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Rotary Meeting — June 24th by Art Kubal



Our "**Beloved and Benevolent Leader**", the esteemed **Dr. Bill "The Bard" Harlan**, began his last in-charge Rotary meeting by declaring that he is about to step down as our club president and we will return to regular programming which is already in progress. Well Dr. Bill, we agree with RI President John Kenny when he said to you "Gwynne ne yer dimmy arse, ye bloody bastard."

Service Above Self

Chuck Fletcher, the greeter for today, was introduced as the man who has made adventures in paving the sexy career choice for young professionals. His pearl of wisdom, attributed to "knew how seldom they did". Chuck led us in the flag salute and **Hermann Welm** started us in a rousing version of "God Bless America".

Club Visitors: Chuck introduced past San Ramon Rotary member **Bill Clarkson**, now president of the Dougherty Valley Club, and past San Ramon Rotary member **Bob Desautels**. **Judy Lewis** presented her friend Pam Double, Berry Benda representing LifeHouse, and Julie Cassel representing Helleck Creek Equestrian Center. **Horace Crawford** introduced his wife Peggy; **Marco Bronzini** introduced Sampson Chan, a guest of Hermann Welm (where were you at the time, Hermann?); **Spike Stevens** introduced Matt Dunn of N Y Life, and her daughter Rachel and Jake Donally, both recently returning from Camp Royal. All guests were welcomed graciously by our "beloved and benevolent leader" on behalf of the Club.

Hall of Fame Award: For long time commitment to Rotary and to our Club and for extensive and continued community service, this Award goes to **Dennis Harvey**. Past recipient **Don Jones** presented the Hall of Fame plaque to Dennis, who now has won every award the Club offers. (Congratulations and nice work, Dennis). Each club member will be getting a personal Shakespeare moment certificate from the Bard. Dennis's is "He hath sharked up a list of lawless resolute". (It is up to each member to decipher what his/her moment means).

Just back from Montreal, **The Bard** offered a quick summary of the International Convention, his first, and highly recommends it as a great experience. There were over 18,500 attendees from all over the world. Bill attended a Past President's lunch in the House of Friendship with about 2500 other people. There were two people from Ireland at his table and a man from Missouri. Bill introduced himself as Bill Harlan from the San Ramon Club, the Best club in District 5160. The man next to him said something like, "yea we will see about that". It turned out that it was **Ray Klinginsmith**, the new Rotary International President. Not phased one bit, our "beloved and benevolent leader" invited Ray to visit our club in this next Rotary year and proceeded to make a new friend. Way to go Dr. Bill!

Announcements: Rachel Stevens and Jake Donally, recently back from attending Camp Royal, described a community service project that they accepted on behalf of a needy Richmond school. They are holding a garage sale on July 10 at a home near Bollinger school and have asked for items from Rotarians, money donations, and some of our help at the sale. Their goal is to raise \$1000. If you need pickup or early delivery, call Spike for more details. (Rachel and Jake collected cash at the door after the meeting). Let's help them out with some of our unneeded items!

Dr. Bill called our attention to **Geoff Johnson** who had earlier hobbled in on crutches. He explained that it was a curb slip and fall which resulted in a broken bone in his ankle. (It appears that a new Krash may be emerging???)

Hermann announced that the next Rest Home Series concert by Michelle and Sue will be Monday at 11:00 a.m. One more Rotarian is needed to attend.

Glen Weber reminded us of the Rock Wall Winery trip coming up on July 24. More signups are needed in order to make the cost of the bus affordable. (With over 50 wines to taste, you should ride the bus!)

Dr. Bill said that **Paula Sylva** needs help on Friday, July 2nd, assembling the float. Call or e-mail her. And for **Dennis Garrison**, Bill told us he wants more signups for selling hotdogs and hot chocolate the evening of the 4th. Call Dennis if you can help.

Recognitions: **Glen Weber** for setting the bar really high as one of the first Rotary presidents Bill experienced (\$5); **John Tatum** for offering a chance for vocational rehabilitation at the Tree lot for old geezers who can't make it as Walmart greeters anymore (\$25);

Robin Stevens for going for a full week without having to rescue the club (\$10); **Stan Smalley** for complaining for the last 19 months that Bill had fined him too heavily already (\$15); **Gary Sloan** for having the toughest job of any of us and still managing to smile when he comes late to the meeting \$10); **Lucky Sandhu** in hopes of encouraging him to be more optimistic (\$20); **Mike Rood** because he gets to wear sweaters to work (\$5); **Rick Probert** for failing to warn Bill of the threats to his personal safety when he became our president (\$10); **Tom Port** for still not having taught Bill the secret Rotary president's handshake (\$45); **Sam Parwiz** for failing to get a story in Diablo Magazine on the "Studs of Rotary" (\$25); **Karen McNamara** for failing to leap to her feet enthusiastically when Bill received standing ovations (\$5); **Dave Larsen** for subtly giving Bill a hard time throughout the year by asking why Bill didn't recognize his anniversary (\$15); and **Art Kubal** for scribbling off and on this year whenever he was off the road and yet never once referring to Bill as "Beloved and Benevolent Leader" (\$20).

Foundation Grant Presentations: **Judy Lewis** introduced Julie Cassel from the Halleck Creek Equestrian Center and she and The Bard presented Julie with a Grant. Ms. Cassel told us that the Center is a therapeutic riding center in Marin County and serves over 250 riders per year. Our grant will go toward scholarships to needy folks. Judy also introduced Berry Benda from Life House and she and The Bard presented Berry with a Grant. Mr. Benda told us that Life House operates 8 group homes serving mostly mentally retarded people.

Some Personal Shakespeare Moments and more Awards:

Marco Bronzini --"This was the Noblest Roman of them all".

Horace Crawford --"I'm as constant as the Northern Star".

Carolyn Degnan --"Sweet are the uses of adversity"

Ana Dominguez --"Shall I compare thee to a summer day"

Chuck Fletcher --"But I have that within which passes show"

Kathy Gailey --"Journeys end in lovers meeting"

Chris Gallagher --"What a piece of work is a man"

Ray Giles --"The expense of spirit is a waste of shame"

Geoff Johnson --"The engineer is hoist of his own pitard"

Don Jones --"If music be the food of love, play on"

Art Kubal --"But screw your courage to the sticking place and we'll not fail"

Red Badge of the Year Award: For early and significant Rotary work by a new member of the Club, this Award goes to **Sam Parwiz**. Sam volunteered the first or second meeting

as a member and soon found himself on the Board of Directors and is responsible for our Public Affairs communications. Congratulations, Sam, and well deserved! Sam's personal Shakespeare moment is "The readiness is All".

Judy Lewis --"The play's the thing"

Fred Nevarez --"The world is my oyster"

Tom Port --"My words fly up"

Garth Riopelle --"All that glisters is not gold"

Lucky Sandhu --"Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears"

Robin Stevens --"A dish fit for the Gods"

John Tatum --"This was the most unkindest cut of all"

Barry Toby --"There's a divinity that shapes our ends, Rough-hew them how we will"

Cho Tang --"I am cruel only to be kind"

Walt Trembley --"Let every eye negotiate for itself"

Brent Tucker --"Doest thou think because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cake & ale"

Hammer Award: For the Rotarian that has been the President's go to guy; he who the Pres. relies on time and time again throughout the year. Past recipient **Bob Desautels** presented the Hammer Award plaque to **Hermann Welm**. (Way to go, Hermann, congratulations.) Hermann's personal Shakespeare moment is "Done to death by a slanderous tongue".

Glen Weber --"The cat will mew and dog will have his day"

Bob Desautels --"I count myself in nothing else so happy as in a soul remembering my Good Friends"

Bill Clarkson --"Sir, a whole history"

Mike Gunning --"He is too full of the myths of human kindness"

Rotarian of the Year Award : For the Rotarian who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Club all year. This person has stepped in time and time again and "saved" the Club when others left the Club or otherwise couldn't do the job—notably rescuing the Cal High Interact Club and doing the Educators of the Year ceremony. Huge efforts. Congratulations to **Spike Stevens, Rotarian of the Year**, presented by The Bard. (Absolutely well deserved, Spike).

The Bard made the following **Special Acknowledgments:** He recognized **Bob Desautels** for his huge contribution in negotiating the agreement with the Education Foundation. Bob had to leave the Club for health reasons. **Bill Clarkson** was recognized for stepping up and taking on the presidency of the new Dougherty Valley Club which under his leadership has already blossomed to 71 members. The Bard also offered a special thanks to the Honcho's for their advice and to all the members for supporting him throughout the year.

The last big surprise that our "Beloved and Benevolent Leader" dropped on us is that, after making it official in Montreal, he and **Ruth Martin** are now engaged to be married! (Huge applause from the assembled group). Congratulations, Bill and thanks for being **Our President!**

Raffle: Walt Trembley --\$20 greeter gift and John Tatum --\$20 Club gift.

See you all at 6 pm on Wednesday, June 30 for the Demotion.

No Meeting on July 1st

Kathy Gailey will be our Greeter on July 8th

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. rly

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 8th - Dennis Garrison - Plans for upcoming Rotary year

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

June 30th - Dr. Bill’s Demotion

July 1st - “DARK” No Meeting

Schedule of Greeters

July 8th

Kathy Gailey

July 15th

Chris Gallagher

