

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

High Gear



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Don't miss our Next Meeting, **May 18**
Our speaker will be

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command of the 5th Brigade BCTB
75th Division BCTD.
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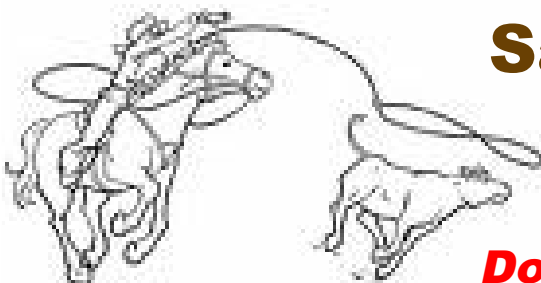
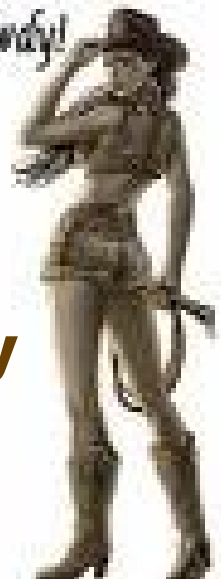


YeeHAAAW!

This Weekend!

Time to Get out Your Duds
& Have Some Fun
at the *Rowell Ranch Rodeo!*

Howdy!



Saturday & Sunday
May 16 & 17

Don't miss out on the fun!



President John Caldwell called the meeting to order, reminding us that it was the 41st meeting of our 87th year! **The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** was led by **Freddye Davis**. **Norma Rees** and **Chuck Horner** led us in **Home on the Range**. **Debby De Angelis** gave us the **Thought for the Day**: In keeping with the Rodeo preparation, three by Will Rogers: Life: “Don’t let yesterday use up too much of today.” Praise: “Get someone else to blow your horn and the sound will carry twice as far.” Achievements: “Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.”

Sara Lamnin introduced Visiting Rotarians: Serean Kimmel, David Murphy, and – Bob Tucknott!

Guests: Dorothy Wulf, guest of **Roger Powers**; Craig Bueno, guest of **Charley Plummer**; Sharon van Brunt, guest of the Club; and Susan Gonzales, guest of **Rob Simpson**.

Norma and **Chuck** led us in **Hello!**

Announcements:

Cliff Sherwood of the Castro Valley Rotary Club told us about the successful Chili Cook-off on Friday, very well attended with lots of kids, and Saturday’s Rodeo Parade, a fine time had by all.

Debby De Angelis reminded us that every Rotarian should give to Polio Plus or the Hayward Rotary Foundation, and she will be at the table to receive our donations.

Serean Kimmel told us about the May 29 fundraising event for the Wheelchair Foundation.

President John reminded us about the May 21 District Assembly at the San Jose Doubletree Hotel, an opportunity for training for club leadership.

He also reminded us about the June 21-24 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England.

Ed Mullins reminded us about the June 22 Demotion at **Chuck Maita’s Ranch** at Cull Canyon – no one wants to miss that!

George Pacheco explained that he must have the names of everyone who needs to park at the Rodeo May 16-17, so be sure to e-mail or call him with your names. The Rodeo event is not only our major fundraiser, but also is a great chance to get to know people – so everyone is welcome!

Fines and Foolishness: **Bill Quirk**, for his pride in his son who is graduating from UC Berkeley and serving as Valedictorian; **Bill Roberts**, for his birthday and his presidential haircut.

President John quizzed us to find out how much we know about Rotary history: **Maria Elena Rivera** knew that the first non-English-speaking Rotary Club was in Cuba; **Del Della Dora** knew that the first Rotary Club to have regular noon lunches was Oakland; Bob Tucknott didn’t guess that the first Rotary Club outside of North America was in Dublin; **Larry Ratto** guessed correctly that the first Rotary Club in Australia was in Melbourne; and **President John** told us that the first club in Asia was in Manila, the Philippines; the first outside of the US was in Winnipeg, Canada; and the first Chicago meeting was on February 23, 1905.

PROGRAM: **Chuck Horner** introduced the Rodeo Queen, Brittany Voss, who told us she is a student at CSU San Luis Obispo, and her goal is to become an equine orthopedic surgeon. The Rowell Ranch Rodeo is special to her because it is her hometown rodeo.

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The most exciting moment is the grand entry, when the horses and riders come down the hill with the American flag. She explained that the rodeo is a way to learn what really happens at a working ranch. She is proud that the animals sustain few injuries. She hopes to see us there, with her quarter horse!



Janet Lemmons told us about her organization, Cowboys and Kids. They go into schools to educate kids about the rodeo but also about the Code of the West, character training that emphasizes honesty and respect for others. She showed us a video of the annual National Finals Rodeo, involving bareback riding, saddle bronco riding, and bull riding. Janet showed us the intricacies of the rules the judges use for scoring the events, and called to our attention the importance of the riders' control of their bodies. Riders and horses can each score up to 50 points. The riders must hold on with one hand and hold the other in the air. The horse is judged on how high he kicks (bucking horses are picked for that). The Rodeo Industry saves thousands of horses who cannot be broken to ride and might be turned out in the desert to die.

The Pickup Men have the special job of controlling the horses so the riders can get down safely.

Russell Field told us that the horses are bred to buck. He told us about a "shark," a man with a video camera who took pictures that caused a problem for him with Channel 2 News, although nothing they did was wrong. He fought it, but they did have to pay a fine. Eric Mills of Action for Animals fights the rodeo, and is now writing to the Alameda Board of Supervisors to urge them to ban the rodeo, and also to bar smoking or chewing tobacco at the rodeo (smoking is now banned except for a special spot for smokers, but chewing tobacco is still allowed). Russell explained that they have to fight to stay in business, and need our help.

Janet explained that she thinks of it as education. People who want the rodeo banned are misinformed and uneducated. The saddle bronc riders wear boots that are a half-size too big, so they will come off if the foot is caught in the stirrup. For bull riding, the rider has to keep one hand in the air too, but it is not tied on as some people believe. The rodeo clowns are actually bullfighters, to distract the bull so the cowboy can get to safety. The bucking bulls sell for \$10,000-30,000, so the owners do not mistreat them and strive to keep them healthy. The rodeo needs more sponsorship and needs your attendance.

In answer to questions, they told us that while the ride down the hill may look dangerous, the road is carefully cleared in advance to avoid mishaps. Horses may live for up to 25 years. Bareback riders are usually in their 20s, bronc riders may go on as long as 32. The strap around the animal's back is not too tight, just snug enough so the animal feels it and bucks to try to get it off. Some riders wear helmets, but it is not mandatory.

Applause for our speakers!

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President John thanked our speakers for a great program, thanked distinguished guests and visitors (and especially our Castro Valley friends), reminded us to come back next week for a great program, good food, great fellowship, and Let's have some more fun! and adjourned the meeting.

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

<http://www.rotary5170.org/news/08-09/09-03-rotarypride-09.pdf>

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- May 18 **Nick Tooliatos - Army Brigadier General, command of the 5th Brigade BCTB, 75th Division BCTD.**
- May 25 **DARK - Memorial Day.**
- June 8 **Jay Holcomb - international bird rescue San Francisco Oiled Wildlife Care & Education Center (SFBOCEC).**
- June 22 **DARK - Demotion Evening Meeting.**

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