

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

High Gear



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Club members were greeted by **Bill Quirk & Bob Scheppler**. **President Rob** called the 26th Meeting of 88th year with a reminder of that the future of Rotary is in our hands. **Laura Swan** led our pledge and **Andy Krake** and **Chuck Horner** led the club in “God Bless America.” **Paul Wallace** shared two thoughts for the day he learned from the Sausalito Art and Wine Festival (where the local Rotary Club manages the parking as a fundraiser). “Children send our messages to a future we’ll never see.” And “Love is not about finding the perfect person; it’s about seeing the imperfect person perfectly.” Led by **Andy Krake** the club offered a hearty “Hello” song to **Bill Quirk’s** guest, Darrin Vanderpan of Black Diamond Web Hosting and President of Stonebrae PTA.

New member, **Sean Reinhart**, gave his vocational talk. **Sean** has been Acting Director of the Hayward Library since last April when former Club member, Lisa Rosenblum moved to Sunnyvale. **Sean** joined the library in January of 2008, and has been in Libraries for 10 years. His specialty is customer service and service innovation. The Hayward Library has an annual budget of 4.1 million dollars with a staff of 56 (38.5 FTE). The downtown and south Hayward facilities circulate approximately one million items each year – about 60% of which are books.

In order to provide equal opportunity education to everyone in Hayward, the library offers self-directed learning opportunities, research and instructional assistance, and instructive and enlightening events/classes for infants through older adults. Last year’s Big Read – an effort to encourage the entire city to read the same work of classic fiction – was a big success. The next Big Read will be this April. The book is Bless Me, Ultima.

The New Library is in an interim phase. The site has been identified at C and Mission. Based on the community assessment conducted in 2008, 5500 sq ft are needed for the new facility, which will include some of the post office land adjacent to the City parking structure at a cost of 30 million dollars. Cal Pine has pledged \$10 million if the Russell City Energy Plant is built. Once the New Library Director is identified, the design phase of the project is expected to move forward. Regarding finances, the City has decided to maintain local control of the library, rather than become part of county system. As such, they have been able to take advantage of federal funding opportunities, such as a 4-year grant for after school programs from the US Department of Education. This structure also saves the city money.

Sean has lived in Hayward for 30 years and is a graduate of our local schools and colleges. He and his wife, Michele have been married for almost 10 years and have two boys. **Sean** is proud of Hayward and the people who come together to live, work and make it a better place – they are the city’s greatest assets.



Sean Reinhart



ANNOUNCEMENTS / EVENTS

Cate Steane, FESCO Executive Director, shared her gratitude for the club donation. The \$3,000 will be used to purchase the “PEACH” curriculum for client children. This health instruction will enable youth to create a positive foundation for future behavior. The average age of children in FESCO programs is seven. FESCO works to intervene with children early to break the cycle of homelessness in the short time that they are with the programs. Four sets of PEACH health and development materials will be available to volunteers and staff to help FESCO’s 200 children to have a successful life.

Bill Quirk acknowledged many Rotarians helped to make a great difference in lives overseas and locally.

Hayward Rotary Board Meeting – January 14th – 5:30pm Stonebrae Country Club.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration – January 18th – Chabot College Performing Arts Center, 6pm.

Uniendo America Fair – Antigua, Guatemala – January 24th – February 2nd, 2010 – See **President Rob** if you are interested in attending.

An End Polio Now Proclamation will be read by the Mayor at the City of Hayward Council Meeting January 26th, 7:00pm. Club members are welcome to attend the meeting. **President Rob** will receive the proclamation on behalf of Rotary.

The Hayward Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Gala is January 30th, 5:00pm at CSU East Bay. The Chamber will be recognizing one of our own, **Charley Plummer**, Sheriff Emeritus with a Lifetime Achievement Award. \$100 per person, \$800 per table. Space is limited, so get your reservation in soon.

The Hayward – Yixing Sister City Gala will be February 6th at the Sky West Golf Course Restaurant

The Hayward Sunset Rotary Club is holding a “Rethink Afghanistan” fundraiser. Come see a documentary of the same name and support your local Rotarians. Sunday, February 7, 1-3pm, Mission Paradise Banquet Hall, 31115 Mission Blvd., Hayward, 94544 in the Fairway Shopping Center.

The Hayward Education Foundation Spring Gala is March 25th, 2010.

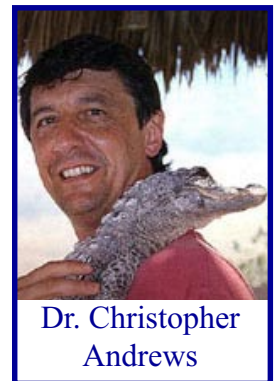
The District 5170 Conference is April 23rd – 25th at the Hyatt Regency, Monterey.

The Rotary International Convention will be in Montreal, Canada, June 20-23, 2010.

The fourth Sunday of each month is our club’s time to prepare and serve meals at the Salvation Army. More help needed for January 24th.

Speaker

In his roles as Chief of Public Programs and Director of Steinhart Aquarium, Dr. Christopher Andrews is responsible for creating inspiring exhibits, aquarium displays, and programs that engage visitors of all ages, igniting a lifelong curiosity about—and love for—the natural world. Dr. Andrews discussed perspectives and resources for sustainability, re-weaving the web of life, and conserving global diversity. Each person comes from nature and needs the natural world, but often, members of society become separated from nature. One species goes extinct about every 20 minutes. Fisheries and island nations are on the brink of collapse.



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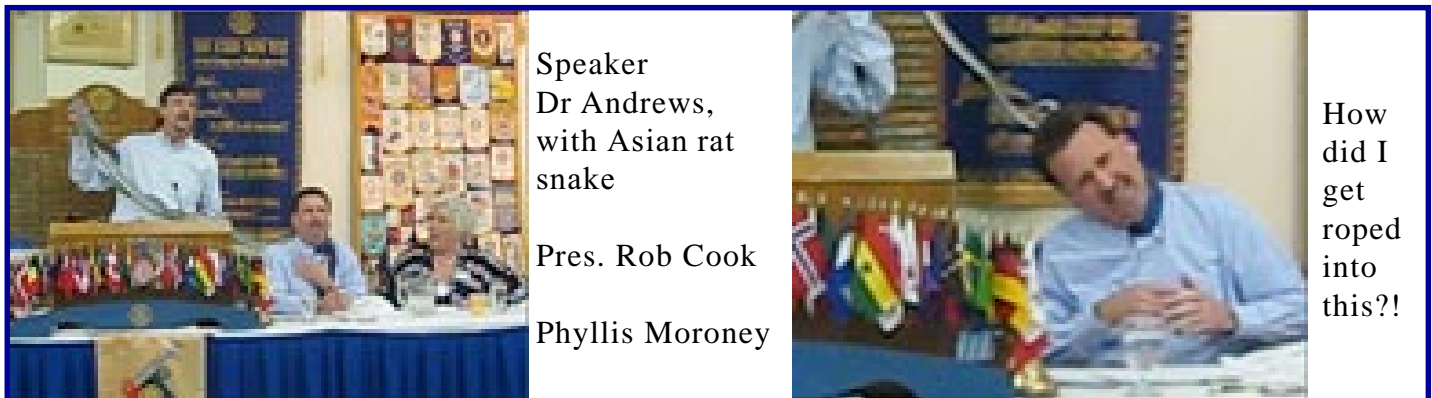
However, all is not lost. There are things we can do for our future and that of our children and grandchildren. Three books provide awareness and perspective on the changing world climate and the steps that people can take to help. Dr. Andrews recommends reading at least one of the following three titles.



Biophilia discusses human's natural affinity for nature. Natural vacation spots, pets, and plants fill most people's lives. How much is Nature worth to people around the world? About \$30 trillion dollars. There is an interconnectedness and fragility to nature. What happens in Kansas affects other parts of the country and eventually the world at large. Nature can recover from past destruction. Alligators, for example, have been able to bounce back with conservation efforts.

Last Child in the Woods states that baby boomers may be the last generation to play in the woods. Nature has become an abstract concept to upcoming generations. Many wild places have been paved over. Further, time spent in wild places is not prioritized and is, in some instances, considered dangerous. Science is not generally part of news, nor of average television watching. Education and communication can change reengage people to care for their environment. For example, 80% of snakes are non-venomous and most snakebites are not poisonous and could be prevented.

Unscientific America reinforces the need for better communication of science and natural information. Collaborative communication can incorporate science into all aspects of life and keep the information relevant and fun. 200 million people a year visit zoos and museums – which is another way to communicate. People trust the information found there. The California Academy of Sciences is such a program. They provide services to teachers and their classes, including the Teacher Institute on Science and Sustainability. Dr. Andrews encourages celebration of what resources can be saved and support of the work that is being done. The Academy is working collaboratively with non-profits and schools to share these messages. For more information about the Academy and its services, please visit www.calacademy.org



Dr. Andrews also introduced an Asian rat snake from the Academy. The 7-foot long snake seemed eager to meet a very patient **President Rob** as it wrapped around him and tried to ring the bell. **President Rob** encouraged club members to visit the Academy. He and his family have great visits there regularly.

Next Meeting – January 18th – Dark – No Meeting – Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 25th – Police Chief Ron Ace – State of the City

District website: (copy and paste this link into your web browser)

<http://www.rotary5170.org/news/09-10/10-01-OneChild-07.pdf>



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Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- January 18 **DARK - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday**
- January 25 **Chief Ron Ace – Hayward Police Department, State of the City**
- February 1 **Annual Youth Speakers Contest**
- February 8 **Wendy Winsted, Sulpher Creek Nature Center, Operations of wildlife recue and education. Bringing a live animal**

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Visit the District 5170 Website @ <http://www.rotary5170.org>



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