineering at MIT, instructor at UC Berkeley, Professor of Business Administration at George Mason University, and Professor of Business Administration at California State University, Hayward, where I was promoted to the rank of Professor Emeritus in the School of Business and Economics and retired in 1983. I continued with projects in the School of Business and Economics, and with academic accreditation assignments by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

I've been a Rotarian for 30-some years. Paul Harris Fellow + 8. Past President Hayward South Rotary Club. Received the Hall Of Partners Award for 20 years service on the Board of the Eden Area Branch of the Alameda County YMCA. Served for many years as an officer and member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Purchasing Management, Northern California (now The Institute for Supply Management). Currently, in addition to Rotary, I'm involved as Secretary of my USNA class, and with the Crow Canyon Country Club Estates Community Association.

About Rotary!

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

The Expansion across America

(It's 1910, and there were now 16 Rotary clubs with 1,800 members across the United States. Nearly every club had adopted almost verbatim versions of the Chicago club's constitution and bylaws.)

Even before the San Francisco club had been chartered, Paul Harris wrote Manuel Munoz on 2 October 1908 suggesting "a National body with legislative capacities of its own" that could also assist local clubs and coordinate policy and programs. By the time there were clubs on both coasts, several Chicago members had become strong proponents of Paul's idea of a national body. There was still opposition to the idea of extension within the Chicago club. They did not resist the idea of additional clubs so much as they disliked having to fund the cost of national expansion from their pockets. The two sides compromised with the idea of forming a federation of clubs that would share both the financial and administrative burdens of extension.

Clubs around the country agreed to support a national convention at which an association could be formed after democratic discussion of its objectives and rules. Chicago seemed the obvious location, and they agreed it should begin on 15 August 1910.

Proud and excited, the delegates converged on Chicago that sweltering August week. Fourteen of the 16 clubs were represented, and voting delegates, observers, and guests arrived with the conviction that for all they had witnessed of Rotary pioneering at a local level, they were about to become a part of a new chapter in the organization's history -- and perhaps America's history as well.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

One of the more recent Rotary traditions began in 1984-85 when the District Governors decided to wear a distinctive yellow sport coat to official Rotary events. Since then, it has become the practice that each incoming President of Rotary International picks a color, shade, and pattern for the upcoming year, to be unveiled at the International Assembly.

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. kmc

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 22nd Health Care & Web 2.0 - Vince Golla

Oct 29th Paula Boswell - Horace Crawford

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

October 30th Halloween Party - Chris Gallagher

November 5th Club Assembly - No noon meeting!

November 11th 5 Club Meeting at Roundhill CC

December 12th Holiday Party - John Tatum

Schedule of Greeters

October 22nd John Sims

October 29th Rob Scott

