

Rotary Club of Castro Valley Meeting Highlights for June 6, 2017

"Is the drought really over and what's up with those rates?"

Frank Mellon, Member of Board of Directors of East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), address the Club on "Is the drought really over and what's up with those rates?"

The area served by EBMUD is now a predominantly drought area and, in some years, it has more than normal rainfall. This fact was recognized by EBMUD in the 1970's, especially during the drought of 1978, and many recurring drought years which followed. EBMUD



started a media campaign to bring recognition to the rate paying customers and started planning for it accordingly. In 1970's, there were fewer rate paying customers, but more water per capita was used by these rate paying customers at lower rates. The population in this area has been steadily increasing and the dwindling water supply has been the

main reason. EBMUD has had to buy water from more expensive sources and resort to recycling. By controlling costs of operations, recycling, and public education for reducing water consumption, EBMUD had been able to keep rate increases to a minimum. Unfortunately, due to the continuous increase in population and resultant higher water demand, there will continue to be greater pressure on the EBMUD to find new sources of water and resultant higher rates will continue.



Polio Campaign:

The End Polio Now flash campaign is continuing. All members are requested to contribute at \$26.50, which will be matched 2 for 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundations. Please make your check out to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and bring it to lunch on Tuesday or mail it to the P.O. Box. We were unable to shop this week's campaign video, but you can view it with this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pzw396Cg9bg>

District 5170 Roast and Toast

Outgoing District Governor Jeff Orth and Incoming Governor Orrin Mahoney will be honored at the District 5170 Roast and Toast Event on June 22. Tickets are \$40 per person. For further details are available at <https://events.rotarydistrict5170.org/>.

BSA Eagle Scout Project

Work on Luc Dochterman's Eagle Scout Project (storage shed for Castro Valley Elementary School) started on Saturday, June 3, with the help of Rotarians John Aufdermauer, Gerard De Miguel, Kern Lewis, and Randy Vanderbilt. Additional help will be needed in the coming weeks. Watch of emails.

Blue Badge



President Carol announced that member Ajay Ahluwalia has completed all the requirements for his Blue Badge as a full Club member. He has been working as a Secretary since last year. Ajay will be presented his Blue Badge at a future meeting.

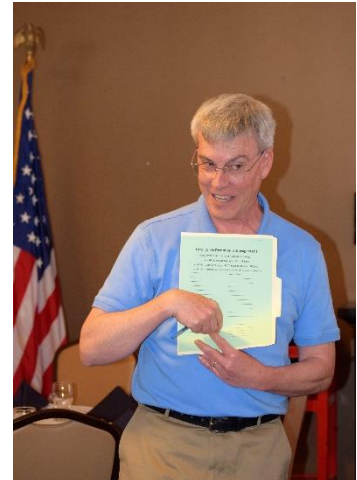
Upcoming Events

June 13 – Lunch with speaker Carolyn Darcey of Castro Valley Women's Club

June 20 – Dark at Lunch

June 20 – Demotion of President Carol at Rowell Ranch at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP via ClubRunner or sign up at lunch on June 13 or contact Kern Lewis.

June 27 – Lunch with speaker Ken Sommer from the George Mark Children's House



Detailed information regarding the speakers is available on the Club website (castrovalleyrotary.org) under the Speakers tab on the menu bar and in the left column under Upcoming Speakers.

Please consider inviting family, friends, and colleague to upcoming meetings to hear the great speakers that have been scheduled.



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