

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD



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NEXT WEEK - Monday, September 21

Welcome Ben Henderson

Founder of MALTA

Motivation And Learning Through Aviation

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Today's Greeters were **Faye Blackman** and **Dick Bowman**. **President Rob Cook** called the meeting to order, reminding us that it was the 10th meeting of our 88th year! The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by **Del Della Dora**. **Andy Krake** and **Chuck Horner** led us in America – the second verse! **Bill Quirk** gave us this Thought for the Day: *Dark cannot drive out dark – only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate – only love can do that.* Visiting Rotarians: **Faye Blackman** introduced Bob Tucknott of the Dublin Rotary Club. Guests: **Freddye Davis** introduced Ruth Evans, a volunteer at NAACP; **Jim Wieder** introduced Sallie Jennings (Project Manager for community maps); **Chuck Horner** introduced **Greg Jones**; and **Leo Perry** introduced his wife Roberta (or Bertie, as we know her best). **Andy Krake** led us in Hello! to greet our guests.

PAST PRESIDENTIAL MOMENT: John Wilma, President 2002-2003, told us that his when he was nominated, he didn't think he could find the time. But the Sheriff showed up in his office, closed the door, and got in John's face! The lesson is that when **Charley Plummer** wants something, the results are predictable. The Rotary International convention that year was in Barcelona, a great experience – and Rick King sang. **John** remembers that when they got to the airport to go home, there were a lot of security guards with weapons around, and passengers were expected to carry their luggage to the security tables. The line was long, and after 30 minutes **John** got his bag on the table, unzipped it, and the guard saw his convention badge. He asked **John**: "President-elect Hayward Club? Rotarian Presidente? So he closed the bag and waved them through – all because of the badge. **John** told us he acquired a reputation for fining, because the club needed money. He asked some members for contributions of \$1000 each, and fined them for anything he could think of – like fining **Joel Thornley** for a haircut. **John** held board meetings at members' homes, so they could become more cohesive. That year the club started the Dictionary Project, a great favorite. **John** said he had a great year, a great board, and special thanks to **Dick Bowman** the great secretary. So- if **Charley** tells you to do it, take the opportunity. It's a real pleasure.



John Wilma

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brian Schott told us that each of us will get 12 tickets for the Omelet Champagne Bruch Community Fundraiser in the Great White Tent at St. Rose Hospital, Sunday, October 11 – everyone should sell 10 tickets, keep two, and return \$100 for the tickets no later than Monday, October 3.

President Rob reminded us that the On To Reno Kick-off Dinner will be October 6; The Rotary Avenues of Service will be October 15 at Centennial Hall, and our club will do the bar; the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation Board meeting will be September 16 at Tony Varni's office; the club's Holiday Party will be December 12, at Stonebrae CC; Mark Smetana and Carrie Morales have resigned from the club; the District 5170 Yellow Pages and Job Bank can be accessed at www.Rotary5170.org - You can list your business or job you are looking for, and list job openings in your business. **President Rob** also told us about the Salvation Army Appreciation Luncheon on September 24, and **Norma Rees** reminded us that our next time to prepare and serve dinner at the Hayward Salvation Army will be September 27 – so let her know if you can make it.

Jim Wieder told us that the Hayward Chamber of Commerce has been very busy, with many events. This week the last street party of the year will be Thursday, September 17, 5-8 pm. The Chamber has honored **George Pacheco** – congratulations, **George!**

Tony Perez told us that the San Francisco Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America invites us to the 2009 Good Scout Lunch-O-Ree, Saturday, October 31, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Oakland Airport Hilton; Bishop Bob

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Jackson and Dr. Claude Wilson will be honored at this event.

President Rob told us that **Bill Quirk** has sponsored **Laura Simpson**, family clinician, as a new member. Let **President Rob** know if you have any questions.



Fines and Foolishness: **George Pacheco** fined for his award and for a new jeep; **Sara Lamnin** for her trip to Prague, where she couldn't find the Rotary Club; **Heidi Finberg** for her new "yacht;" **Maria Elena Rivera** for not sending in her **High Gear** notes, and **Steve Rubiolo** decided on the amount of the fine; **Norma Rees** for her club anniversary; **Greg Jones, Rob Simpson, Dick Bowman, Freddy Davis**, for their birthdays; and Leo Perry for his wedding anniversary – 53 years!

PROGRAM: **Bill Quirk** introduced Rick Thomas, director of project development for Calpine. Rick has 25 years of experience in the energy business. Rick told us that his purpose was to deliver a positive message about the Calpine project. Calpine started 25 years ago with 1 megawatt in The Geysers, and today has 61 natural gas projects in 16 states and Canada, producing 24,000 megawatts and employing 2000 people throughout the country. Calpine is one of the largest energy producers in California. It has invested \$5 million in California to replace aging plants with new ones, from Santa Rosa to San Diego county.

The Russell City project in Hayward will be natural gas fired. It will be located at Depot Road and Enterprise Avenue, in the industrial zone. The plant will use no fresh water – Hayward's Water Pollution Control Facility is next to the Calpine site, and the plant will use 100% reclaimed water for cooling and will convert it into steam for electricity production. This process prevents nearly four million gallons of waste water from being discharged into San Francisco Bay. The project will employ 650 people in the construction phase, for 30 – 33 months, and buy \$55 million of construction materials from local businesses. The project will generate \$30 million in one-time sales tax revenue and \$4 million annually in new property tax revenue to help fund local government programs. It will also donate \$10 million to help build a new public library in Hayward (this will take place when concrete is poured for the plant, anticipated at the latter part of 2010). When construction is completed, the plant will create 25-30 full-time jobs. Rick told us that natural gas is abundant in the US, is cleaner than coal, and not likely to run out. The Russell City plant will displace 600 MW of power from coal. No power plant in California has higher efficiency than the Russell City project.

(From the Bay Area Air Quality Management District website, BAAQMD.gov: "The District is proposing to issue a Prevention of Significant Deterioration ("PSD") Permit for the Russell City Energy Center. The District will be holding a Public Hearing on the proposed PSD Permit on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA, 94541, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The District is also seeking written public comment on the proposed permit. Written comments should be directed to Weyman Lee, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, 94109, and may be submitted by email to Mr. Lee at Weyman@baaqmd.gov. Written comments must be received by September 16, 2009.)

Rick also said that he can be contacted at richard.thomas@calpine. We can write letters to BAAQMD. Applause for the speaker.

The next meeting will be on September 21, 2009, speaker Ben Henderson, Founder of Motivation and Learning Through Aviation, www.Tamuseum.org. The following week will be September 28, 2009, speaker Jeremy Fife, Pulse Check CPR – updates on cardiovascular resuscitation.

President Rob thanked Rick, our guests, and adjourned the meeting.

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

<http://www.rotary5170.org/news/09-10/09-09-OneChild-03.pdf>



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Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- 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**
- October 5 **LOREN HARPER - District 5170 Governor 2009-10**
- October 12 **Hayward Rotary Foundation**
- October 19 **RI Partners in Rotary Service**
- October 26 **KATE SCULTI, De Young Museum & Museum of Fine Arts, King Tut Exhibit**

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