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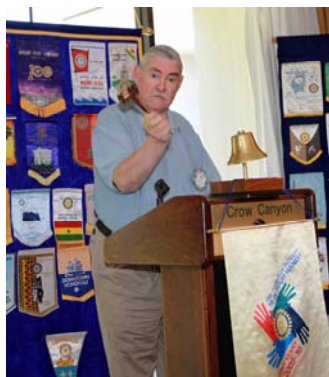
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Rotary Meeting — April 8th by Hermann Welm



President "The Bard" opened the meeting by reminding all that the RI President is John Kenny, of Scotland; his theme is "The Future of Rotary is in your Hands!"

Our Greeter sorta wandered all over, only once in a while performing his assigned duty. But then, PDG von Whopper is not a man to be assigned pe-

destrian jobs! By the time the Program called for a Flag Salute and a Thought for the Day, he appeared at the podium to utter, in part, that "Life is too short to wake up with regrets."



PP "Big Bird" Jones, recently returned from trip to NYC, and a performance at the Lincoln Center, led the assembly in a melodic rendition of "America the Beautiful."

Visiting Rotarians included **Bob Fletcher** and **Jim Coleman** (both from Danville/Sycamore).

Visitors included: **Kathleen Daniel**, **Aris Parwiz (Sam's son)**, **Scott Singley**, **Olivia** and **Jerry Larsen**, **Andrea** and **Wes Gibson**, and **Sunny Suppa**. The last three are affiliated with Wardrobes for Opportunity.

The lead for the singing of the Welcome Song was assigned to **Lucky Sandhu**, who humiliated his table because he didn't know the words (not even the first word!). After prompting from his table mates, a rough version was finally completed. Shameful! (A postscript: **Lucky** claims he DOES know the words to the short version; he has those memorized!)

Pre-Program Program: **The Bard** presented **Andrea "Andy" Gibbs** with her Unsung Heroes Award; she had been unable to attend the meeting in February. A staff member of Wardrobes for Opportunity, **Sunny Suppa**, gave us some background on **Andy's** efforts for this non-profit that provides business clothing, and style advice, to underprivileged women attempting to enter the workforce. **Andy** is the trainer for volunteer stylists at the organization; she does a magnificent job in getting their clients ready for their interviews.



Service Above Self

Announcements:

The Bard reminded us that the San Ramon Education Foundation is honoring our Rotary Club, and **John Tatum**, for the outstanding fundraising effort of the Christmas Tree Lot, on the evening of April 26. He would like a BIG turnout for this event; the ticket price is \$150, of which \$100 is a charitable contribution to the Foundation (ie –this **Scribe** is not a tax accountant, but think “tax deductible”). For the benefit of one member at least, shorts are NOT appropriate attire for this event!

The Bard reminded all the the Smoke Alarm Project, now expanded to cover the entire San Ramon Valley, is “ON” for April 24. Also, **Crissy McConnell** is moving along on the Fourth of July Rotary Float.

PP Guy Greco reminded all that the Rotary Bocce Ball Challenge is on June 5; from 10 am to 5 pm, in Martinez. It is free!



In **PP Dave Larsen's** absence, **The Bard** reminded us of the Day at the Races, which is scheduled for May 1, at Golden Gate Fields.

PE Dennis Garrison is looking for new Rotarians and his Board members to attend the District Assembly on April 17; in Vallejo, at the Solano College Center. It will be very informative.

This **Scribe** spoke about Rotarian support for the Senior Entertainment initiative that **Fumi Suzuki** is spear-heading. We really need one, two, or three Rotarians to be at each 1-hour session to represent us and to support **Michele Lane** and **Sue Tobin** as they entertain senior citizens.

PP Glen Weber announced that Key Employee Day will be on May 25; start thinking about which of your employees you'd like to host for that lunch.

PP Don Jones advised us that the San Ramon Wind Fair, and our two Beer/Wine Booths, will be on Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 30, and Monday, May 31. Do NOT make alternate plans for those days; we'll need each member to work at least one shift.

Captain-Doctor **John Sims** unveiled two new/refurbished banners which memorialize, chronologically, the Paul Harris Fellows in the club. Check them out!

Good Times/Good News: Nobody had any! Must have been a dismal week!



Fine Free Badge: After a spirited bidding war (or maybe “skirmish”), **Barry Toby**, using this **Scribe** as a proxy, relinquished the field of battle to **John Tatum**. **John** won the Badge for a mere \$60.00; in other words, **Barry** did not put up much of a fight!

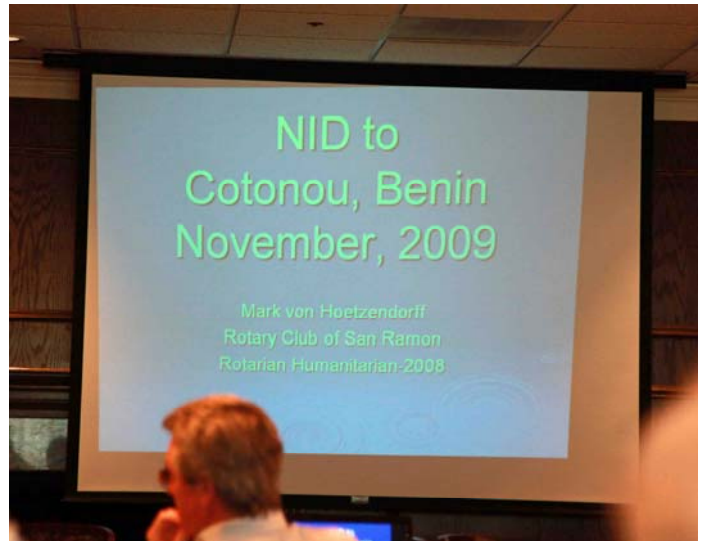
Recognitions: The same-said **John Tatum** immediately cashed in on his Fine Free Badge by avoiding a \$40 “recognition” for having been named the SRV Education Foundation’s Citizen of the Year. This **Scribe**, and **PP Don Jones**, were recognized for “tap dancing down the Great White Way, until the NYPD picked them up for public intoxication.” **Chris Gayler** and **Ira Hillyer** were fined merely for breathing (or was it for having survived their first few months in the Club?). **PP Glen Weber** was fined for permitting the SR Chamber to publish an article about him with a glaring punctuation error in the headline. And all those NOT attending the Six-Club Meeting recently were dinged \$40!

Program: **Mark von** first reminded all that Rotary International spearheaded the world effort to eradicate polio, starting in 1984. To date, Rotarians all over the world have donated over \$600 million. Success is on the horizon, since the annual toll of this permanently crippling, generally childhood, disease has been reduced from about 450,000 per year, worldwide, to maybe 600. It remains in isolated sectors in only four countries (Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan).

He then spoke about his experience with a Polio National Immunization Day (NID) in Benin, an African country located adjacent to Nigeria. A 28-person Rotarian team of 28 spent four days giving all children in an area near the Nigerian border their two drops of vaccine. They divided into two-person teams, plus an interpreter, dispensing both this and a worming medicine. His two-man squad handled a total of about 350 children. He found the experience most rewarding.

He then proceeded to a Rotary "Projects Fair" in West Africa, where 48 clubs presented the projects they need/want to handle, but for which they are in need of (primarily) financial partners. The clubs set up tables and came prepared with written prospectuses. To date, District 5160 clubs have picked up about \$400,000 in projects that were presented at this Fair.

The visitors were hosted and entertained by local Rotarians for the entire in-country portion of the trip.



A Shakespearean Moment:

The Bard asked, "What did Hamlet mean when he said to his supposed girlfriend, Ophelia, "get thee to a nunnery?" (*Hint: the "Nunnery" was a well known "sporting house" in London at the time of Shakespeare.*)

Raffle: The Greeter's Gift went to **Ana Dominguez**; Club Gift went to **Stan Smalley**. Where is the justice in that?

Next Week: The Greeter will be **Glen Weber**; the Program will be about Learning Disabilities, and a new paradigm of awareness.

SENIOR SMOKE ALARM PROJECT

DATE: Saturday, April 24, 2010

TIME: 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM

Once again Rotarians will be assisting the seniors of the San Ramon Valley and the Sunny Glen Community, by installing batteries to their existing smoke alarms and/or replacing their alarms with new ones. We have approximately 100 residents signed up to date. We plan to canvass additional homes to insure they have an opportunity to up-date their alarms.

This year the Senior Smoke Alarm Project (SSAP) has been expanded to include the Rotary Clubs of Alamo, Danville, Danville/Sycamore and San Ramon Valley. Rotary Interact members will also be joining us. These clubs are obtaining sign-ups in their areas. The SSAP will be a part of the District 5160's "Hands-on" Project Day.

Some of the teams, changing batteries, will include members from the other clubs. By having San Ramon Rotarians working with the other club members, we can assist them with the project. Working together will also be a great opportunity to meet and work with our fellow Rotarians in the valley.

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District has assisted in coordinating this event and will have a fire truck and staff on site, barring any unforeseen emergencies.

We will coordinate this event, as we did last year, from the Sunny Glen Community Center main building. Rotarians will work in two or three person teams with one person designated as captain. Each team will need to bring a small ladder and a couple of screwdrivers. Coffee and donuts will be provided by the seniors.

If all goes well, we should be finished around noon, Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Thank you in advance and enjoy this rewarding community service project.

Dennis Harvey
"Pat" Paterson



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, April 15th, 2010, you will be greeted by Dr. Glen Weber

Here are some things you should know about Glen:

Glen is a Charter Member of our Club:

Classification: Veterinarian

With the assistance of a mid-wife, I was born in Greenfield, IN to farm owner parents. I have two older sisters still living in Indiana. I grew up on the farm learning the virtues of hard work and dedication. This is where my interest in and love of animals was created. My early experiences were of either nursing a sick animal back to health, or of assisting with the birthing of one of the many species found on the farm. I was active in 4-H and FFA and most especially high school band, having been encouraged to join it by the music director while in the fifth grade.

Those and many other experiences led me to Purdue University where I earned my DVM degree in 1968. During that time, I was a member of the Purdue University Bands, and, I spent a summer with thirty-three of my fellow bandsmen playing a ten week engagement at New York City's Radio City Music Hall. I am an alumnus of Alpha Gamma Rho and Kappa Kappa Psi fraternities. I volunteered for and was commissioned as a Captain in the USAF Veterinary Corps, and served two years of active duty after graduating Purdue.

In 1971, I traveled to California, having taken the state board exam, but not yet knowing if I had passed. In a short while, I learned that I indeed was granted a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of California. I honed my veterinary skills for five years by practicing small animal medicine and surgery and, emergency veterinary services in the North Bay. I then spent another four years in the Oakland and Contra Costa County areas. In 1980, I established my current practice, San Ramon Veterinary Hospital.

I met my wife Ginny in 1974, and after a three month courtship, we were married. We have a son, Tim and our daughter, Rachel. We have yet to experience the joys of grandchildren but do enjoy our extended family of pets. Ginny and I lived in Piedmont for thirteen years, then built our home in Blackhawk Country Club. We lived there for another seventeen years. We downsized and moved to Crow Canyon Country Club four years ago and love being there.

I continue to be fully engaged as Owner and Hospital Director of San Ramon Veterinary Hospital. My loyal, well trained staff of six full time employees has been with me for a very long time by industry standards. My goal is to continue to do what I love as long as I continue to enjoy it. I am blessed to be able to practice quality medicine and surgery in such a wonderful community and beautiful area. It truly has been a great adventure growing up with San Ramon!

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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. nps

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:

April 15th Peggy Magilen - Learning “Disorders”

April 22nd Dennis Garrison - President Elect

April 29th At California High - Steve Enoch & Mark Corti

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

April 24th - Smoke Alarm Project

April 29th - Noon Meeting at California High

Schedule of Greeters

April 15th

Glen Weber

April 22nd

Hermann Welm

April 29th

Steve Wilcox

