

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

# High Gear



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## *Let's Go Fishing!*

*Thursday, May 15*

*7 AM to 1 PM*



Volunteers are needed to assist 200 plus, mentally and physically challenged children and adults fish, play games and have the best day of the year. Volunteers need to be at Lake Chabot Marina around 7 AM to set up and get organized. **Contact Tom Gratny for more information.**



## **"It's Round Up Time!"**

For the 2008  
Rowell Ranch Rodeo  
May 17th and 18th

**Remember the Fun!  
Remember the Reason!**

**And, Remember, We Need You on Both Days - Saturday & Sunday!  
Booth and Service Assignments will be sent out to all Club Members.**

★ **All Absences, Excuses, Changes, "Dramas," or other "Tales of Woe"** must be cleared in advance with Ed Mullins and John Caldwell. ★



**Monday, May 5, 2008:** **President Ed Mullins** called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. **Michael Mahoney** led us in the Pledge. **Steve Murtaugh** led us in singing *This Land Is Your Land* and *Hello*, with **Anna Powers** on piano. **Andy Krake** provided the Thought for the Day: As a man was trying to cross the street, he has to dodge a car that keeps swerving towards him, until it almost hits him and screeches to a halt. A squirrel pops its head out of the car and says, "It's not as easy as it looks."

**Kevin McGary** introduced our visiting Rotarians: A warm "hello" to Bob Goetsch - Fremont, John Notch - Oakland #3, and Bob Tucknott - Dublin. A big Hayward Rotary "welcome" to **Chuck Horner's** granddaughter Adrianna, and Big Momma with **Anna May**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:** **President Ed** shared a letter from Wendy and Rose of the Sulpher Creek Nature Center thanking us for our \$2,000 donation, which has/will help them treat thousands of animals and educate thousands of children. **President Ed** pointed out the special bell (from Jamaica) he was using in celebration of Cinco De Mayo.

**President Ed** reminded us that there is a Hayward School Bond measure fundraiser - **Yes for Kids!** - at Stonebrea Country Club this Thursday. If you have not made a reservation, you can do that right now as a group of Hayward Rotarians for \$150.00 instead of the regular \$185.00 fee. You can pay today or at the door with a check payable to Hayward Rotary Club, or email the Hayward Chamber of Commerce. **President Ed** reminded us that we are dark next week and will meet with Castro Valley at Willow Park Golf Course on Tuesday, May 13, to kick off the Rowell Ranch Rodeo (May 17 & 18); western gear/attire is encouraged. About 35 members indicated they will attend the meeting. He also announced the next Board Meeting is on Tuesday, May 13 at the Hayward Chamber of Commerce offices. **President Ed** has called a brief meeting for the Rodeo Booth Managers immediately following our meeting today.

**Tom Gratny** reported on **Let's Go Fishing** on May 15 at Lake Chabot Park. We are SERIOUSLY short of volunteers, so please sign-up and pass the word. **George Pacheco** urged us to get our **Rodeo** sign orders in by next Wednesday (5/14) – last call, and **Alex Budde** reported we are still accepting donations to cover this year's \$1,500 Rodeo fundraising shortfall. **Kathleen Kearny** announced the next **Salvation Army Dinner** is during Memorial Day weekend, and encourages us to volunteer and bring family and friends. She will bring sign-up sheets to our next meeting (5/19).

**John Caldwell** announced that he will be reinstating the fines for failure to wear a Rotary pin to our meetings, so new magnetic Rotary pins are now available for those of us worried about poking holes in our clothing. **President Ed** reminded us that any style Rotary pin is acceptable to avoid the \$5 fine. **George Pacheco** thanked everyone who sponsored him for the Napa Valley Bike Ride, which he just completed – his team raised \$9,000. **President Ed** reminded new members **Dale Vigil** and **Greg Jones** to see **Steve Rubiolo** after the meeting to get their photos taken for the Membership Roster. **Bob Sakai** needs assistance with setting up for the **Demotion Dinner**, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Monday, June 23 (same day as the event) at the Maita's Ranch – **Lee T., Andy K., Mike M. and George P.** were among the volunteers. **Phyllis Moroney** invited us to purchase tickets for the Eden Foundation Gala Raffle (\$25, only 500 available) – prize is a 7 day trip to Monaco (or was that Morroco?) – either one sounds fabulous.

**FINES & FOOLISHNESS:** We wished a happy birthday to **Pam Russo** (\$10), **Paul Martin** (\$10), and **Doug Vieira** (\$10). We celebrated a Club anniversary with **Reid Lindblom** – 2 years (\$10). We celebrated wedding anniversaries for **Tommy & Debbie Trampetti** – 20 years (\$10), **John & Robin Wilma** – 39 years (\$100 + new boat, again), **Bob & Marge Sakai** – "Not long enough" (\$10), and **Anna & Frank Powers** – 23 years (\$10). We then did a round of "what do you know about Cinco de Mayo" questions honoring those with Mexican heritage.

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**Chuck Horner** paid \$10 for not knowing what Cinco de Mayo commemorates, and **Alex Budde** went fine free for her excellent knowledge of Mexican history. Answer: the Battle of Puebla where Mexican forces defeated the French in 1860 – outnumbered 2 to 1. **Roger Power, Tom Gratny, and Heidi Finberg** each paid \$10 for not knowing why the battle was meaningful to the US. Answer: It kept Mexico from supplying the Confederate Army.

**President Ed** then issued fines for the distinguished people, and those associated with them, pictured on a recent cover of *People Magazine*. **Phyllis Moroney** paid \$10 for her cover photo, **Jim Wieder** paid \$10 for his name on cover, **Joel Garcia** paid \$10 for Jim Baldwin's photo on cover, **Heidi Finberg** and **George Famous** paid \$10 each for Marshal Mitzman's photo on cover, **Pam Russo** and **Michael Mahoney** paid \$10 each for Rose Dominguez's photo on cover, **Jay Tontz** paid \$10 for Doris Yates' photo on cover, **Greg Jones** paid \$10 for Debra Auker's photo on cover, **Dale Vigil** paid \$10 for Sterling Bruner of Eden ROP photo on cover, and **Rita Shue** paid \$10 for Jennifer Koney & Keri Ely photos on cover.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** **Reid Lindblom** introduced today's speaker – Interim Hayward Police Chief Ron Ace. Ron has 35 years in law enforcement and 5 years in the Marine Corp. He worked his way through the ranks at the Concord Police Department, beginning in 1975 and retiring as Chief of Police in 2005. He is especially proud of the Community Oriented Policing program he spearheaded at Concord, which is nationally recognized. He was also instrumental in getting Concord PD accredited (a 3 year commitment). He earned a BA at St. Mary's College, and was a Commissioner on the CLEA (California Law Enforcement Association) Standards Group. Ron is new to Hayward and still on a learning curve. He was minding his own business, cleaning his deck one day, when he received a call from Greg Jones, asking him to serve as Interim Chief of Police for Hayward. He is pleased with everything he's seen so far, and is looking forward to helping Hayward achieve its goals. His vision is to improve communications within the entire city. Hayward PD has some staffing issues which are being addressed, and a reorganization is expected in the near future (July). Ron is looking into various service delivery options, such as District Policing (geographically based) and Community Policing (addressing issues that concern the community). Ron believes that if you focus on the big issues, the little issues will take care of themselves. He applauded Hayward PD's dedicated, motivated and well-trained staff, who actually voted to decline pay raises for the next two years to support the City's budget constraints – they want to part of the solution and are really here to serve the City. Ron believes Hayward PD can be the best in the State with a little direction and accountability. He quoted a wise man, **Charley Plummer**, "If you're not moving forward, you're moving backwards; you can't stand still in this City." There were lots of questions for Ron at the end of his presentation. Regarding increased downtown patrols when the new Theatre opens, Ron says they will play it by ear; currently there is one officer assigned to that area with plans to hire one more. In response to a request for more community involvement, Ron said it is being included in the agency's overall strategy, and agrees that the community needs to work together. He touched upon the agreement between CSUEB and Hayward PD, the need for a strategy for developing new field offices, and Alameda County agency interoperability issues. When asked if there was anything we should know about **Reid Lindblom**, he wouldn't divulge any information. In closing, Ron is committed to improving the quality of life for the people served by the Hayward Police Department.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, May 13, Willow Park, Castro Valley

May 19 – Speaker Tom Kendrick - "Swimming with Sea Monsters" – come hear a great speaker with fabulous photos; bring a friend.

1:30 PM - Meeting adjourned - "Rotary Shares – Share it Today".

# Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- May 12      No Meeting on Monday. Tuesday, May 13 is a joint meeting with Castro  
May 13      Valley for the Rowell Ranch Rodeo.
- May 15      Let's Go Fishing, 7:30 AM to 1 PM at Lake Chabot Marina
- May 17-18   Rowell Ranch Rodeo
- May 19      Tom Kendrick, retired sea urchin diver will speak about "Swimming with  
Sea Monsters".
- May 26      No Meeting – Memorial Day Holiday

## Need to find or confirm a Location?

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