

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

High Gear



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Hayward Rotary & Mervyn's partner for **Child Spree**

When: September 27, 2008

Where: Mervyn's at Southland Mall

Time: 6:45 AM

Your help is needed to assist approximately 100 underprivileged Children shop for back to school items.

How can you help? Make a donation to the **Hayward Rotary Foundation** earmarked "Mervyn's Child Spree" and sign up to assist those children shop for back to school items.

Contact George Pacheco or Pam Russo for more information.



Reminder: Next week we are dark as everyone celebrates Labor Day.



President Elect Rob Cook called the meeting to order. **Charley Plummer** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **George Famous** led the Club singing “America the Beautiful” and “In the Good Old Summertime”. **Anna Powers** accompanied on the piano and **Chuck Horner** gave our Thought for the Day.

Beth Ehrlich introduced one visiting Rotarian, Steve Murtaugh from the Oakland Sunrise Club. James Pacheco was later introduced as a visiting Rotarian too. There were several guests today, Sean Reinhart with **Anna May**, Kenneth Smith with **Beth Ehrlich**, and Sarah and Robbie Simpson with dad, **Rob Simpson**.

PE Rob Cook said as he was thinking about Rotary today a story came to mind that reminded him what Rotary was all about. A big game hunter meets a pigmy in the jungle standing over an enormous beast. The hunter asks “how did such a small person kill such a large beast?” The pigmy replies “with my Club” and the hunter says “you must have a very large club” the Pigmy says “yes, there are about a hundred of us”.

PE Cook invited **Carrie Alejandre** and her sponsor **Ed Mullins** to join him at the podium for a presentation of a Blue Badge to **Carrie**. **Carrie** has completed all of the requirements of becoming a Blue Badge member. She was fined the requisite \$10. Congratulations **Carrie**.

Announcements:

- Save the date of September 27 for Mervyns Child Spree. **George Pacheco** and **Pam Russo** are chairing the event. Start time is 6:45 at Mervyns in Southland Mall. **PE Cook** noted requests for donations went out this past week for this worthwhile project and donations are due by September 19 was noted by **Charley Plummer**. A sign up sheet will be passed around in the coming weeks for shoppers to help the children select their back to school items.
- October 16 is the District Avenues of service BBQ. Our Club will again be taking care of the bar and of course the bartending. More to follow on this project later.
- The Rotary International Convention is coming next June, 2009 to Birmingham England. **PE Rob** is working on getting a contingent from our Club so if you are interested in attending, Contact **Rob Cook**.

Fines and Acknowledgments:

- In 1997-1998 during **Bob Scheppler’s** year as Club president, he fined **PE Rob Cook** \$10 for purchasing a new Acura so today **Rob** fined **Bob** \$10.
- During **John Wilma’s** presidency from 2002-2003, **Rob** also purchased a new Acura and **John** fined him. **Rob** acknowledged **John’s** contributions to the dictionary project but noted he had been a little light on donations to the Club Foundation. **John Wilma** contributed \$1,000 to the Club Foundation in **Jack Smith’s** honor. **PE Rob Cook** also recognized **Jim** and Melissa **Phillips** for their \$1,000 contribution to the Club Foundation in **Jack Smith’s** honor, as well as **Bob** and Marge **Sakai’s** \$1,000 contribution also in **Jack Smith’s** honor. **Bob Sakai** thanked **Charley** and Norma **Plummer** for leading off the donations to the Club Foundation with their \$1,000 donation in **Jack’s** honor.
- **PE Cook** noted **Bob Sakai**, during his rein as president, also fined **Rob** for not only another new car but also for his new mountain house (sheesh, **Rob**, what’s with a new car every two years?) **Bob** paid \$20.
- **Paul** and Mary **Martin** are celebrating their 13th anniversary. **Paul** donated \$100 to the Club Foundation.

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- **Roger Power** was quoted in a nice article in the Daily Review today regarding the reaccreditation of the Alameda County Sheriffs Department. **Roger** donated \$100 to the Club Foundation.
- **PE Cook** asked **Charley Plummer** which past president contributed to the disappearance of hats in the U.S.... **Charley** knew the answer was John Kennedy. **Rob** then asked which president should have contributed to the disappearance of the neck tie? **Charley** knew the answer again, Ronald Regan. At which point **PE Cook** removed his neck tie informing the Club he wasn't going to continue wearing them during his year as president.



Nancy Eaton introduced our speaker today, Mr. Charles Reynes. In recognition of his exceptional and dedicated service in the field of education, Mr. Reynes received this highest state-wide honor in a special ceremony on Monday, January 8th in Sacramento, the 2008 California Teacher of the Year.

An elementary science specialist and an educator for more than 20 years, Mr. Reynes teaches at several schools in the Castro Valley Unified School District. Mr. Reynes strives to develop activities for students to learn complex ideas through hands-on experience. Evidence of his dedication to his students' development includes his organization of an annual science night at each school where he teaches. Mr. Reynes plans to develop a math night and a citywide rocket-launching competition.

Mr. Reynes gave us several demonstrations of how he engages his students in the study of math and science using common situations to help students gain and apply their knowledge. **Larry Lepore** was a great sport getting soaked as Mr. Reynes demonstrated how the heart pumps using water, a tennis ball, tubing and a valve. It was a fun and very interesting talk.

P.E. Cook closed the meeting thanking the donors to the Club Foundation, acknowledging our guests and reminding everyone next week we are dark as everyone celebrates Labor Day.



Congratulations to Blue Badge recipient Carrie Alejandre with her sponsor Ed Mullins

Speaker Charles Reynes with President Elect Rob Cook

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- Sept 1 No Meeting, Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 8 Bob Goetsch will speak about developing youth mentoring programs.
- Sept 15 Steve Holmstrom speaks about the use of mothball ships to create reefs.
Steve is a Veterinarian that specializes in marine mammals.
- Sept 22 Courtney Townsend, Rotary Scholar, will speak about Cordon Blue School
in Paris.

Need to find or confirm a Location?

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