

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

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Get ready for the Holidays!
Join us for the
Rotary Holiday Party
at the City Hall Rotunda



December 6, 2008



RSVP to Laura Swan

Attn: Hayward Rotarians

The East Bay – Reno Rotary Inter- City Meeting & Train Trip is coming soon.
Following are the details of this wonderful event.

January 25-26, 2009



Cost of the Trip: \$315.00 – Single Occupancy
\$285.00 – Double Occupancy



Trip Includes: Your train ticket to and from Reno, your room at either Harrah's or El Dorado, the Monday luncheon with the Rotary Reno Club and Dinner on the return train trip from Reno. You are responsible for your meals and entertainment other than those mentioned above

Reservation Deadline: December 10th, 2008.

We have been allotted only (8) Seats for this event. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to attend so we can get you on the list. We will need your check payable to: Hayward Rotary Club to secure your space. All reservations are "non-refundable" and if you are unable to attend after reserving a space you will need to find another Rotarian to take your place or forfeit your payment.

Please contact either of the following to reserve your space:

Rob Cook at: (510) 957-2007 or robcook@mcdermottcosta.com

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President John Caldwell called the meeting to order, reminding us that it was the 19th meeting of our 87th year! The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by **Mark Smetana**, and **Norma Rees** and **Chuck Horner** led us in God Bless America.

Ed Bullock gave us the Thought for the Day: The Rotarian's 4-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better RELATIONSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The 4-Way Test is a basic ingredient in the foundation of Rotary, yet the words TRUTH, FAIR, GOODWILL, RELATIONSHIPS, and BENEFICIAL may have different meanings to different people. They may even have different meanings to each of us at different times. The Thought for the Day is to encourage each of us to review the 4-Way Test and see what those key words mean to each of us. **Maria Elena Rivera** introduced Visiting Rotarians: Guess Who? Bob Tucknott (always happy to see Bob).

Guests of Rotarians: **Steve Rubiolo** introduced **Leo Perry** (great to see you, Leo!). **George Pacheco** introduced several guests from the Kenyan Evangelical Mission in Kogundo, Kenya: Hoyt and Lois Osborne, Joe and Barbara Riley, David Ziggy Musyoki, and Shadrach Mutisya. (We heard from them later!)

President John's favorite moment: introducing new members: **Steve Worley**, Medical Supplies, sponsor **Chuck Horner**; **Arnold Hansen**, Hayward Airport Manager, sponsor **Brian Schott**; and **Terry Lee**, President of Moreau Catholic School, sponsor **Phyllis Moroney**. Welcome to these new members!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **President John** told us that **Jim Hansen** of the Sunshine Committee needs some volunteers to help with contacting or calling on Rotarians in hospital or homebound. The Dictionary Project will be completed soon. The Hayward Historical Society will hold its reception for the new Executive Director, Myron Freedman on Friday November 21 from 5:30-7:00 pm. There is still time to send your reservations for the December 6th Rotary Holiday Party, to **Laura Swan**. **Nels Nelson** reminded us that Bell Ringing for Salvation Army will be Thursday and Friday, November 18 and 19, and called our attention to the sign-up sheets on our tables. **Ed Mullins** reminded us about the 25th anniversary Hayward Education Foundation Holiday Luncheon, December 4th at Centennial Hall – and you can pick up your free mouse! **Jim Wieder** told us that we can light up the season on B Street and Newman Park, on Tuesday November 25 – and this year the lights will stay up! **Norma Rees** circulated the sign-up sheet for the Salvation Army dinner on November 23rd

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS: **President John** reminded us to wear our pins, and directed Red Badgers to collect \$3.00 from everyone who was not wearing one. (Remember the 4-Way Test!) **Joel Thornley** was fined for his trip to Greece; **Don Lazar** for his club anniversary; **Bob Scheppler** and **Maria Elena Rivera**, for their wedding anniversaries (not to each other), and everyone with any connection to the Health Care industry stood up and sang Happy Birthday to **Phyllis Moroney**.

PROGRAM: **George Pacheco** introduced the program about our Club's project to give a tractor and truck to a village in Kenya. He reminded us that **Clark Streeter**, not able to be with us today, was much involved in this project. **Dave Elkins** got our applause for completing the truck project, which cost \$73,000. Both the tractor and truck projects have been successfully completed, though each took two years to fulfill. **George** introduced again the visitors and speakers who came from Kenya to tell us about the importance of this project. Hoyt Osborne, founder of the Kenya Evangelical Mission (United African Evangelical Ministries); Lois Osborne, Director of women's and children's outreach; Shadrack Mutisya, co-director and project manager; David Musyoki, Public Relations director; and Joe and Barbara Riley, of the Mission.

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The tractor is used in farming, carrying water for people, stones for building homes and schools, sand, building materials for community roads, hauling crops, and plowing for the farm and the people in the local community. The truck will also be used for transporting materials and crops for the local people to use and to sell.



The speaker was Hoyt Osborne, who spoke from his seat because he was injured in a vehicle accident, and also has Parkinson's disease, which causes shaking but does not interfere with Hoyt's sense of humor: he also has handshakes and milkshakes, so be happy! He said he told his wife he would never be a preacher or a missionary, so she prayed about it and now he is both.

He told us that the two years seemed like an eternity, but it was a wonderful experience filled with cooperation among people who had not known each other before. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to us, and told us that the vehicles are used for some things we would not know about in our culture. For example, when someone dies at home, the body can be put on a mattress on the truck to take it to the mortuary. The truck can also be used at funerals when the whole village comes to say sorry and bring food to the home. The truck can bring water so tea can be made for the funeral. The truck can also be used to carry school groups. Villagers can now go to Nairobi to buy needed lumber more cheaply than locally.

Joe Riley also said a few words, telling us how they put pressure on the Mathaiga Rotary Club to work on the project. He invited us to come to see them: they started a polytechnic college in the bush 40 miles from Nairobi, where they train mechanics and soon a carpentry school. They hope to open a computer school and secretary school, as funds become available. They will also open an orphanage and a mobile medical unit. He emphasized that they work with the very poor and try to enable them to find ways to help themselves. The tractor and truck are of great help to hundreds of people. Water is so important because the village pumps don't always work, and then some people have to walk ten miles for water. They distribute maize and beans to thousands of people, and now with the truck they can do more. The tractor helps to cultivate food for the college, and women can buy their products and sell them to earn money to feed their families. He told us that you never get used to seeing people who are hungry and ill but getting no care. He thanks all of us most gratefully.

Lois Osborne told us how impressed she was by our RI banner that says, "Making Dreams Real." – because that is what they do. The Salvation Army in Africa helps people who are lame, blind, and handicapped to learn life skills to support themselves. She told us that her heart is with the kids. When you see someone who is hungry and thirsty you have to find way to help, and the tractor and truck helps them do just that.

Shadrack Mutisya told us that although much has been said, they must say thanks again. He circulated pictures that show children whose smiles we have helped to bring. It was important for the visitors to meet the people who helped families in their small village to have food on the table. He said that we have made a difference in many lives, and have done a great thing. When you have an opportunity to touch a life somewhere take it! Shadrack told us how to say thank you in their language – Asante! We all learned how to say it.

David Musyoki took his turn to say thank you and God bless you to us.

President John told us that 104 years ago his grandparents Isaac and Esther Caldwell were missionaries in the Serengeti in Kenya. His father learned the native language, so English as actually his second language. His Dad and Mom returned to help the church, but also to our surprise told us that that church sent missionaries to Watts in California to help deal with the riots. So our Rotary Club's connection to Kenya has special meaning for **President John**. He thanked our distinguished guests and adjourned the meeting.

Next week's speaker will be **Eric Pearson, Associate Planner for the City of Hayward.**

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

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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