

Rotary Club of Castro Valley Meeting Highlights - September 5, 2017

Michael P. Mahoney, Chief Executive Officer of the Eden Health District



Michael Mahoney took over as the CEO of the Eden Health District on July 1, 2017. During his presentation, he discussed the evolving history of the District from its inception to present, and the direction for the future.

The Eden Health District is a government entity under the Local Health Care District Law of the State of California. The district comprises the communities of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, and the unincorporated areas of Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview. The District was established in 1948 to build and operate Eden Hospital. The Community Hospital, known as the Eden Township Hospital opened its doors on November 15, 1954.

In 1976, the District Board voted to discontinue the collection of property taxes to support the hospital. In 1997, residents of the District voted to approve the hospital's affiliation with Sutter Health, creating a unique partnership between the two organizations. In 1998, Eden Medical Center became a private, not-for-profit hospital. At that time, the Board embraced two areas of responsibility: to improve the health of the people in the community by investing resources in health and wellness programs; and oversight and management of Community Health Fund, which is the District's grants program.

In 2004, the District purchased San Leandro Hospital and leased the hospital to Eden Medical Center to operate, under a consolidated license, as an extension of the Castro Valley campus. The District's ownership of San Leandro Hospital was transferred to Sutter Health in 2012. Sutter Health then transferred its ownership in San Leandro Hospital to Alameda Health Systems in 2013. In 2007, the District and Sutter Health reached an agreement to pave way for a new hospital in Castro Valley, to replace the original Eden Hospital and meet the state's stringent earthquake standards. The new Eden Medical Center opened in 2012.



The Eden Health District has taken a leadership role in regional healthcare planning to ensure that the residents of the District continue to have access to quality medical services. One focus of the District is to oversee the endowment fund known as the Community Health Fund. Through responsible investments, the fund has grown every year, enabling local organizations to provide much needed health care service to those in need. Members of the Board carefully evaluate every application and make their

grant selections in open session, during a regularly scheduled board meeting. In August 2016, the Board of Directors adopted a revised strategic plan for the next five years for Eden Health District (the plan is available at <http://ethd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/ETHD-Strategic-Plan-2016.pdf>). In addition, the Eden Health District has partnered with the Stanford Prevention Research Center on their WELL for Life Program (more information available at <http://med.stanford.edu/wellforlife.html>).



Information regarding the Eden Health District and its programs is available at <http://ethd.org/>.

Announcements

President Jim Negri awarded prizes (a sampler of Peet's dark roast coffees) to Heidi Hausauer in drawing for members who brought a guest in July and August, and to Frank Vallejo, President of the Livermore Morning Club, for correctly identifying Bob Tucknott in the Meeting Highlight for the August 22 meeting.

Heidi Hausauer presented President Jim with a pair of socks keeping with his presidential theme of coffee.



President Jim Negri distributed copies of the Approved FY17-18 Budget along with a cost analysis for lunch and membership dues. Copies will be emailed to all members. Please contact Jim if you have any questions regarding any of the documents.



The Club warmly welcomed back KJ Page from her recent surgery. KJ is doing well.

Heidi Hausauer provided an update and this photo on Mathilda Schmidt who is still in rehabilitation, but is recovering well and should be home soon.

John McPartland provided an update on the Hurricane Relief efforts in Houston. The team has returned, but another team has been sent to Puerto Rico. John will continue to provide update.

Future Speakers

- September 12 – Rick Silva, Founder of B2B Gathering for business networking and referrals.
- September 19 – Michael Moody, Senior Vice President for John Muir Health
- September 26 – TBD
- October 5 – Alameda County Public Works Department

More detailed information is available on the Club website, www.castrovalleyrotary.org, or see the handout attached to the email of this issue of Meeting Highlights.

Future Events

- September 9-10 – Castro Valley Fall Festival – Rotary working a Beer & Wine Booth on September 10th – see Jim to volunteer
- September 27 – Board of Directors Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce



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