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Rotary Meeting - October 29th



President Bill "The Bard" Harlan welcomed all to the Rotary Club of San Ramon. Bill Clarkson was asked to tell of his most memorable moment in Rotary. That was easy...his 2000 trip to Ghana to help with polio vaccinations. Ghana is now polio free and he made lifelong friends.

Greeter and Past District Governor, Stan Smalley, was introduced as the only member of our club to have brought satisfaction to thousands of females (did anyone else besides myself see the look on Past First Lady Marsha's face?), "the professional gigolo of Turkeydom". Stan reminded us of the 1.2 Rotary Clubs in the world and that 6600 are meeting today. The Gallagher table led in the flag salute and Stan introduced visiting Rotarians Justin Fowler (Diablo View Rotary), Mary Kay Foss (Danville), Steve Kasa (SRV Club). Later in the meeting we had a surprise visit from Gunner Graek of Germany presenting his Club Banner. Guests included Past First Lady, Marsh Smalley, Loren Chong and Audrey Chong, Past First Lady, Peggy Crawford, Briana Bickford (Pamela), guest speaker, Paula Boswell, Kent Johnson, Mark Corti, Bob Olridge, and Linda Marly of Agape Village. Fumi led the Welcome Song.

Announcements

David Quick-Shadow Program rescheduled for January 14 and members have been contacted to give Brown Bag lunches
Horace Crawford-accepting nominations for Honorary Rotarians
Bill Clarkson-Six Club meeting on November 11-any Vietnam Veterans.. notify Bill.

Crissy McConnell introduced Student of the Month, Audrey Chong. Audrey has spent over 800 hours producing great music with the Marching Band and Instrumental music. She expressed her gratitude for the award, hopes to become a doctor and will attend Baylor, Rochester Tech or one of the UC schools.



Service Above Self



Herm presented Blue Badges to David Quick and Mike Rood, both did an impeccable version of the 4 Way Test.



Bob Desautels-Club Assembly November 5-to discuss a new fund-raiser project. NO NOON MEETING THAT DAY.



Chris Gallagher's Mad Hatter Halloween Party, Friday, October 30

President Bill had 456 books sent to HQ CO. Thank you John Tatum and Dennis Harvey Dany Gregory will be collecting One Warm Coat Marie/Cho- Senior Holiday Luncheon scheduled for December 11. Marco presented awards for the Castlewood year-end golf champs..Fletcher had the best net and gross score of 79 and Barry will be thrilled to get the "other" award. David Quick is now circulating the Christmas tree lot work schedule Club elections are scheduled for the meeting on November 19.

Pam Bickford presented Mrs. Hemmingway of Montevideo School with a \$200 Club grant to be used for a special reading program at the resource center.



John Sims auctioned off the guitar he won at the silent auction. Sold to Bill Harlan for \$100

Mona finally sold the balance of the candy bars to Brent Tucker..and he kindly gave them to Club members. Thank you Mona for your hard work and donation of the candy for a successful fundraiser.



Recognitions

Fumi-\$40....where was she four years ago?
All those without pins who attended the SR Wine and Dine were fined \$10.

Horace introduced, Paula Boswell, author of the book "No Ordinary Life". She told of her amazing life and survival living in the Netherlands during the Nazi occupation. At the same time her husband-to-be, John Boswell, was a POW in a Japanese labor camp for 3 1/2 years. After the war, Paula went to work as a secretary at the foreign embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, where she met John who served as a Marine guard at the Embassy. They married and later moved to the Bay Area. He became a teacher and she sold real estate....but we all know Paula as the owner of the local carnival supplies store. John has been laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.



Pictures from Halloween Party







San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, November 5th, 2009, you will be greeted by Robin Stevens

Here are some things you should know about Robin:

Robin has been a member of our club since, April 2008

Classification: Financial Analyst

My name is Robin Stevens, and I have been a member of the San Ramon Rotary Club for almost 2 years.

I am a native Californian – born in Hayfork; lived in Orleans, Fortuna, Chico, Lodi, Sacramento, and now San Ramon.

.Lived in the Kansas City area for 8 years. While there worked for Sprint Corp and Yellow Freight.

Have three children: Amanda, 23, is a 2nd year law student at McGeorge in Sacramento; Brian, 18, is a civil engineering major at Chico State; Rachel, 16, is a junior at California High School.

Graduated from Chico State with a degree in Business Administration – Accounting, emphasis

In an MBA program. Hopefully will be complete at the end of April 2010.

Work for Boston Scientific in their Imaging Division.

Widow of three years.

About Rotary!

An Excerpt from: A CENTURY OF SERVICE - The Story of Rotary International, by David C. Forward

The Architect and the Builders

(Chesley R. Perry -- known as "Ches" -- was tapped to organize the first Rotary Convention, in Chicago, in August, 1910. This was the beginning of the transition from a Paul Harris-driven organization to a more democratically governed one.)

*(Ches was a city boy, born in Chicago in 1872. He started working at the Chicago Public Library, and) when the Spanish-American war erupted, . . . volunteered with the Illinois National Guard and was sent to the front lines in Cuba. He became a war correspondent and sent daily dispatches and weekly features to the *Chicago Times-Herald*, and by the time he was discharged, attained the rank of Captain. His experiences in Cuba had a lasting effect on Ches: He learned Spanish and was later a driving force to make Rotary extension into Latin America a priority.*

. . . . Although Perry was hardly an effusive, outgoing man, his organizational skills were evident to all who met him. It quickly became Ches Perry to whom the *(Chicago Rotary Club)* turned when it needed something done properly. And few projects seemed more important than the need for a national association, an organized extension plan, and a convention to chart the future.

. . . . Sixty Rotarian registered . . . fourteen of the 16 clubs sent delegates. . . .

Paul Harris called the meeting to order in the Congress Hotel, and delegates quickly tackled the agenda. First they elected convention officers. Chesley R. Harris was resoundingly voted chairman. He took the podium and announced: "Rotary is already a wonderful force, and no one can attempt to foretell its future growth. You have important work to do in establishing the fundamental laws of this association."

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

For the 2007-08 Fiscal Year, the Rotary Foundation received \$245 million in contributions, including \$113 million designated for PolioPlus, a significant increase over prior years due to the campaign for one final push to eradicate the disease in the four remaining pockets of the world. An additional \$13 million was added to this pot from undesignated Foundation funds, bringing that total to \$126.7 million.

Shared by Hermann Welm

Meeting: Thursday, 12:15
Crow Canyon Country Club
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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. sly

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:

Nov 5th Bob Desautels - Club Assembly 5:30 PM
Nov 11th 5 Club Meeting at Round Hill

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

November 5th Club Assembly - No noon meeting!
November 11th 5 Club Meeting at Round Hill
December 12th Holiday Party - John Tatum

Schedule of Greeters

November 5th Spike Stevens
November 19th Rob Scott

