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Don't Miss Rotary's Next Meeting!
Monday, November 10, 2008
Featuring CSUEB President
Mohammad Qayoumi speaking on
Bactrian Gold Treasure of Afghanistan



on display at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco
from **October 24 to January 25**

You all come back next week for a great program, food, great
fellowship, and most of all — Let's have more FUN!

Mohammad H. Qayoumi assumed the presidency of California State University, East Bay on July 1, 2006. He came to Cal State East Bay from Cal State Northridge, where he served as Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer from 2000-2006 and was a tenured professor of engineering management. He is a tenured professor of engineering at Cal State East Bay.

President Qayoumi holds a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from American University of Beirut. He has also earned M.S. degrees in electrical and computer engineering and nuclear engineering, as well as an M.B.A. in finance and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

He is a licensed professional engineer and a certified management accountant. He has more than 30 years of experience in the service of higher education and industry. President Qayoumi has published eight books, more than 85 articles, and several chapters in various books. He has made presentations at numerous conferences across the United States and in 10 other countries on various topics ranging from quality and energy to systems theory.

Dr. Qayoumi is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and has served as a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award examiner and senior examiner from 2000 to 2003. President Qayoumi has served his native country in various capacities, including as a senior advisor to the Minister of Finance of Afghanistan from 2002 to 2005 and member of the board of directors for the Central Bank of Afghanistan from 2004 to 2007.

Locally, Dr. Qayoumi is a member of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and serves on several boards including the Bay Area Council, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, and the Contra Costa Business Council.



Monday, November 3, 2008: We were greeted warmly at the door by **Roger Power** and **Heidi Finberg** - we appreciate the hugs. The 17th meeting of our 87th year was called to order by **President John** at 12:20 PM. **Steve Bristow** led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Brian Schott** led us in *God Bless America* accompanied by **Anna Powers**. **Nancy Eaton** gave the Thought for the Day from Robert F. Kennedy: "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."

WELCOME VISITING ROTARIANS: **Bob Goetsch** introduced our distinguished visiting Rotarians Bob Tucknott, electrical contractor and President of the Dublin Club (good to see you, Bob!); and John Notch, fireplace sales, from Oakland #3.

WELCOME GUESTS: We were joined by honored guests **Leo** and **Bertie Parry**. **Leo** was a past president of our Club (1979-1980) and a member of the original "Gang of 20". Also joining us were Lloyd Partan, Hayward Executive Airport Manager, with **Brian Schott**; and Terry Lee, President of Moreau High School, with **Phyllis Moroney**. We then sang *Happy Days Are Here Again* (in hopes of better days to come with tomorrow's election) and *Hello*, led by **Brian Schott** and **Anna Powers** on piano.

ROTARY MOMENT: **President John** paid tribute to the Rotary Foundation. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Rotary Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003_04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows – people who have given \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name. Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for the Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace. We only need 8-10 more Double Sustainers (\$200 donation) to meet our Club's annual goal. For those who already pledged (14 of which need to settle up), make sure you get your pin.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: *President John had some sad news - **Rod Palmer**, long time Club member, passed away last evening. As Tom Gratny said, this is a great loss. We paid tribute with a moment of silence.*

On a happier note, **Lisa Rosenblum** invites us to attend the Literacy Plus Event, next Wednesday, Nov. 12, 5:00 p.m. at the Hayward Library. The event celebrates the tutors who make the program possible. If you're interested in attending, just check-in with **Lisa** at the door (no RSVP necessary). **President John** (for **Nels Nelson**) announced that the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Kick-off will be on Nov. 21, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Hayward Ace Hardware. **Jim Wieder** invites us to the next Chamber Table Top Mixer at LaQuinta on Nov. 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Laura Swan distributed invitations to our Holiday Party, Saturday, December 6, 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the City Hall Rotunda. Please return your reply cards at our next meeting – look for the RSVP basket. **Ed Mullins** announced the Hayward Educational Foundation is having its 25th Anniversary Annual Luncheon on December 4. Invitations will be available at next week's meeting, or details can be found in the Chamber Newsletter. **Phyllis Moroney** encourages us to provide input into the development of the Sutter Medical Center Castro Valley, which is slated to replace the Eden Medical Center by 2013 (due to California's hospital seismic safety law, SB1953, which passed in 1994). For more information, go to <http://suttermedicalcentercastrovalley.org/blog/>.

President John shared some important Rotary dates to remember:

- April 17-19, 2009 - District Conference, Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara
- April 25, 2009 – Rotarians at Work Day, Community Service Projects world-wide
- May 21, 2009 – District Assembly (training for 2008-09 Club Leadership), DoubleTree Inn, San Jose
- June 21-24, 2009 – RI Convention, Birmingham, England – make your reservations now, filling up fast

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FUN WITH FINE: Guest Fine Master **Steve Bristow** doled out the rewards in style (he seemed comfortable at the podium). **Del Della-Dora** celebrated his 63rd wedding anniversary, and paid \$10 for having four children who have been married nine times. **Charley Plummer** paid \$20 for his Club anniversary on November 1, 1976 (he swears it was earlier that year, and he should know). **Ed Mullins** paid \$20 for his Club anniversary, also on November 1 (year?). **Nancy Eaton** has a Club anniversary on November 27, worth \$10. **Laura Swan** gave _ of her fine card for her 26th birthday on November 9 and her Club anniversary on November 16. **Brian Schott** paid \$20 for his Club anniversary on November 3, 1997 (or was that 1998?). **Pam Russo** almost missed an opportunity to fine her boss for his birthday, but the floor yielded, costing **Mike Mahoney** the rest of his fine card.



PROGRAM: Fellow pilot **Kitty Kelley** introduced our speaker, Joe Shelton. Joe is a pilot from Watsonville and the Northern California Wing Leader for “Angel Flight”. Also sitting at the podium was former military aviation officer **Mark Smetana**. We’re very grateful to Joe for filling in at the last minute. **President John** also thanked Lloyd Partan for providing transportation from the Hayward Executive Airport.

“Angel Flight” is a service that provides “free flights for people in need”. The program’s primary mission is to transport patients to medical facilities, with ALL costs being paid by participating FAA licensed pilots. (That really adds up with gas prices at \$5-8 per gallon, typically using 17 gallons per hour). Their primary responsibility is safety. Among the participating pilots is Bob Tucknott. The program covers 13 western states, including Alaska and Hawaii. The program does not provide medical assistance during the flight. In 2007 they had 1,800 volunteer pilots and 1,039 missions. To date in 2008, they have completed 697 missions. In order to participate, a request usually comes from a medical affiliate social worker. The request is reviewed and approved by the flight Commander (Wing Leader) who contacts the patient, makes the necessary arrangements, and meets and greets the patients.

For many people, ordinary commercial flights are too expensive or too exhaustive, or often times they risk infection by being exposed to “public” transportation. “Angel Flight” provides services close to the peoples’ homes, allowing many to receive care that they otherwise would not be able to get. “Angel Flight” also provides for other human needs, such as transporting organs, domestic violence victims, kids with special needs, service dogs, and getting children to adoptive parents. They also participate in the AFW Disaster Response Program, by doing such things as transporting key personnel and reuniting families. “Angel Flight” held 1,200 missions during Katrina. “Angel Flight” also has a partnership with Alaska Airlines that will provide commercial flights from Alaska to the lower 48 states.

Joe shared many heart-warming stories from benefactors of the program. Perhaps the greatest benefit to some of the patients is the experience of flying for the first time. By being able to look out the window as they fly, they are not focusing on their pain and suffering. One story centered around a gentleman who had to travel from Pine Mountain Lake (in the Sierras) to Stanford Medical Center for medical treatments each day for 30 consecutive days. “Angel Flight” provided him with two flights per day (there and back), and transported his two children so they could spend some quality time together.

During the Q&A, we found out that they have women pilots. Also, some airports have no landing fees, and those that do will sometimes waive the fee for “Angel Flight” pilots. Occasionally they will miss a mission if there are no pilots available, but they try not to let that happen.

“Angel Flight” is an organization that truly embraces Rotary’s motto of “service above self”. If you would like to help with their humanitarian efforts, they can always use more pilots and other volunteer help. While all transportation expenses are paid by participating pilots, they still have to cover the cost of their administrative staff and overhead, so tax deductible contributions are gladly accepted. The best way we can help is to GET THE WORD OUT.

More information can be found at <http://www.angelflight.com/>

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- Nov 10 **Dr. Mohammad Qayoumi, President CSUEB, will speak about the current display at the Asian Art Museum of SF. "Bactrian Gold Treasure of Afghanistan"**
- Nov 17 **Kenya Truck Project, we will hear about our Truck project for the United African Evangelical Ministries located in Kangundo.**
- Nov 24 **Eric Pearson, City of Hayward associate planner.**
- Dec 6 Holiday Party, City Hall Rotunda, get your RSVP to Laura Swan today.**



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