

# 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.**



### Update from the Sunshine Committee:

Dr. Rod Palmer has been transferred to Valley Pointe Nursing Center, 20090 Stanton Ave., CV 94546 and tel. 538-8297, 538-8464. (behind Eden Hospital). He was a GP for 50+ years in Hayward (now 89) and delivered 1000+ babies. His wife says it will be a long time before he returns home.

**The following individuals have been proposed for membership** to the Hayward Rotary Club: Arnold "Kevin" Hanson - Classification Corps Officer, Salvation Army - Proposed for membership by Chuck Horner; and Maria Elena Rivera, Classification: Principal - Proposed for membership by Bill Quirk.

Objections of these individual's proposal must be in writing, and mailed to the Club Secretary within 10 calendar days of this publication. Objections received will be given to the Board of Directors for further consideration as per Club Policy.



**President John Caldwell** called the meeting to order, reminding us that it was the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of our 87<sup>th</sup> year! The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by **Andy Krake**, and the team of **George Famous** and **Lee Tompkins** led us in America the Beautiful. **Roger Power** gave us the Thought for the Day, and **Mary Caldwell** told us about her Rotary Moment: Rotary has given her awareness of a wider world than she knew before.

**Andy Krake** introduced a visiting Rotarian, **Bob Tucknott**, currently President of the Dublin Rotary Club (but we love to see him here every Monday!)

Guests of Rotarians: **Bob Goetsch** introduced Freddy Davis, president of South Hayward NAACP, and her second visit to the Hayward Rotary Club. Welcome, Freddy!

**President John** reminded us of the importance of bringing new members into our Club. There are currently two in the pipeline and more coming! Rotary is the only non-political non-sectarian worldwide organization that is recognized and has influence in virtually every country in the world. So, share Rotary with your friends and invite them to a meeting.

**Announcements:** **President John** announced that we have received a generous cash donation from THE SHARK SHACK for Child Spree. In addition they have provided discount coupons for us to auction. He asked **Brian Schott** to come forward to do a CUMULATIVE AUCTION, and of course **Brian** did a great job, telling the confused to "just leave a check and we will fill it out for you." (At the end of the meeting, after all the numbers were tallied, \$700 had been collected from the auction, meaning that seven more children can participate in Child Spree later this month!)

**Del Della Dora** told us that **Rod Palmer** has been released from the hospital, he's now at Valley Pointe Nursing Center.

**Pam Russo** asked us to call her about donations for the St. Rose Spectacular on October 4.

**George Pacheco** and **Pam Russo** reminded us to sign up for Child Spree at Mervyns on September 27 (get there early!), so there will be enough volunteers to pair up with the children. Also on September 26 at 4 pm seven or so volunteers will fill the backpacks that we give each child. Don't forget your cash donations – each \$100 means one more child can participate in this important event.

**Mary Caldwell** told us that a host family is needed for an exchange student for next year. If you are interested, contact **Mary**.

**President John** reminded us that the **Avenues of Service** event will be on October 15, and Red Badgers are urged to attend to learn more about Rotary, what Rotary does, and to share ideas. The Club will pay for the registration. Volunteers also needed to tend bar at this event.

**Dick Bowman's** granddaughter won an award for her coverage of San Diego.

**Don Mai** and wife **Karin** are in Lima, Peru, doing volunteer work at a Child Center/Orphanage with Global Volunteers. **Don** will be back to Rotary on September 29 and looks forward to seeing everyone.

**Cate Steane** reminded us about the Dictionary Project, and asked everyone to be sure to participate. We will be distributing 1900 dictionaries this year. Team leaders will contact you about dates and places, for distribution in classrooms later this month and November.

**PROGRAM:** **Alex Budde** introduced our speaker, her colleague Dr. Steven E. Holmstrom. Steve is a veterinarian who specializes in marine mammals. He has authored three dental textbooks for veterinarians. Dr. Holmstrom graduated from the University of Missouri in 1972; he is a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College, and is the current

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president of the American Veterinary Dental Society. He repaired a tooth of a Hayward police dog! He is a diving instructor and has led trips around the world. He is a member of the San Carlos Rotary Club.



Steve's topic was the CALIFORNIA SHIPS TO REEFS program. The mothball fleet in Suisun Bay holds many ships that are not seaworthy and will never be used again, so are now just in long-term storage. The REEFS program involves groups of divers and other enthusiasts to try to get the vessels cleaned up and be used for recreational and ecological purposes. Fish in our waters have been depleted through overfishing, especially with the use of steel nets that destroy the habitat, but the situation can be reversed. World War II ships that were sunk have become sustainable reefs and ecological assets. They attract and create new marine life, as small marine creatures make their habitat on the hulls and in turn attract larger fish in greater varieties. Coral grows on them too, and those that were sunk many years ago are now hard to recognize for what they were.

Over 200 decommissioned vessels are available for other uses. In 2004 the Rand Corporation reported that long-term storage is very costly. Another alternative is domestic recycling, turning these vessels into scrap, but this is costly too. Overseas recycling is not allowed, though some of the vessels have been sent to third world countries, and companies that sent them have been fined. In contrast, turning these vessels into artificial reefs improves ocean health. The sites must be off-limits for fishing.

First the vessels are put in dry dock to be cleaned of foreign species and toxic materials. All wiring is removed. The clean-up process makes the vessels diver-friendly. It costs \$1.5 million to reef a vessel, and the economic benefits can reach \$4.5 million per year from the use by divers and tourists. The diver/tourist destinations bring restaurants and shops. California needs more man-made reefs. These vessels, turned into reefs, can last over 100 years before they disintegrate, leaving the successful marine habitats in place. California is a diving destination year-round, unlike some of the other man-made reef sites on the Eastern Seaboard, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

Sources of funding for the program include federal, state, and local funds, private donations, and grants. The website for the business/social group is [www.cs2r.org](http://www.cs2r.org).

Steve got several questions. What about the effects of hurricanes and storms? Steve told us that studies say it is best to avoid areas with strong currents, though because the ships are heavy they don't move much. Some have been destroyed in hurricane areas.

Another question was how long the ships in the mothball fleet keep floating. Steve agrees that this is a real problem, and there is much ongoing discussion about it with respect to mothball fleets all over the country.

How do communities in California feel about sinking vessels in their waters for artificial reefs? Steve said the problem is NIMBY, although no good reasons have been put forth. Florida has many successful artificial reefs, but it is harder to do in California. The Monterey Aquarium is opposed to the program, but has given no good arguments for its position.

**Next week:** A great program, good food, great fellowship, and fun. The speaker will be Courtney Townsend, who studied Cordon Bleu cooking in Paris. You don't want to miss it! **President John** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Phyllis Moroney holding cash donation for Child Spree!



Speaker Dr. Steven Holmstrom, Alex Budde & President John Caldwell

# Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- Sept 22 Courtney Townsend, Rotary Scholar, will speak about Cordon Blue School in Paris.
- Oct 6 Hayward Rotary Foundation Annual Meeting
- Oct 13 David Lockwood will speak about living and thriving with Polio.
- Oct 20 Dr Charles Bamforth, Professor of Brewing Sciences UC Davis, is a very funny guy who discusses why beer is better than wine.

## Need to find or confirm a Location?

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