



Crow's Call



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Rotary Meeting - December 10th by Garth Riopelle



The Bard called the meeting to order. He welcomed all present and reminded us that the RI President is **John Kenny**, of Scotland; his theme is "The Future of Rotary is in your Hands!"

Lucky Sanhu, our Greeter, gave us a Thought for the

Day; with a reflection on his past two years living in San Ramon. He is very thankful for his family, friends and the other citizens of San Ramon who have touched his life. Most importantly, during this holiday season, he urges us to make sure we spread greetings to those who are special to us. He then led us in the Flag Salute.

PP Don Jones led the group in a rousing rendition of "Santa Claus is coming to Town." **President Bill** quizzed the group on the composer of the tune and stumped the club. It turns out that the Singing Cowboy, Gene Autrey, wrote the song.

Visiting Rotarian: **Bill Spaulding** from the Walnut Creek Club was introduced; **Bill** is our speaker today.

Visitors: **Chris Gayler** was introduced by his father, **George**. **Chris** works with his dad in residential remodeling. **Bill Clarkson** introduced **Mark Ballock**, who is visiting as a "Guest of Rotary". **Kathy Gailey** introduced her son, **Mike Gailey**, who is at home from college on Christmas break.

The long version of the Welcome Song was led by **Patti Hennigan** with support from the rest of the club.

Announcements:

Crissy McConnell was given her Blue Badge. She recited the 4-Way Test flawlessly to complete the requirements that enabled her to turn her Red Badge in for a blue one.

The Christmas Tree Lot is doing very well. Look for a sale on the remaining trees this weekend. The lot will most likely be open until Friday, November 18th, so there is still time to purchase one if you don't have a tree.



Service Above Self

PP Mark von H was cheered for his purchase of a heater for the staff during this past week of extremely cold weather

David Quick noted that the Shadow Program at California High now has all slots filled.

Spike Stephens announced that the Interact Fundraiser at Chili's Restaurant Monday night was a success. Chili's will donate 10% of the receipts from food sales that night to the Cal High Interact Club. Spike is still happy to take donations from club members that would like to contribute.

John Sims mentioned that he was still taking final contributions for The Rotary Foundation and that the deduction could still be taken for the year 2009 if turned in immediately.

Hermann Welm announced that he and two other Rotarians, **PP Don Jones** and **Bill Spaulding**, will be performing with the Blackhawk Chorus on Saturday, December 19, at the San Ramon Performing Arts Center. Good tickets are still available.

Dany Gregory is still collecting coats for the "One Warm Coat Drive". **Bill Spaulding** was able to put some of the collected coats to use as he helped distribute them to students in Pittsburg last week.



Kathe Mitchell reminded us about the Rotary Christmas Party this Saturday at **John and Linda Tatum's** home. Everyone is welcome and it should be an enjoyable evening.

Bill Clarkson gave a recap of the San Ramon Chamber Annual Banquet that will take place on Thursday evening, December 10. Our very own **President Bill Harlan** was the keynote speaker for the event. Among those being honored are four Rotarians from our club, **Gary Sloan**, **Lucky Sandhu**, **Bob Desautels**, and **Geoff Johnson**.

Horace Crawford is very active with the Fresh Start program. This organization runs a respite center in Walnut Creek to help the homeless with food, clothing and shelter. The center can house 17 homeless. People from Concord to Danville have used the shelter's services. The shelter hopes to provide Christmas dinner for 70 people. They are currently in need of donations, including sleeping apparel, food (or gift certificates), or monetary contributions. *Please see the detailed list in this copy of the Crow's Call.* **Horace** will park his truck out in front of the San Ramon Senior Center next prior to next Thursday's Rotary meeting (December 17th) and will be collecting items. Please check the following list and bring something to help this worthy effort.



Following is a list of items that Fresh Start, the respite center in Walnut Creek for the homeless and very poor adults, needs and wants to distribute this winter to their participants. Some 15 of these are living under bridges, with others living in old cars, behind dumpsters and in alleys between Concord and San Ramon.

Please bring your contributions to our San Ramon Rotary Club luncheon on Thursday Dec. 17th at the San Ramon Senior Center. Horace will be parked out front in his white pickup truck to receive your donations. Donations to Fresh Start may also be given to Horace Crawford at anytime. Call Horace at (925) 324-8040 or send him an email at hcrawpcraw@aol.com. Should you have questions or would like to visit Fresh Start in Walnut Creek give him a call. Donation receipts will be pro-

vided by Fresh Start, a 503C non profit upon request.

We will be distributing the items collected to the Fresh Start participants on Dec. 22nd. and December 24. Here is the need list:

1. Gift Certificates for Safeway, CVS, Walgreens, McDonalds, Burger King, Target or Wendy's
2. Cash or Check (Fresh Start will then purchase and distribute gift cards and other needed items.
2. Phone Cards
3. Warm winter coats (men or women)
4. Sleeping bags (New or used)
5. Tents (New or used)
6. High protein canned food (Individual size)
7. Blankets and comforters
8. Tarps (8'x10' or 10'x12'
9. Bottled Water (individual sizes)
10. AA and AAA size batteries.

The Reno Train Trip is scheduled for January 24. CANCELLED.

The December 17th Regular Meeting will be held at the San Ramon Senior Center. **Cho Tang** and **Marie Galbo** are organizing the event that feeds over 80 seniors. Please arrive at 11:50 am in order to help with the distribution of meals. It is always a fun event.

Dr. Bill announced the transfer of **Mona Keady** to the morning Club.

There will be no Rotary Club meeting on Thursday December 24th. On December 31, we have a meeting and a program tentatively set featuring **Ken Mintz**.



Good Times/Good News/Fine Free:

Paula Silva received a thank you letter for the school supplies that were sent to the New Life Orphans in Mexico.

Montevideo Elementary School sent thank you letters to the club for the Dictionaries that they received.

Moe was honored by **Dr. Bill** for his outstanding service to our club for this past year. "The Bard" mentioned that Moe and his Crow Canyon Country Club crew were always present in the background seeing to the clubs needs that we are all very thankful.



Recognitions:

Jim Livingstone was recognized for the election he won last month retaining his seat on the City Council. The Sergeant-at-Arms issued a fine for **Dr. Bill** as he mispronounced Jim's last name.

Spike Stephens ratted on **Barry Toby** for spilling his Hefeweizen beer on at Chili's during the Interact Fundraiser Monday night. Not only did it get all over the front of **Spike's** blouse, but it happened in front of all of the innocent high school students.

Paula Silva requested recognition for **Hermann Welm**. It seems that **Herm** incorrectly wrote in the Crows Call that **Paula** had a cat, when she is pretty certain that her pet is actually has a dog. **Paula** is going to have DNA testing done by **Dr. Weber** to verify that the animal is actually what she thinks it is.

Patti Hennigan thanked **Geoff Johnson** for keeping them warm the other night at the Christmas tree lot. Sounds scandalous, but we are all sure **Patti** is referring to the space heater that **Geoff** provided!

Program:

Bill Clarkson introduced the program speaker. **Bill Spaulding** was our District Governor in 2001. **PDG Bill** worked as a CPA. He remembers visiting our club the year he was the **District Governor** and that **Pat Patterson** was our president at the time. It is at that time that PDG Spaulding became involved with Operation Sunrise.

Operation Sunrise is a not-for-profit organization that provides reconstructive surgery on children in Chile to fix facial deformities. Each year the group sends a team to Chile to correct Cleft Lips, Cleft Palates, reconstruct deformed or missing ears, rhinoplasty (nose surgery) and jaw surgery. The incidence of cleft lip and palate are the same worldwide. In most countries, including the US and Canada, these deformities are usually corrected early in childhood. Unfortunately, in Chile the cost of fixing these deformities is prohibitive, so most go uncorrected. This can have a profound effect on the lives of the people that have them. Luckily the Chilean government is now starting to supply some money to fix these deformities at an early age. It is still not enough.

Each year **PDG Spaulding** puts a team of Rotarians together to travel to Chile to do surgeries on the children. The Rotarian team is made up of 3 plastic surgeons, several anesthetologists and pediatricians, numerous nurses and a support group. The US group teams up with Chilean doctors to treat the children. Each year in February, 120 children are treated at two locations in Chile. On the first day the team evaluates 900, or more, children. The second day the kids with the most need are invited back to undergo their surgeries. The cost of the trip is \$18,000 per year and covers air fare for the group. The Chileans provide in-country transportation, food and lodging.



Operation Sunrise began in 2002 and is supported entirely by individual Rotarians. **PDG Bill** remembers when a young girl by the name of Valentina needed facial surgery. She comes from a family that lives on \$200 per month and lives in a very small home. This would be far too little to pay for the surgeries that she needed. Through Operation Sunrise, she was able to get the needed surgery. Now she is 11 and had just had her third corrective surgery. Although she may need one more to complete her medical care, none of this would have been possible without the help of Operation Sunrise.

David Quick presented **PDG Bill Spaulding** with the Speakers gift. A donation will be made on his behalf to the West Contra Costa Unified School District Literacy Program, specifically for the Richmond area.

Raffles: The Greeter's Gift was won by **Ana Dominguez**, who donated her take to the Interact Club. Good job Ana! The Club Gift went to **Mike Gunning**

Next Week: Christmas Lunch at the Senior Center.

Senior Center Luncheon December 17th, 2009



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San Ramon Rotarian of the Week



This week, December 31, 2009, you will be greeted by Rob Scott

Here are some things you should know about Rob:

Rob has been a member of our club since, March 2008

Classification: Commercial Property Management

Younger years and education Born and raised in NJ, with brief stints traveling while father was in the Air Force. Attended West Point then served in the US Army for over 6 years.
Vocation: jobs and firms I have worked for Alex Mehran/Sunset Development since July 2003. I am responsible for overseeing the operations of the Bishop Ranch Business Park and the buildings within which that are owned by Sunset Development Company (30 buildings totaling 4.5 million square feet of Class A commercial real estate and housing over 550 tenants). Prior to joining Sunset Development Company, Mr. Scott was the Executive Vice President of Operations for Commonwealth Partners from May 2001 to 2003. He is responsible for overseeing the firm's asset management, property management, and leasing activities, as well as supervising the firm's operations. Prior to joining Commonwealth Partners, Mr. Scott was a Senior Vice President with Jones Lang LaSalle. During his 11-years there he held a variety of positions including Senior Vice President/Innovations Group, Division Partner/Division Leasing Director for the Western Division of the Leasing and Management Group; and Regional Manager for the Northern California/Northwest Region, and Group Manager for the Southern California. Prior to joining Jones Lang LaSalle, Mr. Scott was a Captain in the U.S. Army.

Family Wife: Andrea Kids: John (16), Lucas (14), Anne (12), Ashley (12), Sydney (10)

Public service organizations, hobbies, and activities Golf; Kids; Past Chairman & Board Member, San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, President, Bishop Ranch Transportation Association; Board Member, California Symphony; Member, Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA); San Ramon Rotary; Member, Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM); Member, Commonwealth Club of California

Favorite quote "Never Quit"

About Rotary!

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

The Architect and the Builders

(The first The National Rotarian newsletter was mailed in January 1911, with some finagling by Paul Harris and Ches Perry to circumvent the 1910 convention's decision to allow the secretary to only "distribute literature.")

When the delegates convened in Portland in August 1911, they unanimously endorsed the idea of a regular national magazine. Despite their enthusiasm, they only approved a 25-cent levy on each Rotarian's dues to fund *The National Rotarian*. Ches Perry was left to produce a magazine of ever-increasing size and quantity on a mere \$65 per month in budgeted funds. It is no small credit to the man that in addition to all his other duties a National Association secretary, he was editor, chief advertising salesman, and publisher of the magazine for many years.

In September 1912, following Rotary's growth into an international organization, the word *National* was dropped from the magazine's title and *The Rotarian* became a monthly publication. RI President Glenn Mead of Philadelphia, who succeeded Paul Harris in 1912, called for the magazine to include features of general interest -- not just Rotary stories. It was a call heard -- and heeded -- ever since.

(To be Continued)

Did you Know?

Rotaplast International is NOT associated with Rotary International; it is a separate non-profit humanitarian organization providing free reconstructive operations and treatment for children in need worldwide. Through collaborative programs throughout the world, Rotaplast efforts expand far beyond surgical intervention and help foster international goodwill, peace and understanding. They rely on volunteer medical professionals, as well as non-medical volunteers, including many Rotarians.

Check out their website at: <http://www.rotaplast.org/about/vision.php>

Shared by Hermann Welm

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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. wgc

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:

Dec 31st Ken Mintz - Telecommunication Update
Jan 7th Jay Tontz - Economic Forecast
Jan 14th David Quick - Shadow Day
Jan 21st Robin Kelley - 40 Developmental Assets

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

January 24th/25th Reno Train Trip (CANCELLED)

Schedule of Greeters

December 31st Rob Scott
January 7th Gary Sloan
January 14th Robin Stevens

