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GUESTS

Guests of today's meeting included Richard Schoelerman, husband for 36 years of JACKIE SCHOELERMAN, and himself a Rotarian; Crissy Coolidge, guest and daughter of OLIVER COOLIDGE; and Sophia Hey, guest of SHERRI SAGER.

URGENT MESSAGE

Before STEVE had a chance to introduce opening remarks, LE LEVY bolted forward with an urgent message from the Governor's office. It was actually a ruse for yet one more round of LEVY's course in creativity. This time was historic. After giving us just one note to start with, the club actually sang "Let it Rain" by Sammy Cahn and LE LEVY on key! Or mostly so.

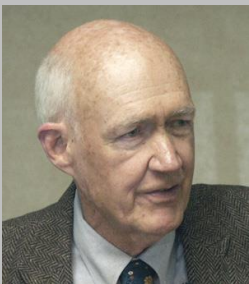
ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARDS



President STEVE recovered with a couple of New Year's one-liners that sort of worked, and then began the acknowledgement of Paul Harris Award recipients for newly

achieved levels of contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Those honored were ANNETTE GLANCKOPF, JACK WOODSON, KATIE SEEDMAN, SUSAN LUTTER, and DON MORGAN. Congratulations to all!

OPENING REMARKS



Finally. WALT HAYS was given the chance to make not-so-opening remarks. But they made up for tardiness with a succinct, profound reminder of the importance of listening, which was a very good prelude to today's speaker and his message. WALT closed by recommending the book, Kitchen Table Wisdom.

PRESIDENTS CLUB

Many wanted to open the New Year with a crow and consequential contribution to the President's Club: JACKIE SCHOELERMAN for her upcoming anniversary, DICK MANSFIELD for his respect and admiration of ROGER SMITH's contributions to the Club and his community, GEOFF ZIMAN for yet another grandchild of one of his children (we've lost count), BILL BUSSE for enduring the Cardinal's loss to the Spartans at the Rose Bowl, DICK BUSH for enjoying the Spartan's win over the Cardinals at the Rose Bowl, and LIZ KNISS for looking forward to - in two years - her upcoming 50th anniversary.

PROGRAM

HENRIETTA BURROUGHS was so inspired by a guest of her television show that she arranged for him to be our speaker today.

Dr. Shabbir Latif is a native of India who was not inspired to learn as a heckled minority in his youth, but came to US at age 18 and diligently plunged into his education and didn't come up for air until he had received a PhD in Engineering from Cal Poly. That led to a 13 year experience in Silicon Valley, only to become aware that high tech was not his passion. He went back to school and gained a MS degree in Therapeutic Recreation that gave him a chance to pursue employment in the field that did grab his passion, Emotional Intelligence.

Dr. Latif introduced us to Emotional Intelligence by describing it as the quality in a person that makes it possible to develop and maintain high value relationships with others and with ourselves. He referred to a study that demonstrated that people with higher IQs outperform people with lower IQs 20% of the time, which is



not surprising. But the study went on to point out that people with average IQs outperform people with higher IQs 70% of the time, presumably because of the intangible quality of Emotional Intelligence. The expression, "It's not how smart you are, but how you are smart," seemed to capture his point.

Since feelings always prompt responses, knowing your own feelings and navigating - not stifling or controlling - those feelings is the key. The Emotional Intelligence Network @ www.6Seconds.org focuses on the process of teaching schools, military organizations, businesses, and families around the world how to learn and incorporate such navigation into one's everyday behavior. The steps include knowing yourself, choosing yourself, and giving yourself.

In the Q&A, Dr. Latif's words seem to resonate with some, and not with others who heard it as good advice for people other than themselves. With that, President STEVE thanked our speaker, advising him of the gift in his name given to the Green Oaks Academy.

UPCOMING DATES:

- January 13** Karyn Sinunu-Towery, Former Assistant DA, Santa Clara County, Crime and Punishment: Changes in the Last 30 years
- January 20** Dennis Boyle of IDEO, Design Thinking for the Underserved
- January 27** Stephanie Martinson, Racing Hearts Project

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