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Rotary Meeting - October 8th by Art Kubal



WELCOME was made by **President Bill** and he reminded us that R. I. Pres. John Kinny's theme is "The Future of Rotary is in your hands".



Sam Parwiz gave a thought for the day after being introduced as the only member whose last name ends in "Z", unless you count our resident rapper, Captain **John Sim-z**. Sam's thought was "Our lives should not be judged by what we take but by what we give".

Fred Nevarez (another name ending in "Z"??) was asked to lead his table in "My Country 'Tis of Thee". The start was lethargic, the middle was ok, and the end was very good. But **Bard** recognized Fred for \$40 for such a bad start to such a great song.

VISITING ROTARIANS were Steve Lasky of the Alamo Club and Kathleen Minser from the Livermore Club. Table introductions included, Peter Meun, a guest of **Glen Weber**; Terri Khonsari, an author, guest of **Carolyn Degnan**. The welcome song was led by **Susan Myers** and her daughter **Sarah**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pres. **Bard, Guy, Glen, Spike, Bob, and Art** each gave a short report on one activity that they attended at the District Conference just held at Lake Tahoe. Each said the experience was uplifting, motivating, and very interesting and challenged each of to make plans to attend the next Conference which will be held in Sacramento next year.



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Service Above Self

David Quick reported that the Shadow Program has been postponed to another date yet to be decided but he still needs participants. Please see him for signup.

Dr. Bill announced that there will be a 6 Club meeting on Wednesday evening November 11 at Round Hill Country Club.

John Sims gave an early report that 20 members took advantage of the Club's \$200 or more matching program in September with several others contributing at a lower level not eligible for matching. He called up **Art Kubal** and presented him with a 5 ruby pin for reaching his next level of Paul Harris giving.



George Gayler said that dictionaries are a go again this year and that Team Captains have been named and you will be hearing from them soon about November deliveries.

Guy Greco announced that there will be a new member (old member ok too) refresher at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, 10/22, prior to the regular Club meeting.



Bob Desautels reported that there will be a Club Assembly on November 11 in the evening—no day meeting that day. Also, Club elections will be held on November 19 and Bob wants to hear from everyone about what they wish to work on next year. Time to STEP UP!

Chris Gallagher announced the Halloween Party at his and Rene's house on October 30. Get your costumes ready—it will be a blast.



Geoff Johnson updated us on **Don Jones's** progress. Don is at home, sitting up, and he sounds and looks like Don again. He can take phone calls at this time.



The Bard is collecting new and used books for family members of Will's Fourth Stryker Brigade in Fort Lewis who will package them as Christmas gifts for the soldiers serving in Kuwait and Iraq. Books are needed by October 22.

Mike Prilutsky announced a Scam Alert. It is a business filing for the State for which this company will do for you for \$235. You can do it yourself for only \$20. Your choice!



FINE FREE—GOOD NEWS

Patti Hennigan announced that her bilateral carpal tunnel surgery went well and other than a brace on each wrist, she is doing fine.

Pres. Bill plugged his upcoming presentation (7 p.m. on 10/8) at the Dougherty Station Library on the Harlan wagon train story and the Donner party. Also, he announced the new book "Sharing Memories", Contra Costa Community College Dist. 1948-2008, a collection of stories edited by Bill Harlan.



RECOGNITIONS:

Barry Toby \$40 for leaving his golf hat in the grill; **Ana Dominguez** (another "Z"???) \$40 after sharing her lunch with the people at her table and something about an updated version of "The People Eaters"; **Glen Weber** for his unabashed boosterism in support of a team nicknamed for a mixed drink responsible for the downfall of the nation, the Boilermakers; **Mike Gunning** for the cost of a court-ordered sanity hearing to determine why he took on heading Carboload for a second straight year (Mike told Bill to tread lightly because he still had time to resign the job!); **Dave Larsen** for disputing the wisdom of Jack Cade in Henry VI, Part 3 when he seizes power and says, "The first thing, let's kill all the lawyers"; **Pat Paterson** \$40 for planning to open a new restaurant up on the hill where Charlie Brown's used to be – "Haggis R Us"; **Marie Galbo** \$40 for discovering Discovery Center of the Lindsay Museum where grandparents go on Sundays to sit in little chairs which later have to be surgically removed; **Garth Riopelle** \$40 for his noble but ill-fated experiment in using silly putty for dental fillings—cost effective but side effects included people chewing each bite 347 times; **Sam Parwiz**, an alumnus of DVC and for \$40 Dr. Bill can make that incomplete for missing an essay assignment go away; **Spike Stevens** suggested that **Dr. Bill** should pony up \$40 because he needed help in assembling the LN-4 artificial hand at the conference. The help came from Spike's daughter!

PROGRAM:

Mike Gunning and his team reported on the status of upcoming Carboload and the things that yet needed doing. Kathleen Minser, from Waste Management, announced her donation of a 30 Yard Dumpster box as an auction item. New this year was the Billboard Truck which will be around town from now through the event. Also, **Mona Keady** announced that she was providing chocolate bars for sale with a Carboload wrapper printed by **Cho Tang**. By the time you read this, the Carboload party will be history. And a Great Time was had by all. Now it is time to give praise to **Mike Gunning and his entire team** for organizing such a great event. Thank you Mike!!



RAFFLE: The greeter \$20 gift was again won by **The Bard** and the \$20 Club gift was won by **Pam Bickford**.

The meeting adjourned on time!



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, October 8, 2009, you will be greeted by Garth Riopelle

Here are some things you should know about Garth:

Garth has been a member of our club since, April 1999

Classification: Dentist

Garth Riopelle was born in San Francisco and grew up in Lafayette, California. He attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Garth spent his last two years at U.C.S.B. doing lab research characterizing proteins isolated from pond algae. This research actually contributed to advances in cancer research.

Garth continued his studies at The Louisiana State University School of Dentistry located in New Orleans. In 1987 he was awarded a degree as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He then relocated back to California and did a one year General Dentistry Residency at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital. The VA gave Garth the added knowledge and experience to open his own dental practice.

Dr. Riopelle has been practicing General and Cosmetic Dentistry at the Marketplace in San Ramon for over 20 years. He is very active in the Contra Costa Dental Society, as well as the California Dental Association. He has taken many hours of continuing education and enjoys rebuilding his patients smiles.

Garth has been married to his college sweetheart, whom he met at the University of California at Santa Barbara, for 24 years now. Garth and Michele have been blessed with three terrific children, Ryan (19), Daniel (16) and Matthew (10). Their home is in Alamo, California.

Garth is active in the community as a member of the San Ramon Rotary Club. He was introduced to Rotary by his wife Michele, who was an active member of the San Ramon Rotary Club for over 10 years. He has also coached youth baseball, basketball, and soccer for over 15 years while his children participated. Garth's passion is snowshoeing up the Sierra peaks and snowboarding or skiing the deep powder in the backcountry.

About Rotary!

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

The Expansion across America

(1910 became a very busy year for Rotary. After having formed a club in New York in August 1909, clubs were chartered in both Minneapolis and St Paul -- within 24 hours of each other -- as well as St. Louis, New Orleans, Kansas City, Lincoln, Nebraska, Detroit, and Portland, Oregon.)

President Phil Grossmeyer of the Portland club had barely been elected when he received a telegram from members of the Seattle and Tacoma clubs informing him that they had recruited a delegation of 184 people, chartered a train, and would be arriving in a couple of days to help celebrate their membership in the Rotary family. By the time the train arrived, the Portland members had arranged accommodations and hired a band. The entire group marched in their own parade through the streets. "I will tell you, the Portland Rotary Club was organized with a vengeance," Grossmeyer wrote.

There were now 16 Rotary clubs with 1,800 members across the United States. While nearly every club had adopted almost verbatim versions of the Chicago club's constitution and bylaws, there was no requirement to do so. Indeed, as the National Rotary Club had demonstrated, anyone could start a club, name it "Rotary" if there was not already one in that city, and could then allow all kinds of undesirable activities in the name of Rotary.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

In 2005, the total number of Rotarians in the US, Canada, and the Caribbean was 423,000; Europe had 324,000 members, Japan had 103,300, Latin America had 90,500, India had 89,800, and Africa had 32,200.

Average club sizes were 59 for Japan, 58 for the US and Canada, 51 for Korea, 44 for Europe, 43 for India, 24 for Latin America, and 23 for Africa.

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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. www

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 15th Approaching Neverland - Peggy Kennedy, author
Oct 22nd Health Care & Web 2.0 - Vince Golla

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

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

Schedule of Greeters

October 15th Garth Riopelle
October 22nd Lucky Sandhu
October 29th Rob Scott

