



••• **Be here next week for** •••
Tom Bilotti - TOP GUN flight instructor

Tom Bilotti is the second generation of three generations of Military Pilots who served his country as a military aviator during a military conflict or war.

Tom served his country from 1969 to 1975. After the Vietnam conflict ended he left the Air Force and pursued a career as a financial planner and is still doing the same today.

Tom and his wife Anne of 40 years have 3 children, eight grandchildren and lives in Danville, CA.



GREETERS – New Member **Sharon Van Brunt** & Past President **Ed Mullins**.

12:15 **President Rob** called the 2nd Meeting of 88th year to order.

After the pledge, **Norma Rees** & **Chuck Horner** led the club through “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”.

Cate Steane shared the thought for the day, “Don’t let your victories go to your head, or your failures go to your heart.”

Sharon Van Brunt – introduced visiting Rotarians, Bob Tucknott (Dublin), Darrell Lavin (Castro Valley), and Dave Murphy (San Juan Capistrano) for his third visit.

Bill Quirk introduced Faye Blackman from Eden Housing for her third visit.

Anna May introduced Tri-City Voice Reporter, Simon Wong.

Leo Parry proudly introduced his wife of 59 years, Roberta.

Speaker, Jeff Lutzinger welcomed his guests, Kristen Spitzer and Fred Zachau from Red Flex.

Norma and **Chuck** led the club in the “Hello” song and “In the Good Ol’ Summertime.”



Past President Ken Meirovitz (1999-2000) shared his Presidential memories with the club. Sponsored by **Ed Hoffman** in 1978, he was off to a slow start, taking 4 years to earn his Blue Badge. He appreciated the Club's "Get 'er done" attitude and became more involved in club activities, including an immunization project that became the Silva Pediatric Clinic. The Clinic, run by St. Rose Hospital, continues to serve the community well with 15,000 patient visits each year.



Ken Meirovitz

During **Ken's** presidential year, the club doubled the size of the clinic, adding dental offices. Not only were club members able to raise \$450,000 to complete the project, but also project leaders designed the effort so that every member was able to participate in some aspect. This 100% participation exemplified **Ken's** theme, "We should, we can, we will". These efforts earned **Ken** the District 5170 Outstanding Club President award. In 2003, he was the Club's Outstanding Rotarian of the year. **Ken** also acknowledged the support he received from his board, including **Don Lazar** and **Dick Bowman**.

It is also important, reminds **Ken**, to have fun. He recalls bringing theme music into club meetings and having diverse presentations, including thoughts on Y2K from member **Jay Tontz**. **Ken** urges members to "Just Say Yes" when you are asked to volunteer and the Club will help you to succeed. Rotary's Service Above Self perspective enables members to use their unique talents to benefit people in the community around the world.

NEW MEMBER

President Rob inducted **Craig Bueno** – Hayward Fire Chief, sponsored by **Charley Plummer**. **Craig** stated that he was proud to be a member and that Service Above Self reflects the Firefighters creed. Welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Rotary Day at the A's – August 8th, 2009. Proceeds benefit Rotary Youth Leadership Awards training program. More details from **Steve Worley** next week.

Rotary International Polio Immunization Week 11/4 to 11/11/09 – for details, see **President Rob Cook**

Group Study Exchange – Team Leader Wanted for May 3 –June 5, 2010. See **President Rob Cook**

Anna May reminded members that there are free concerts by the Hayward Municipal Band. July 19 and 26, 2:30-4:30 pm. Concerts at the bandstand in Memorial Park behind the Hayward plunge, 24176 Mission Blvd.

Past Assistant District Governor Darrell Lavin, in his role as President of the Castro Valley Arts Foundation, presented the club with a check for \$400. The club earns a 20% commission on sponsorships for their events such as the current production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Thank you!

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SPEAKER

Chuck Horner introduced our speaker, Jeff Lutzinger, who began his law enforcement career early as a member of the Fremont Police Explorers. He joined the Hayward Police Department in 1990 and shared his insights on the City's new red light camera system.



Sergeant Lutzinger began his presentation by explaining that the City has contracted with Red Flex Traffic Systems to install high-speed digital cameras at high traffic/high incident intersections. In other cities, these cameras have decreased accidents by 40-80%. In order to install the cameras, the City has followed the existing regulations by holding a public hearing in November of 2007, posting notification signs at all major entrances to the city, extending the length of yellow lights to just beyond Cal-Trans specifications, and posting public notices in the newspaper. Hayward leases the equipment from Red Flex, but controls the program. Officers follow a uniform set of guidelines to review and issue citations. Violators receive photos in their citation letters and are able to view a video of the incident online. Those receiving the notice can pay the fine or request a hearing.

Kristen Spitzer from Red Flex explained how the system works. Red Flex, headquartered in Phoenix, has cameras in 23 states, which process 30,000 incidents daily. The cameras are triggered during red lights by sensors in the roadway. The sensors calculate the speed of an approaching vehicle, assessing if it has time to stop before the limit line. If the car is anticipated to run the red light, based on the calculations, the cameras take one photo at the intersection's limit line, one in the intersection (which also shows the license plate), and one from the front, showing the driver's face. Red Flex staff review all the footage and send footage of violations to cities based on the cities' regulations/requirements. If a city identifies a citation, Red Flex sends notice to the driver.

Not all violations can be prosecuted, stated Sergeant Lutzinger. There were four cameras operational in May of 2009, which recorded 1,493 violations. Of those only 654 were available for prosecution due to a wide variety of reasons. The City is looking at ways to increase this number, including upgrading lights and reviewing camera positions.

Q & A

How much is the fine? \$431, of which Hayward retains \$160. The balance goes to the County and State.

How much does the system cost? \$5,600 per camera per month. The City is reviewing ways to decrease costs associated with the system as needed. Currently the program is operating in the black.

What is the purpose of the program? Public Safety. Research in other cities shows decreases in accidents when red light camera systems are used. Cameras are/will be placed in the most heavily traveled and most problematic intersections in Hayward. HPD is also working with Cal Trans to place cameras at the 880 intersection on A Street. There have been requests to City Council from residents for help with speeding in residential areas. Currently, it is not legal to put cameras in neighborhoods; however, there is legislation in process that may change that restriction.

What happens if someone does not pay the fine or request a hearing? The case goes through the courts like any other 'Failure to Appear.'

Next Meeting — July 20, 2009 — Tom Bilotti TOP GUN Fighter Pilot

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

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



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Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- July 20** **TOM BILOTTI- a TOP GUN flight instructor who presents a very good program on this topic.**
- August 3** **VERA DAHLE-LACAZE City of Hayward, Solid Waste Management, how to recycle in Hayward.**

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