**President Charles Takes the Reigns**

Charles Mortimer presided over his first meeting as the 2018-2019 President of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley. Using the 2018-2019 Rotary International Theme of ***Be The Inspiration***, Charles asked each Club member to *Be The Inspiration* this year by being engaged in the Club and stepping up to the plate in the service of the Club, our community, and Rotary. **Service Above Self**.

President Charles briefly shared his experiences at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto including the emotional presentations by Princess Anne and former first lady Laura Bush.

Charles stressed that he wants to keep in place the things that Past President Jim Negri started and build upon and enhance those practices. He noted that he is in the process of filling the Committee and Event Chairs and encouraged members to serve as a Chair. Charles stressed the desire to start working on events, projects, and programs months in advance to ensure the greatest success.

President Charles noted two important upcoming dates and mark your calendars:

* August 14 – The visit of 2018-2019 District Governor Tim Lundell at lunch, which will be presided by a Board of Directors meeting at 10:30 a.m.
* August 21 – The Club will hold its Annual Picnic at Lake Chabot Park at 5:00 p.m. There will be no lunch meeting on this day.