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Rotary Meeting - October 1st by Karen McNamara



President **Billy the Bard** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Rick Probert was today's greeter. He was introduced by the Bard as the 'man who still suspends his pants between two chairs just in case he has to jump into them in the middle of the night. His thought for the day is: "Give thanks for good health and the strength of family, and best wishes to Don Jones and his family". Rick is a former Chief of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.



Visiting Rotarians: None today

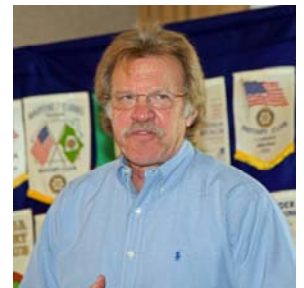
Table introductions: **Bill Clarkson** introduced David Harmer, who is a Congressional candidate.

The banner of the week was from Natale Brasil which is a 'sister-club' to our Rotary Club.

Announcements

Mike Prilutsky thanked everyone who participated in the GSE events including Marie Galbo and Steve Hart.

The 3rd grade dictionary project is underway. Contact George Gayler for a date and time to assist with passing out dictionaries at 11 elementary schools in San Ramon.



Service Above Self

Steve Wilcox announced the winners of the last Golf Tournament Bob Desautels won the Nostalgia award and Barry Toby had the only Eagle that day. Adorable hats were issued as prizes.



David Quick announced the Shadow Program for high school students. If you are interested in participating, please contact David.

Fine Free Announcements:

Bob Desautels announced that his company was recently recognized as one of the 50 fastest growth companies in the East Bay.

Ed Duarte announced that his company was just awarded a contract with EBMUD.

Recognitions

Karen McNamara was for leaving the president free to operate without restraint of a responsible official, which really means that the Secretary was late in submitting the first payment to RI for dues, so we are now recognized as the Rogue Club of the West.

Jim Livingstone was recognized for his overzealous, obvious attempt to make contact with our recent speaker, political editor, Lisa Vorderbuggen, to show her his 'ouchy'finger.

Pam Bickford was recognized for being a descendent of one of America's great actors – Charles Bickford – famed for his role as the power hungry rancher in The Big Country [which very few of us remembered]

John Tatum was recognized for introducing his Rotary Club president as 'my cranky old uncle I have to babysit this afternoon'.

Paula Silva was recognized for providing 'interesting' educational consultants to Cal High at the recent All Club Assembly where the students met Raiderettes as a strategy for enticing enrollment in the Interact Club – apparently it worked - over 350 students signed a roster of interest in joining. This was picked up by Spike Stevens.

Sarah Meyers was recognized, but not fined, for sitting in a big-girl chair for the first time at the Rotary meeting.

Program:

Bill Clarkson introduced the guest speaker today- Ali Eshraegi – who is a Rotary Peace Scholar candidate. Among other accomplishments, Ali attended UC Berkeley School of Journalism and has a PhD in political science. Ali's talk today was titled Playing Chess with a Gorilla which symbolizes the struggle of Iran's people against the government. The people of Iran live in an environment of silent protests, military forces killing innocent citizens, arrests. Yet, in the last election, Iran saw the highest rate of participation. Iran has one of the highest rates of inflation in the Middle East. It is an ancient civilization of over 7000 years – formerly known as Persia. There are nearly 75 million people in Iran with nearly 70% living in urban areas. Ali described many of the struggles and political issues, talked about the role of the US government in Iranian affairs and the hopes for the country. He spoke of 'putting the gorilla in the cage of democracy, and teaching them to play chess.'



Raffle winners were Marie Galbo and Ed Duarte

Next week's meeting is all about CarboLoad—Mike Gunning

Next week's greeter is Sam Parwiz

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING FULL PROPANE TANKS TO CARBOLOAD



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, October 1, 2009, you will be greeted by Sam Parwiz

Here are some things you should know about Sam:

Sam has been a member of our club since, September 2009

Classification: Real Estate Agent

Sam was born in Afghanistan and raised in Concord California. He received a B.S. degree from UC Davis. He became a Realtor in 1999 and has been with J.Rockcliff Realtors in Danville since 2007.

He and his wife, Mary, have one son, Arris. The Parwiz Family has lived in San Ramon since 2006.

Sam is very active within his industry. He is a member of the Contra Costa Association of Realtors and California Association of Realtors. Sam and Mary have been in the President's Club, acknowledging outstanding performance within the company, at J. Rockcliff for the last 2 years.

Sam loves to coach youth soccer and works out religiously. His hobbies include, body building reading and traveling. Sam donates significant time and money to the The Alameda and Contra Costa Food Banks.

He lives by this code of ethics: "We are all one."

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 were forming up rather regularly, particularly in the West, due in large part to the efforts of Homer Wood, "the secret ingredient" in Rotary.)

Immensely satisfied, Paul Harris shared the news of the westward expansion with his fellow club members in Chicago. He had proven, while avoiding a confrontation with the doubters, that Rotary was as inspiring a concept in other cities as it was in their own town. *(But opposition from some vocal members of his club continued.)*

"Their opposition caused me deep concern at a time when my burdens were many and heavy," Paul later admitted. To ease those burdens in managing a fast-growing club, he appointed an executive committee, and those officers generally felt that the success on the West Coast could motivate some in Rotary One to help develop the movement in the East.

New York was the obvious first city targeted, and Paul Harris wrote to Daniel L. Cady, an old University of Vermont friend who was now practicing law in Manhattan. Cady was interested *(and)* on 18 August 1909 hosted a meeting in his office for local businessmen Elmer De Peu and Arthur Bullock. Fred Tweed *(one of the 1905 Chicago Club members)* soon joined them. The visitor spoke enthusiastically for an hour on the Rotary concept, the benefits to all concerned, and its evolving focus on civic service. *(They moved on to lunch, followed by more discussions in Bullock's office that afternoon.)* By the time the meeting ended, it was their unanimous decision to bring Rotary to New York.

. . . . *(On)* 24 August 1909, 26 men gathered for dinner at the Café Martin on Fifth Avenue and 26th Street and decided to charter the Rotary Club of New York. *(Arthur)* Bullock became the engine that helped drive the movement into other cities, too. He printed an eight-page brochure titled "Rotary Is One Kind of Thing and Every Other Club Is Something Else" and mailed it to friends and business contacts in cities where he thought there should be a club.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, in accepting honorary membership in the Rotary Club of Colmar, France, said: "I feel that I am in a sympathetic group. I feel that I am among men who sincerely desire to give our civilization more *spiritualite*, a deepening of thought and of human ideals, and a will to save the world from ruin. I am, therefore, one of you"

NOTE: for the yung-uns in the Club who don't know who Dr. Schweitzer is, please refer to Wikipedia.

Shared by Hermann Welm

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
Crow Canyon Country Club
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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. yaw

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 8th Carboload - Mike Gunning
Oct 15th John Marsh House - Dr. Bill

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

October 10th Carboload 25

October 30th Halloween Party - Chris Gallagher
December 12th Holiday Party - John Tatum

Schedule of Greeters

October 8th Sam Parwiz
October 15th Garth Riopelle
October 22nd Lucky Sandhu

