



Crow's Call



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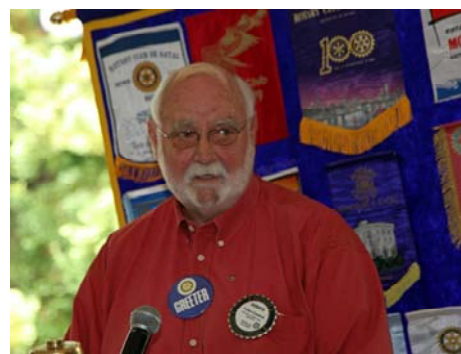
Rotary Meeting — May 27th by Hermann Welm



The Bard opened the meeting, reminding us that this year's theme is "Rotary is in Your Hands" and that the RI President is John Kenny, of Scotland.

Our Greeter, **Horace Crawford**, delivered the Thoughts for the Day, first by an Unknown author, to wit: "People will forget what you did. People will forget what you said, but people will

never forget how you made them feel." And another one by Jane Goodall, "Every single day we make an impact on the world, and we have a choice as to what kind of impact we're going to make." He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Patriotic Song was led by our Songmeister **PP Don Jones**.



There were no Visiting Rotarians. Other visitors, those not part of the presentations to follow, included: **Mike Conklin**, President and Founder of Sentinels of Freedom, **Mercedes Unglaub-Castano**, **Judy Chang**, **Jan Herrala**, **Doree Andersen**, and **Harshil Groel**. The visitors were treated to an inspiring rendition of the Welcome Song (Long Version) at the very end of our meeting, because **The Bard** had forgotten it and had to be reminded!

Announcements:

The Bard gave us an update on **Paula Silva's** latest knee surgery; please send her a card! She's bored!

PP Guy Greco announced that we have two teams entered in the Rotary Bocce Ball Challenge which our club will win this year!

PP Don Jones indicated that all volunteer slots at the two Beer and Wine Booths at the San Ramon Art & Wind Fair are filled. **"Spike" Stevens** indicated that she could use more help with the Interact Club's Candied Apple preparation; contact her!

Cho Tang, **PP Glen Weber**, and the ailing **Paula Silva** are spearheading the Fourth of July Rotary Float.

PE Dennis Garrison reminded us that we'll be manning a Food/Drink Booth at San Ramon's Fourth of July Fireworks in Central Park.



Service Above Self

Chris Gayler needs a headcount for the Educator of the Year meeting on June 3! Contact him at chris@gaylerconstruction.com if you have not yet given your “yes” or “no.”

The Bard announced that he has two (2) available slots for the Group Grope (aka “Visioning Process”) on the evening of June 8.

PP Glen Weber advised that he is organizing a “Members Afternoon Out” at a winery in Alameda, on July 24th. Details are appended at the end of this edition of the Crow’s Call.

PP Tom Port reminded all that **Dr. Bill’s Demotion Party** will be held at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, June 30, at the Club. We will be DARK on Thursday, July 1.

Capt/Dr John Sims reminded all that 2009/10 Rotary Foundation contributions must be in by June 30. Those that have not yet committed their \$100 or \$200 contributions know who they are, so let’s get cooking, and make **The Bard** look good (just assume that that’s possible)!

Kathy Gailey reminded us that we still need host families to house Miguel, our Exchange Student from Columbia.

Good Times/Good News: there were several Rotarians who stood up, but this Scribe wasn’t paying attention -- busy chatting with my tablemates -- and therefore failed to take notes. Was there something REALLY important that I missed?

Grant Award Presentations:

Chris Gayler introduced **Eileen Hock**, Librarian at Montevideo Elementary School, who received a \$200 Literacy Grant for a Partner in Reading Program.



PP Don Jones introduced **Nancy LaBelle**, from the Downs Syndrome Connection, which will use the donation for Speech Therapy.

Horace Crawford introduced **Geoffrey Easton** and **Joanne Lagerstrom**, from the Fresh Start program, which received a check in support of their efforts.



Rick Probert introduced **Brian Lindblom**, former San Ramon Police Chief and current member on the County’s Juvenile Justice Commission, who received a Grant for the Juvenile Hall Library.

Rick then introduced **Capt. Gil Garavantes**, from the Contra Costa County Fire Department, for their Bikes for Tykes program (which distributed 400 “units” in 2009).

Student of the Month:

PEE “Spike” Stevens introduced **Hilary Dito**, Assistant Principal at California High School, who introduced sophomore **Winnie Chang**, art student *extraordinaire*, who was selected to participate in an Art Competition in Washington, DC. (Since she’s probably too young to drive, who will get her reserved parking spot? Can she auction it off? The world wonders!)



Scholarship Presentations:

PP Tom Port introduced the winners by first stating that students were selected from both the Venture and California High Schools based on academic achievement and community service.

From the Venture School (**Marsha Mak**, introducing): **Brianna White** (headed for UC Berkeley), **Vanessa Unglaub-Castaneo** (heading for DVC, followed by a UC campus), and **Tomas Berry** (off to study Psychology and Art at Merritt College).



From the California High School (**Michelle Sampson**, introducing): **Christina Wong** (Cal High Interact Club Vice Chair; headed for UC Berkeley), **Lauren Alexander** (heading for UC Santa Cruz), **Kelsey Belomy** (University of the Pacific), and **Ashlee Evonc** (off to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo).

Recognitions: **The Bard** “honored” this correspondent for some imagined slight at a karaoke competition, **Carolyn Degnan** for being appointed Honorary Queen of the Dark Table, **Cho Tang** for his skillful use of feng shui, **Fletcher Thames** for finally discovering that the eye chart he’s been using for 23 years spells out I-A-M-A-S-O-B, **PDG Mark von** for not having anything better to do than attending today’s meeting, **Garth Riopelle** for trying (unsuccessfully) to imitate Garth Brooks at the Dublin Hooters using **Geoff Johnson’s** cowboy hat, and **Pat Patterson** for not properly honoring Robert Burns’ birthday back in January. (*Scribe’s Note: I will NOT miss these nonsensical, sophomoric (begging Winnie Chang’s pardon), rantings, the meaning of which only The Bard himself can comprehend. Does he spend sleepless nights thinking these things up? He needs a pet dog to keep him occupied!*)

Raffle: The Greeter’s Gift went to **Barry Toby**; the Club Gift to **Horace Crawford**. At least this time ONE worthy soul got a reward!

Next Week: The Greeter will be **Carolyn Degnan**, Empress of the Dark Table, and the Program will be the Educator of the Year presentations.

Promised Footnote:

Glen Weber’s Member’s Day Out, Saturday July 24th, at the Rock Wall Wine Company

Bus leaves Crow Canyon CC at noon and arrives Alameda by 1 pm (Limit 25 passengers). CC bus depends on number signing up but ranging from \$25-\$37.50/person round trip with parking at CCCC. The bus will leave for home at between 4 and 5 pm, arriving about one hour later. If you prefer to drive, there is ample free parking, but have a designated driver!



Tasting over 50 different wines, all produced at Rock Wall production facilities. Live band and spectacular view of Bay Bridge and San Francisco skyline, logo wine glass, barrel tastings. Food catered by Bistro Zafari. Tour of production facilities by winemaker/owner, Kent Rosenblum of Rosenblum Winery fame. Admission is discounted group rate of \$25/person.



San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, June 3rd, you will be greeted by Carolyn Degnan
Here are some things you should know about Carolyn:
Carolyn has been a member of our club since: April 1993

Carolyn grew up in a Rotary family in Liberty, MO. where her father was a long time member of the Liberty Rotary Club and Club President. Her family still lives on land that was settled in 1824 by her great-great-great grandfather who was an Indian agent under Clark as well as sutler for both Fort Kearney and Fort Laramie. Dr. Harlan's ancestors would have purchased supplies from his business when they stopped at both Forts on their trek west.

Her career spans over 30 years in the insurance industry where she was the head of the Western Territory Life Insurance Underwriting for Allstate Insurance Company working out of Chicago. When it snowed 19 inches and she had to shovel snow with a broken foot, Carolyn transferred to the sales operation and moved to San Ramon where she continued her career with Allstate as a Marketing Sales Manager and then finally opening her own insurance agency. She sold the agency in 2001. She recently left her position as the Pres/CEO of the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce and is looking for a new career.

She is very active in the San Ramon Valley community as a former President of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, Chair of the 1999 and 2000 Primos' Run for Education, Carboload Chair for the San Ramon Rotary and former board member of the San Ramon Valley YMCA and the Danville Chamber of Commerce. She is also involved with the NCL (National Charity League), and is an active patient advocate for the California Lyme Disease Association (CALDA).

Carolyn has four children and one grandson. Her past time activities include studying history and genealogy, taking her daughter to Grass Valley on the weekend to ride her horse and spending time with her children.

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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. jly

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:

June 3rd Teachers of the Year

June 10th Safari in Kenya - Horace Crawford & Kathy Gailey

June 17th Dr. Bill - State of the Club

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

June 30th - Dr. Bill's Demotion

Schedule of Greeters

June 3rd Carolyn Degnan

June 10th Ana Dominguez

June 17th Ed Duarte

