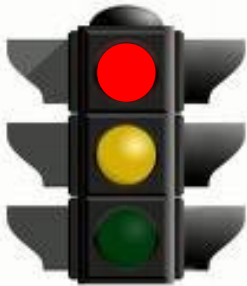


ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

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with**

**Hayward Police Department Sergeant
JEFF LUTZINGER**

the photo red light camera system



GREETERS –**Larry Lepore** & an elevated **Sara Lamnin** (Thank you Larry for the stepstool).

12:15 CALL TO ORDER **President Rob** – 1st Meeting of 88th year.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by **Bob Cook** – Past President (1960-1961) and proud father of our new Club President.

PATRIOTIC SONG – God Bless America in the key of P by **Charley Plummer & Chuck Horner** who also led the Hello song.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – by **Larry Ratto**: Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought. Albert von Szent-Gyorgyi 1893-1986.

INTRO VISITING ROTARIANS – **Maria Elena Riveria**

Steve Murtaugh, Oakland Sunrise and Bob Tucknott, Past President, Dublin Rotary



INTRO GUESTS

President Cook introduced his wife, Victoria and their family, Ryan Arvig, April and her Husband Carlo Lombardo, grandson, Riley, and his father, Bob Cook.

Anna May introduced her husband and Hayward Municipal Band Member, Nathaniel Bruno, and Tri-City Voice Reporter, Simon Wong.

Joe Vilardi introduced his guest, Robert Graff.

Paul Martin introduced Ray Alsdorf

Roy Hashimoto brought Brenda Harbin-Forte to learn about our club.

Rita Shue presented Paul Hodges from the HARD Board of Directors

Chuck Horner introduced Shiyama Clunie from AT&T and Lt. Sheryl Boykins, Hayward Police Department

Del Della-Dora was honored to reintroduce Faye Blackman from Eden Housing for her second visit and Cheryl Burris, Law Professor and wife of the speaker.

PAST PRESIDENTIAL MOMENT

Wayne Wright, President in 1972-1973 shared his memory of the club and the changes he as seen in his 55 years of membership. **Wayne** led the club to create the first local blood bank in partnership with St. Rose during his year. It became so successful, that it needed full time staff within two years and was turned over to the Red Cross. Past President **Wright** also discussed the club's involvement with Scout Troop 816 for boys with disabilities. The fishing and BBQ events held for this troop eventually became "Let's Go Fishing". He was sponsored by Bob Cook in 1953 and wishes **President Rob** the best of Luck in his presidential year.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:

Sharon Van Brunt: Auto Train Services (Vocational Trainer) Sponsored by **Freddye Davis & John Caldwell**, formerly of Hayward South Rotary. Welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 9th Board Meeting, Stonebrae Golf Club – 5:30pm Please let **Mona Dimantine** know if you are attending.

August 8, Rotary Day at the A's. More info to come.

SPEAKER

Jim Wieder introduced out speaker, John Burris, Civil Rights Attorney and Author of Blue vs. Black. Mr. Burris has been involved in many notable cases, including the Rodney King trial in Los Angeles and the current Oscar Grant/BART case in Oakland.

An expert in law enforcement cases, Mr. Burris emphasized the importance of including different opinions and historical perspective when working through community issues. The rule of law can be influenced by the political climate, he explained, thus discourse is as important as reason and analysis.



John Burris

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

John applauds the work of Club Member **Charley Plummer** and his efforts to increase the diversity in the police force and highlights the need for ongoing education as populations and communities change. “Tragedy provides opportunity,” stated our speaker.



The Oscar Grant case is an opportunity for increased transparency and training. Creating a mechanism for ongoing communication between law enforcement and the community at large, develops respect, trust, and accountability and a framework to address crisis.

Brian Schott asked about the apparent conflicts within communities that are seen in riots, such as the vandalism and protests earlier this year.

Answer: Riots are often a response to a historical feeling that institutions have not responded to issues raised in the community. Destroying property is not the answer. Establishing a pattern of responsiveness and developing relationships help to transform the anger into action.

Kevin McGary asked if there had been resolution in Oakland following the recent tragedies of officers killed.

Answer: The Oakland Police and the community meet monthly and there has been an increase in community policing. Both of these approaches have helped. More community involvement is needed. This process will take long-term positive work to create healing.

Nels Nelson reminded us that not all uprisings are based in racial conflict. For example, the Longshoreman riot and Free Speech movements.

Answer: Absolutely, there have been lots of uprisings and these are often what has moved the social agenda. The outrage that sparked these events is often a perception that the system or organization in charge is not being responsive to the community's needs/priorities.

Tina Martinez asked if the anger and crime in Oakland could be attributed to the actions of the police.

Answer: A great deal of the crime in Oakland is related to the gang activity there, much like in other cities. It is not because of the police or their actions. Gangs are a separate issue from the recent cases discussed earlier, and neither is an excuse to have conflict in community.

Larry Ratto: Is there a movement in BART and other Law enforcement agencies to increase responsiveness?

Answer: Yes. As law enforcement becomes aware of systemic issues, there is a positive response. Trainings have increased and leadership has changed.

Next Meeting — July 13, 2009 — Jeff Lutzinger – Hayward Police Department on the Red Light Photo System

1:30 ADJOURN

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

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

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

July 13 **JEFF LUTZINGER** Hayward Police Department
Sergeant, photo red light camera system

August 3 **VERA DAHLE-LACAZE** City of Hayward, Solid Waste
Management, how to recycle in Hayward

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