

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

High Gear

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Next Monday, August 31st
Join us for

BILL HODGES

USS Potomac Program



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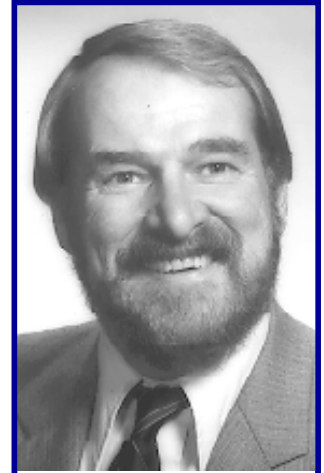


Today's Greeters were **Beth Ehrlich**, audiologist, and **Nicole Reams**, Dutra-Cerro Garden Real Estate. **President Rob Cook** called the meeting to order, reminding us that it was the 8th meeting of our 88th year! The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Roger Hassler. **Andy Krake** and **Chuck Horner** led us in God Bless America.

Terry Lee gave us this Thought for the Day: *If Lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?* Visiting Rotarians:

Bill Quirk introduced Roger Hassler, Almaden Valley Club member and District Governor-elect; Anita Jiminez, Niles Rotary Club; and Bob Tucknott, Dublin Club. Guests:

Bill Quirk introduced Faye Blackman; **Leo Parry** introduced his wife Roberta (or Bertie, as we know her best); **Lee Tompkins** introduced Jose Azmitia; **Sara Lamnin** introduced Jennifer Oliver; **Ed Avelar** introduced his daughter, Becky Avelar; and someone introduced Richard Navarro, former member of our Club.



Joe Vilardi

PAST PRESIDENTIAL MOMENT: Joe Vilardi, President 1976-1977, told us that his year as president was interesting, rewarding, and sometimes anxious. Joe was the 56th president of the Hayward Rotary Club, and at that time the Club had heavy presence from Southland Mall, merchants and others. When he agreed to serve as President, Rotary International was scheduled to meet in Argentina – but the venue was changed to New Orleans. Joe's successor, **Dick Warren**, got to go all the way to San Francisco for the Rotary International conference!

The Club had about 125 members, with a good cross-section of the community, though more mercantile than now. The principal fundraising event, as now, was the Rodeo. We sold hotdogs for 60¢, beer for 65¢, and cigarettes for 70¢. We made \$4000 from ads in the programs, and \$2000 for selling food. It was the last year we were able to sell fireworks, because the following year the City of Hayward banned the sale of fireworks. A big event was the visit of the District Governor. We rehearsed our committee reports and had a barbeque, and another barbeque after the visit, so it was a major social event for us.

Visiting Rotarians averages about 15 at each meeting, because attendance was a big thing at the time. Like Presidents before and after, there were problems. One was early leavers, an affront to the speaker; so The Four Way Test was included in the High Gear, showing how it applied the early leavers. Lunches were a problem: about 25 in attendance did not eat, so the caterer lost money – so we put the price up to \$3.50 and asked the caterer to provide more variety. Another problem was the Invocation (we didn't do Thought for the Day then), given by a lay preacher who ended his comments with reference to Christ. Members asked that the Invocation be more ecumenical, and the preacher was asked to do that – but he pounded the table, said he would not deny his God, and resigned. Community activities were many and varied. We supported Hayward's 50th anniversary by completing the construction of the Tea House, and also the Dining Room in the McConaghy House on Hesperian Blvd. We supported the YMCA and YWCA and the Boy Scouts, led a fishing event for kids –the forerunner of Let's Go Fishing – and made sure that every child snagged a fish. At the San Jose District Conference, our Club was named for outstanding international activity – we took a group of Swedish exchange students to **Joe's** Lake Tahoe home, and they were thrilled. One of the more memorable activities was serving as hosts for the Rotary International Conference in San Francisco: we had a bus to bring Rotarians to a BBQ at Jordan's ranch – some spoke no English, but we managed.

The year ended with the demotion, in those days a very elaborate production. **Bob Cook** was the chief scriptwriter, often using ideas from the then popular TV show HeeHaw. **Joe** was costumed as the Jolly Green Giant! **Joe** told us that he felt honored and proud to serve that year - and when he asked, nobody said No.

New Member: Bill Quirk introduced **Faye Blackman** again, and **President Rob** formally admitted her to the Hayward Rotary Club where service is the ideal and the basis for the enterprise. **Faye** made her own remarks, telling us that she was excited at what she saw on her visits to the Club, enjoyed the Past Presidents moments because they showed the rich history of the Club. She is impressed by the community events and by the respect we show for each other and concern for each other's well-being. **Faye** is happy to join (and we are happy to have her with us!).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Brian Schott** told us about the upcoming Omelet Feed, explaining the signup sheet (those who sign up will be invited to **Phyllis Moroney's** home for a BBQ). **Brian** showed us a video of Chico's Omelet Brunch, so we saw how Chico does it. It looked very complicated, but everyone was plainly having a good time. They interviewed Chico Interact Club volunteers, who had no answer when asked what they supposed to do there (that won't happen with our event). The Hayward Rotary Club's Omelet Brunch will be on October 11 at the Great White Tent at St. Rose Hospital.

Debby De Angelis told us about the opportunity to sign up for a Rotary International MasterCard with WorldPoints rewards. For each approved new card account in which the cardholder spends at least \$75 within the first 90 days, our club will earn \$25. We will use the money toward the Gates Foundation challenge grant for polio eradication.



Faye Blackman & Pres. Rob Cook

PROGRAM: **Reid Lindblom** introduced Anne Madrid, who has been in the Hayward Police Department for 20 years and holds the rank of Inspector. She follows up on criminal investigations and does many other things – a Jack of All Trades. Her topic today was Megan's Law. Anne showed us a power point presentation. Megan Kanka was a 7-year-old New Jersey girl, who was raped and killed by a known child molester who had moved across the street from her family without their knowledge. Anne had to learn about the law quickly. California leads the country in registered sex offenders because we have been tracking them longer than any other state. Megan's Law was established in California in 1996. To get a list of registered sex offenders in the neighborhood, access the website - but you can't use the information to harass or punish offenders. The California Department of Justice maintains the Megan's Law Sex Offender database, which is updated daily. 25% are excluded from the database, depending on the type of crime committed. The offenders are not prevented from living near schools, though if they are parolees at high risk, they can be required not to live near schools or where children congregate.

There is also Jessica's law, which started in Florida and now is in every state. This database has more information about proximity and tracking, who is required to wear GPS devices, and other information. Jessica's Law also protects children from Internet predation. The site has the photo, name, birth date, offense, status, address or zip code (depending on the crime). Police officers track sex offenders who are out of compliance. Some are required to register for life.

Some facts: there is no such thing as a typical sex offender. Generally they work by enticement rather than violence. The website shows how you can protect yourself and your family, provides other facts and FAQs. *What you can do:* keep your child's computer in a public place; talk to the child; use safety and monitoring software; visit the websites the child visits; use anti-viral software. Don't network the child's computer with yours. Don't let the child have an online profile. If the child tells you about something seen on the computer, don't punish the child, but report it to the police. There is software to help you find out what the child is doing on the computer – Anne does not agree that it would be an invasion of privacy. Some sites that seem to be for kids actually redirect to porn sites.

Megan's Law site is easy to navigate. Megan's Law has allowed people to protect themselves and family, but has not affected recidivism. There is an Alameda County multi-jurisdictional task force that can go out and work the cases.

President Rob thanked Anne for her presentation. He made some additional announcements:

- Rotary Avenues of Service will be October 15 at Centennial Hall.
- The Hayward Rotary Holiday Party will be on December 12 at Stonebrae Country Club.
- On To Reno is scheduled for January 24-25, and needs a committee chairperson.
- The Salvation Army Donor Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for September 24 – if you are interested, contact **President Rob** for information.

Next meeting: August 31 2009: Bill Hodges will tell us about the USS Potomac, FDR's Floating White House.

September 7: no meeting. **President Rob** thanked distinguished guests and visitors, and adjourned the meeting.

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

<http://www.rotary5170.org/news/09-10/09-08-OneChild-02.pdf>



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Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- August 31 **BILL HODGES** USS Potomac Program *door prizes* www.Potomac.org
- September 7 **DARK** - Labor Day
- September 14 **RICK THOMAS** Calpine, Russell City Energy Center in Hayward
- September 21 **BEN HENDERSON** - Founder of MALTA, Motivation And Learning Through Aviation. www.Tamuseum.org
- September 28 **JEREMY FIFE**, Pulse Check CPR updates of cardio-vascular resuscitation

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