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Magic (n.) The art that purports to control or forecast natural events, effects, or forces by invoking the supernatural

Rotary District 5170 Conference April 11-13, 2008 DoubleTree Hotel, San Jose

Celebrate the success of this Rotary year in District 5170
Hear inspiring talks • Meet old friends and make new ones
Enjoy great entertainment • Learn about Rotary in Action



Every Rotarian will find something to like at this year's Conference!!

Wednesday, April 9

District Tennis Tournament at Sunnyvale Tennis Center

Friday, April 11

Lunch with a "block buster: speaker you'll learn about soon

Topical Forums

Dinner – Casino Royale and a study in "statistical probabilities"

Saturday, April 12

Breakfast with Past RI President Cliff Dochterman – New Member focus

Topical Forums

Lunch with Representative of RI President Wilf Wilkinson, honoring the 20th Anniversary of Women in Rotary

Topical Forums

Dinner – Performance by CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Sunday, April 13

Brunch – Celebrating recently passed Rotarians & Speech Contest Finals
Hospitality Rooms Friday and Saturday

Monday, April 21

District Golf Tournament at Crow Canyon Golf Club

Complete registration information will be mailed to each Rotarian very soon. You'll want to sign up promptly; some events will sell out quickly.

Join in the Magic of Rotary with us!





President Ed called the Meeting to order at 12:15 pm. **Heidi Finberg** led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Lee Tompkins** helped us sing “America”. **Brian Schott** had two Thoughts for the Day. **Bob Tucknott** was today’s only Visiting Rotarian.

Today’s guests included: Cate Steane, new Executive Director of FESCO, with **Tina Martinez**, Monica DesJarlais, President of Moreau High School, guest of **President Ed Mullins**; Elena Miramar of Vision Hispana, and Darren Gallagher, guests of **Chuck Horner**, and **Jim Wieder** with **Mona Diamantine**. **Lee Tompkins** led us in “Hello.”

Announcements and Events:

The induction of new Hayward Rotarian, **Jim Wieder**, owner of Ace Hardware and new President of Hayward Chamber of Commerce was a happy start to the meeting.

At the Board Meeting on February 12, two new Club members were proposed and approved. Their names were published in High Gear. Rotary International/District awards were discussed and a member of the Club will be nominated. The Board approved \$20,000 to be given as Community Donations.

President Ed reminded Club members that Outstanding Rotarian nominations are due March 3rd. This award is recognition for anyone you feel exemplifies our “outstanding” Club by their service to both the Club and community. Nominees are evaluated in each of the four Avenues of Service. Nomination forms are available from Club Secretary, **Becky Avelar**. Forms or a personal letter may be submitted to her or to any member of the Committee.



President Ed Mullins & new member Jim Wieder

Community donation requests are due on February 28. Requests should focus on organizations or groups serving children and young people in the Hayward Area. If you know of a worthwhile organization you should help fill out the donation request application. Applications are available through the **Becky Avelar**.

The first Rodeo Committee meeting will be held on February 28 at 4:30 pm at **George Pacheco’s** office.

The Area Speech Contest will be held March 5th at the San Leandro Club’s meeting at Sequoyah Country Club. If you plan to attend, please notify **President Ed** who will make arrangements for our members.

This year’s District Conference will be held April 11 – 13 at the Double Tree in San Jose. **President Ed** mentioned some of the highlights, including speakers and entertainment. Announcements have been mailed and reservations may be made on-line at www.rotary5170.org.

Let’s Go Fishing is scheduled for May 15 at Chabot Park. More info will follow.

Rowell Ranch Rodeo will take place the weekend of May 17-18.

Phyllis Moroney is asking for suggestions for caterers for an outdoor barbecue.

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be Chairman of the Federal Reserve? **Jay Tontz** invites Club members to an evening presentation at the Presentation Center at CSUEB on Wednesday, March 5, from 6:30 – 10pm. The event will be a Federal Open Market Committee simulation, with university students take on the role of FOMC members and voting on monetary policy and the target federal funds interest rate.

Fines and Foolishness:

Paul Wallace was the last Rotarian in the door and paid \$10 for the privilege.



Birthdays: **Anna May** and **Reid Lindblom** each paid \$10 to celebrate. **Mark Smetana**, **Roy Hashimoto**, **Lee Tompkins**, **Phyllis Moroney** and **Ed Phillips** each paid \$10 to mark anniversaries of their Rotary membership. **Lee** and **Faith Tompkins** and **Rob** and **Laura Simpson** have recently celebrated wedding anniversaries and observed the dates with \$10 fines.

John Wilma responded to **President Ed's** revelation of his Florida vacation "spot" with a willing fine of \$500 for the Dictionary Program. **Bill Roberts** collects fines well so he got to pay his own \$10. **Bob Tucknott** greeted his picture in the East Bay Business Times with a \$10 fine. **Jim Hanson** and **Roy Hashimoto** each paid \$10 fines because they are not often fined. Because today is **Anna May's** real, actual birthday, she was presented with a cake with an appropriate number of candles.

Program:

Bill Quirk introduced today's speaker, Will Travis, Director of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, more commonly called BCDC. The topic, "A Climate Change Strategy for the San Francisco Bay Region," was filled with fact, serious concern and a challenge to action. Mr. Travis' presentation was clear and leavened with a few moments of welcome light relief.



Historically, the sea level in San Francisco Bay has risen 7 inches over the past 150 years. Because 2/3 of the Bay is less than 12 feet deep, expansion of property through landfill has been easy. The Bay has narrowed through the years as a result. With global warming, changes in rain and snowfall will occur and result in greater inflows of fresh water into the Bay; at the same time, the sea level will increase an estimated 7 inches by 2100. Storms will increase (a "100 year storm" will likely occur every 10 years) and the Bay will reclaim the man-made land: San Francisco Airport, Oakland Airport, and Silicon Valley (among other locations).

It is too late to stop climate change, what we can and must do now is design the Bay for the future. We should not try to preserve what we have now, or go back to earlier times. We must look at designs that are working: flood control levees where they can be expected to work; tidal wetlands creation and restoration where they will help balance the ecology of the area; reduction of auto traffic with creation of transit villages and increased awareness and sensitivity on the part of the public.

A quotation from Albert Einstein appeared to sum up BCDC's and Mr. Travis' philosophy: "The world we have created today, as a result of our thinking thus far, has problems that cannot be solved by thinking the way we thought when we created them."

"ROTARY SHARES – SHARE IT TODAY" and the meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- Mar 3** **Roni Abusaad, Palestinian Rotary Peace Fellow, will talk about the hopes and challenges in the Holy Land.**
- Mar 10** **Greg Jones, Hayward City Manager, will talk about the State of the City**
- Mar 17** **The McBride School of Irish Dancing**

Need to find or confirm a Location?

Visit the District 5170 Website @ <http://www.rotary5170.org>



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