



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - March 18th by Tom Port



"The Bard" opened to remind us he's a "trained professional" and forewarned us not to try any of his hi-jinks at home!

Chris Gayler, our Greeter and red-badged son of **George**, the most notorious red-badge of them all, asked: "If a man is alone in the woods and is foolish enough to have an opinion is he still wrong?" The answer being obvious to all our female members no further comment was called for.



Steve Wilcox "led" the **patriotic song** which went OK after we figured out which key to sing it in.

After the welcome song, which went a little better, and time to chat, we heard the following **Announcements**:

1. **Toyota Presentation:**

Lucky Sandhu introduced our guests from Toyota: Don Carlson, General Manager, Jeff Church, Safety and Environment, Michelle Keller Administrative Assistant and Bill Dunn, Warehouse Associate. Lucky thanked them for all their support and hard work on behalf of Carbo-load over the years. Mr. Carlson also announced this year's contribution from Toyota of \$2,500.



Service Above Self

2. **Six Club Meeting:** Wednesday, 3/24 at 7:00 pm at the San Ramon Presbyterian Church next to the post office. We are dark next Thursday.



3. **Interact Presentation: Spike Stevens**, our Club's rep. introduced **Steven Lau**, of Cal High, this years President, who presented us with a check for \$200.00 for Haitian relief long term building project. (More than our club was able to raise!). Interact is also organizing to assist in the Sunny Glen Smoke Alarm project April 24. They will be selling candy apples at the Wind faire, and have a book drive on-going. Excellent effort. Also attending was Spike's daughter, **Rachel, Christina Wong** and Principal **Mark Corti**.

4. The **S.R. Ed Foundation dinner** to honor **John Tatum** and our club will be held Monday, April 26 at Bridges, Danville. Cost \$150.00. We need people to attend!

5. **Business Hall of Fame:** Nominations needed.



6. **Smoke Alarm: Dennis Harvey/Pat Patterson.** April 24 at 8:30. **We could use more sign ups.**

7. **Lucky Sandhu:** Carbo-Load planning session will be held April 15 at 1:00 pm. We are considering new ideas such as on-line sales of tickets. We are looking for an Entertainment Director and Program chair.

8. **Bocci Ball.** District Challenge. Our club will compete against another six club group. Sat. May 18 in Martinez. Free event. Be sure to sign up.

9. **District Assembly: April 17th.** Be sure to attend.

10. **May 1, 2010: Derby Day at the Races: Dave Larson** says be sure to sign up. Great buffet lunch, Ladies hat contest, maybe win a few bucks.

Fumi Suzuki needs a stand-in for the music project. Volunteers anyone?

Recognitions: \$40 each to: **Gary Sloan** for "outstanding hospital", **George Gayler** for being a less than great role model; **Kathy Gailey**, for, I guess, the crime of excessive traveling, or excessive shopping; **Karen McNamara** for vandalizing city property (something about dieing our flag green and **Mike Gunning** for something having to do with the planning committee.

PROGRAM

For our main event, **Ana Dominguez** and **Jim Burch** presented a slide show and lecture describing their creative work in the field of environmental graphics, and the major projects around the world in which they have collaborated.



At: "Traditions", a Nevada development, they echoed the history of the pioneers, the pony express, and silver mining as well as natural features, the flora and fauna, in their designs of signs, street names, etc. **Ana** rivaled **the Bard's** heretofore unchallenged role as honorary club poet with her eloquent "Ode to Traditions".

At The Biltmore in Santa Barbara they designed the spa doors, various tiles and murals, for Ty Warner, inventor of "Beanie Baby". In Hawaii, they were influenced by the painting of Herb Kane. (Here is where we also learned Ana could hula dance.)

The talented duo have also completed projects in places like Abu Dhabi, and Cabo San Lucas, and are very much in demand around the globe from Azerbaijan to Mumbai, to Beijing, China.

It was a very impressive show and now we all know Ana and Jim in ways we never thought we would.



Shakespeare moment: **The Bard** informed us of something we never early wanted to know: that Shakespeare left his wife his "second best bed", nothing more. So geniuses can be cheap skates too.

Raffle: **Ana** and **Chris** took the honors and the cash.

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 1st, 2010, you will be greeted by Brent Tucker

Here are some things you should know about Brent:

Brent has been a member of our club since December 1983

Classification: Developer

Paul Harris Society Member/R.I. Benefactor

Born and Raised in the Bay Area. Fifth generation Californian. Graduated Cal State University Hayward in business (long ago). Property owner, and developer since 1970, as Tucker Associates Inc. in the San Ramon Valley. Our company specializes in developing, sales, and leasing of commercial and residential properties in Northern California.

Married to the lovely Terri, blessed with 5 children and 4 young grandchildren. We enjoy family events, boating, skiing, traveling, gardening and classic cars.

Current and Past Community Activities include:

Various Chamber of Commerce's and Merchant Associations

YMCA

California State University Affiliates

Various Charities

Classic Auto Clubs

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Dr, Danville

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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. wwl

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 1st Charles F. Preston MD - Arthritis Specialist
April 8th Mark von - Rotary Polio Eradication
April 15th Peggy Magilen - Learning "Disorders"

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

April 24th - Smoke Alarm Project

Schedule of Greeters

April 1st	Brent Tucker
April 8th	Mark von Hoetendorff
April 15th	Glen Weber

