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**Welcome Today's Speaker**

**Jacquie Proctor**

**Jacquie Proctor**, longtime resident of Miraloma Park and cofounder of the [Friends of Mount Davidson Conservancy](#), will present her new book on San Francisco's West of Twin Peaks. With a master's degree in public administration and 30 years of experience in city management, she has been volunteering her expertise to the [Miraloma Park Improvement Club](#) and [West of Twin Peaks Council](#) since the 1980s. Her work to preserve Mount Davidson Park during the court case concerning separation of church and state in 1997 sparked her interest in local history. Research for that effort was initially published in [articles for the SF Museum and Historical Society](#) and [Western Neighborhood Project](#). Her research has now been expanded into the first book exclusively devoted to the history of San Francisco's highest hill and surrounding neighborhoods: Sunnyside, Miraloma Park, Westwood Park and Highlands, Monterey Heights, Mount Davidson Manor, Balboa Terrace, and Ingleside Terraces. Recently retired from the City of Berkeley, Jacquie continues to volunteer as an accreditation evaluator for the [American Public Works Association](#) and a [San Francisco City Guide](#).



### Message from our Community Service Chair Bill Gilmore

The third Saturday of September is **California Coastal Clean-up Day**. This year, it's **Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006** from 9:00 am to noon.

I would like to get a head count of how many club members will participate. You can let me know at this Wednesday's meeting. If you will miss the meeting, please email me by Thursday, Aug. 30, so I can complete the registration form by Friday. After I hear back from the local coordinator, I will let you know where to meet. For more information, see the California Coastal Commission web site: <http://www.coast4u.org/>

**Have you signed up for the District Conference at Yosemite yet?**

**April 19-22, 2007, Mention Rotary District 5150 for \$140 rate!**

**Rooms are almost gone so call 1-800-635-5807 soon!**

**(they will only charge one day on your card and you can cancel up to 7 days in advance of the event and get a full refund, if something comes up.)**

Club assembly, Tuesday Sept 5th 7:30-8:30 am at Lakeside Cafe, 2529 Ocean Avenue, between 19th Avenue and Junipero Serra.

### NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> ...MICHAEL ROCHAT

**Michel Rochat**, past president of the Rotary Club of Lausanne-Ouest, Switzerland, and member of the executive board of the [Haute Ecole Spécialisée de Suisse Occidentale](#) (HES-SO) (Universities of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland). The UAS are professional Universities providing studies in specific disciplines (technical, business, fine arts, design, health, social, oenology and hotel management). Their mission is to develop expertise in applications for these fields and to train professionals. The HES-SO is a network of five state and two private universities. The HES-SO is the biggest university of applied Science in Switzerland, with 12,000 students, 3,000 diplomas annually, and an annual budget of U.S.\$220 million. Mr. Rochat is working in the United States with the [Swiss House in San Francisco \(Swissnex\)](#). Swissnex is part of the Consulate General of Switzerland in San Francisco. Swissnex accommodates several Swiss institutions to develop contacts "connecting the dots" between Western USA, Canada and Swiss institutions and firms. Initiated by the Swiss State Secretary for Education and Research, Swissnex stimulates strategic collaboration and active thinking. Mr. Rochat will be joined by Swissnex Mission Chief **Christian Simm**. Topics include the Swiss education system, Swissnex, and the HES-SO.