

Rotary Club of Castro Valley Meeting Highlights for June 27, 2017

Speaker of the Day

Ken Sommer, Director of Advancement for the George Mark Children's House, spoke on "A Better Way to Care for Children with Life Limiting Illnesses." George Mark Children's Hospital was the first freestanding pediatric palliative care center in the United States. Since 2004, they have been a leader for the pediatric palliative movement and have been a role model for other care centers under development across the country.



It can be overwhelming and isolating to have a child with complex medical conditions. George Mark Children's House partners with families to bring an element of normalcy and joy into their lives through around the clock nursing by offering everyday activities including play, art, music movement, and hydrotherapy. Their goal is to achieve the best quality of life possible for the parents and their children in need of pediatric palliative care at significantly less cost than that of an acute care hospital facility.

George Mark Children's House provides high quality medical care and appropriate activities while offering parents and families a short break from the nonstop care at home (Respite Care); transitional care for children who are no longer benefiting from an acute care hospital yet are not able to be cared at home; provide expertise, resources, support and information for at - risk pre-term births about the prognosis and prospective complications, establishing continuity of care for infants and parents; end of life care, where a patient's family can stay in their own family suite and surround the child with love and support; and, bereavement care including ongoing support of families following the death of their child.



Individualized child care plans are developed for each child, coordinating services among their in-house pediatricians, nurses, and nursing assistants, psychologists, social worker, child life specialist, and palliative aquatics specialists. This ensures life affirming care and comfort for children and their families. It is truly a unique facility which provides care and comfort for children and their families.

Luc Dochterman's Eagle Scout Project

Luc Dochterman personally thanked and expressed his gratitude to the Rotary Club for the generous financial support, encouragement, and help in completing his Eagle Scout project, a storage unit at Castro Valley Elementary School.

End Polio Now

Dwight Perry thanked all the members who contributed at least the requested contribution of \$26.50 to the District 5170 End Polio Now campaign. *If you have not donated, please give your check to Dwight as soon as possible.*



Looking Ahead to 2017-18

Incoming President Jim Negri distributed a packet of information containing a calendar of Club meetings and events, a list of Officers, Directors, and Chairs. Volunteers are still needed for many positions. *If you were not present, the packet was mailed to you. See Jim to volunteer.*

Monthly Speaker Chairs



Photo by Jason Negri

President Carol Wikle thanked and recognized the 2016-17 Monthly Speaker Chairs, especially Speaker Chair Gary Bosley who coordinated the program of outstanding speakers for the year. Those recognized included Caryl Mahar, Randy Vanderbilt, Todd Anglin, Parvin Ahmadi, Dwight Perry, Bernie Kempen, Bill Nott, Murline Monat, and Roland Williams (not in the photo). Each Speaker Chair received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Club and a 2017-2018 Rotary International theme pin. President Carol also thanked Margie Ramos, Bill Nott, and Bob Shayler for their work in setting up the equipment for the speakers.

2017-2018 Speaker Chair Gary Bosley distributed a sign-up sheet seeking Monthly Speaker Chairs. If you are interested in coordinating a month of speakers, please contact Gary.

Volunteers Needed

Cliff Sherwood volunteered members to serve as the Monthly Thought of the Day Chairs for 2017-2018. Also coming in the weeks ahead, Mark Poniatowski will be seeking Monthly Chairs to coordinate Greeters and Ceta Dochterman will be seeking Monthly Chairs to coordinate the Song

of the Day. All members are encouraged to step up and volunteer, and be active in the weekly lunch meetings.

Demotion of President Carol Wikle

On the evening of June 20th at Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park, the Club celebrated and honored Carol Wikle for her year as President of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley. Here are a few photos from the event with more to come, especially those “dancing” with Carol.



President Carol at the conclusion of Dancing with the Stars (i.e., President Carol).

President Carol with MC Kern Lewis presenting Obse Lubo with the 2016-2017 Rotarian of the Year Award. President Carol, Kern Lewis and Dwight Perry presenting Past District Governor Joe Hamilton with a recognition for his outstanding efforts on the Breathing for Life (BFL) Project, which has been approved by District 5170.

Next Meeting
First Official Meeting of President Jim Negri
July 11, 2017

Speaker: Pello Walker
What are YOU doing to make a difference?

Please be sure to RSVP to ensure sufficient food for all.