

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

High  Gear

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Next Week, March 1st
Shall Sinha
Rotary International Peace Ambassador
(wife Pramila)
Members of Rotary Club of Edmondton, Alberta,
Canada (Dist. 5370)

Greeters were **Greg Jones** and **Jim Hanson**. **President Rob Cook** called the meeting to order. It was the 30th meeting of the 88th year! THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by **Roy Hashimoto**. **Andy Krake** and **Chuck Horner** led us in God Bless America. The Thought for the Day was read by **Terry Lee**: *It isn't hard to be good from time to time. What is tough, is being good every day.* Willy Mays. Visiting Rotarians were introduced by **Terry Lee**: Steve Lloyd of the Niles Club, and our very own Bob Tucknott (**President Rob** shouted for him, Hello Fellow Rotarians!) Guests: **Chuck Horner** introduced Reverend Desmond Henry; **Anna May** introduced Landon Baines; and **Faye Blackman** introduced her husband, Carlton Jefferson Blackman. **Andy** and **Chuck** led us in Hello! (with gusto, please.)

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: **President Rob** invited **Gerald Best** (classification: non-profit management, sponsored by **Freddye Davis**) and Ken Smith (audiologist, sponsored by his wife, **Beth Ehrlich**). **President Rob** made clear the privileges and duties of Club members, and welcomed our two newest members!

President Rob also invited **Freddye Davis** and **Charley Plummer** to the podium: **Charley** presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to **Freddye**. All on their feet and applause to **Freddye** for this recognition of her service!



Beth Ehrlich & Ken Smith



Gerald Best



Freddye Davis &
Charley Plummer



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Past President John Wilma announced the slate of officers to be voted on next week:

For President 2012-2013: **Brian Schott**; Directors for 2010-2012 (Vote for 6 only: 4 Board Members and 2 alternates (very important, because they can be needed in the event that a Board member is unable to serve): **Greg Jones; Reid Lindblom; Tina Martinez; Charley Plummer; Roger Power; Lee Thomkins**. (Floor nominations are also welcome.)

Secretary, 2010-2011: **Mona Dimantine**.

Treasurer, 2010-2011: **Patrick Early**.

- Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund still needs donations. To participate in the Club challenge make donations at www.rotaru5170.org or www.rotary.org/daf
- The Hayward Police Department's Business Academy will be held March 2, 2010, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. It's a great program! To register, contact Mary Fabian, (510) 293-1043, or mary.fabian@hayward-ca.gov
- The Rotary Area 2 Youth Speech Contest will be held Wednesday, March 10th, at the Sequoia Country Club – please attend! It can be a makeup too.
- STRS Success Through Rotary Seminars Conference will be held on March 20th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, at the Spinning Yarn in Fremont (Ed.: Did I get that right?)
- The Hayward Education Foundation Spring Gala will be on March 25th at CSUEB, a dinner event with student music and art.
- Let's Go Fishing! A wonderful opportunity to help kids in need have a fine time at Lake Chabot, April 15th, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Stonebrae Golf Classic: Wednesday April 14, handled by **Andy Krake** and **Dennis Butler**. We do the parking concession, a good fundraiser for our club. 780 person hours needed in 4 hour shifts. Volunteers needed! Clipboard will be passed around.
- Tickets FORE Charity Announcement: \$20 will buy 5 days at the Stonebrae Classic (what a deal), proceeds to our club.
- Rotary District 5170 Conference, April 23-25, at the Monterey Hyatt. **Past President Ed Mullins** told us about an amazing program, with a tennis tournament, great speakers including Jean Michael Cousteau, Music, behind the scenes visit to the Monterey Aquarium, Monterey Culinary Institute demo in the hotel, interview with Judge Joe Wapner, Austin City Nights (wear your cowboy hats and boots), and much more!!!
- Rowell Ranch Rodeo, our Concession Fundraiser: May 15th and 16th
- Rotary International Convention: Montreal, Canada, June 20-23, 2010
- Omelet Feed 2010: **Rita Shue** and **Faye Blackman** have accepted chairing this event.
- **Brian Schott** announced that St. Rose Hospital has donated \$2700 for the Silva Dental Clinic, our very own project.
- **Norma Rees** reminded all that next Sunday, February 28, is our date to prepare and serve dinner at the Salvation Army. She needs one or two more volunteers.
- **Norma** also called our attention to the performances of CHICAGO at CSUEB. Opening night will be March 5, when the Friends of the Arts invites you to a pre-theatre reception. Flyers on the tables with more information, or contact Norma.
- **Debby De Angelis** told us about Cal State East Bay's Homecoming 2010, celebrating return to NCAA Division II, Friday, February 26, 2010, Pioneers V. Sonoma State, 4:30 – 7:30 pm – with prizes!

Have you visited our Website lately? www.haywardrotary.org

PROGRAM: **Chuck Horner** introduced Chris Lynam and Karen Todd. Chris and his wife are franchisees of three Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Northern California. Their son is one year old today!

Chris told us that he had an embarrassing moment at a dance camp when he was about 14 – in the slow dance, he let his hand fall too low behind his partner. He had been a basketball player in High School, and when his dad decided to take ballroom dancing lessons, Chris made fun of him at first, but went along anyway. Dad met Chris's stepmother there, and also improved his health – he was diabetic. Two years later, Chris became a ballroom dance instructor! Arthur Murray has 250 locations worldwide. It is fun and exciting. Some come to learn dances like the Tango, but often parents come to learn to dance at their offspring's weddings. Chris told us about a student who came in, a stay-at-home mom whose husband is away 6 months in the year. She and her kids were very quiet and shy. Six months later, she had dropped 3 dress sizes, and her kids had lost their shyness! When her husband came to observe a lesson, he thanked Chris for his sexy wife!

Arthur Murray was a real person – he had his own television show for some years. He started his dance studios in 1912. He was a lanky tall guy, not super-coordinated, and his buddies had to teach him to dance. Arthur Murray invented the footprints-on-the-floor method. His business boomed during the Great Depression, probably because it was an inexpensive way to have fun.



Karen Todd &
Chris Lynam

Chris explained that the Arthur Murray experience is something like the loud zone at a sporting event. He got us clapping with him, stand up and clap (so your legs work!), and walk two steps in any direction – just don't run into anybody.

Still standing, everybody follow his instructions: take two big steps, then side step. With just those steps you can do four different dances. So grab someone near you, put your palms together, clap. Chris demonstrated the steps with **Pam Russo**, and it turned out to be the Fox Trot! That is a dance where you can dance and talk at the same time.

Chris assured us that they can teach you even if you are sure you are the worst dancer. He gave us a dance for a stressful day (and who doesn't have one) – BINGO, or — the TANGO!! What he taught us took only a few minutes. He said he is not a good golfer, but points out that even if you are not a good golfer or dancer, you can still enjoy it. They give a free lesson first, to help students get past the myths and build confidence. Everything is tailor-made for the student, and they gauge what the person wants to accomplish. It can run between \$300-900.

Usually it takes something on your calendar that motivates the student to come in, like a high school reunion – or, of course, a wedding. But don't wait till the day before the wedding! Chris and Karen (student executive in the Hayward Studio) gave us a brief

demonstration dance, showing us how a simple Fox Trot can become something special.

Thanks, Chris and Karen, for a fun program!

President Rob announced that the next meeting, March 1, will feature the Rotary International Peace Ambassador, Shall Shina, recipient of the 2009 Donald MacRae Peace Award. Topic: Taylor's Gift to Rotary: The 4-Way Test.

The following week, on March 8th, the program will be "District 5170 Children at Risk, with **Bob Goetsch** (Be a Mentor), **Freddye Davis** (Reality Mentor), **Cate Steane** (FESCO), and **Joel Garcia** (Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center).

He thanked distinguished guests and visitors, and adjourned the meeting.



Karen Todd, Pres. Rob Cook
& Chris Lynam

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Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- March 1** Shall Sinha Rotary International Peace Ambassador (wife Pramila) Members of Rotary Club of Edmondton, Alberta, Canada (Dist. 5370)
- March 8** “District 5170 Children at risk”. www.beamentor.org/projects.htm
Bob Goetsch Be-a-Mentor, Freddy Davis - Realty Mentor,
- March 15** Michael Sweeney, City of Hayward, Mayor, State of City
- March 22** Clancy Priest, accesshayward.com. Hayward’s *NEW* Constituent Relations Management (CRM) web-based application provides internet access to city information and services anytime

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