



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting — July 8th by Karen McNamara



The first full meeting our new leader, Dennis 'The Menace' Garrison was called to order promptly at 12:00 noon-ish. Our greeter, Kathy Gailey, provided us with a lovely thought for the day: The fragrance of flowers blows only in the direction of the wind, while the kindness of people goes in all directions.



There were musical notes provided to the group to sing along with the Star Spangled Banner – really - does anyone need cheat sheets for the national anthem? Nonetheless, we started on the right note and got through the song beautifully, and well led by John Sims.

Ana Dominguez was charged with the short version of the Welcome Song, and despite a somewhat rocky start [theme of entire meeting], had the table sing a great version of ALOHA.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Table introductions: Jared [Patty Hennigan's son], Phillip Law, Matt Dunn, Eric Adcock and Rachel and Amanda Stevens

Introduction of the Rotary International Theme and Flag:

Dennis introduced that Ray Klinginsmith, a fellow redneck from Kirksville, Missouri, is the new RI President, and the theme is Building Communities – Bridging Continents. [If you say it really fast, it sounds like bridging contineence]

President The Menace gets his badge, gavel, and bags full of goodies from The Bard, and the Viking. A new bell was christened, and Harlan got the old one for old times sake.



Service Above Self



A presentation of a signed poster of the Bard was given to the Bard, along with a car vacuum (huh?), a diamond pin (wow!), and two red chairs, and partridge in a pear tree!

New Member

The Club welcomed new member Mike Conklin whose sponsor is Dennis Harvey. Mike is well known as the founder of Sentinels of Freedom, a non-profit group providing scholarships and support to severely injured members of the armed forces as their return from duty to civilian life.



Rotary Foundation - A fairly motivational speech by John Sims reminding us of the start of the new Rotary year, and that its never too late to get ahead of your annual \$100 contribution. John presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Robin Stevens – the first of the year. Way to Go Robin.



Announcements and Thank yous

Bill Harlan warmly thanked everyone again for a wonderful Demotion party.

Glen Weber reminded about the winery trip on July 24. The CCC bus is leaving at noon.

Special Thanks to Paula Silva and boyfriend Phil for their leadership and help on the July 4th float.

Report on the success of the Rotary booth at the July 4th event – thanks to a record crowd buying hot dogs, the Rotary sold out of the dogs, and we didn't have to have them for lunch.

John Tatum reported good news from his company selling millions of six pack wine boxes to Safeway.

Guy Greco announced his grandson's baseball team is on its way to the Little League

world series.

Dennis Harvey thanked Randy for his commitment to the smoke alarm project and his sponsorship of the batteries for that project.

Kathy Gailey advised the new student, Felipe from Columbia, will be here in mid August and she is still looking for host families.

Robin announced an Interact Garage sale this Saturday from 8-1 on Valdivia Circle



Installation of the new board – most said I Do – One said I Will.

Chris Gallagher presided over the abuse of the new president offering him signs of affection like duct tape, baling wire, a gun rack [I know those that weren't there are saying Huh?], and two Jeff Foxworthy books [Google that on Amazon.com – it'll make sense]. He was also able to get Dennis's new photo in the Club plaque at the start of the year!



Dennis provided an ever so brief background starting with his childhood in Illinois, his aversion to smiling and cameras, and his rendition of what a redneck really is. He is looking for input on this year's tagline or motto about who we are and what we do. He revealed a new logo designed by Ana, that combines smiling with bodybuilding. He wants us to have a good time, show up late, leave early if you have to, laugh a lot [while he's talking], do good things, and "recess with purpose". He reminded us that we should expect the unexpected, and that recognition guidelines have been removed, and all decorum is out the window [did we have

any?]. We are also leaner and meaner in that we have fewer members now than we did 5 years ago, and we are doing more projects and great things with fewer people. But despite being leaner and meaner, we are embarking on a fitness challenge as a Club. Stay tuned for more information on that.

The meeting format is changed slightly to allow for people to attend that have a one hour lunch period.

- 12:05 Lunch line begins
- 12:15 Welcome and introductions
- 12:30 Club Business
- 12:45 Program
- 1:15 Recognition and Fellowship

As for the raffle, be creative with the greeter gift – bring something besides a \$20.00 bill – which will require advance thought and planning, so lest you have not done that, \$20.00 will work. The Club Gift will be a progressive raffle that started with a \$100.00 in the pot.

Next Week's Greeter – Chris Gayler

Program next week – Dr. Bill Harlan on What I Loved Most about my year as Rotary President



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, July 15th, you will be greeted by Chris Gayler

Here are some things you should know about Chris:

Chris has been a member of our club since: January 2010

Classification: Design/Build Remodeling

I grew up in Castro Valley until I moved to Santa Barbara to attend UCSB. I went to school and worked there for 5 years. While in Santa Barbara I met my wife Natalie. After our wedding we moved to San Ramon and joined the Family Business.

7 years and 3 days later, we have 2 kids and are still living in San Ramon. In my free time I enjoyed helping out with my son's T-Ball team and I'm looking forward to starting soccer.

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. hbs

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:

July 15th - Dr. Bill - About last year

July 22nd - Dennis Garrison Member recruitment techniques

July 29th - Gary Sloan - American Heart Association Walk

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

Schedule of Greeters

July 15th

Chris Gayler

July 22nd

Chris Gallagher

July 29th

George Gayler

