

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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A Buckin' Good Time

Sandra Herrera, Mark Salinas, and Debby DeAngelis take a break from slingin' burgers at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo fundraiser in 2013



It's all hands on deck for...

~ THE ROWELL RANCH RODEO ~

On May 19-22, 2016, Hayward Rotarians will continue a proud tradition of serving the food and beverages at the 97th Annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo.

The Rodeo is Hayward Rotary Club's major annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the food and beverage sales support over **\$20,000** in community grants we give to local nonprofits each year. These worthy nonprofits are counting on Hayward Rotary Club to raise the funds--and **we're counting on you to help us!**

In addition to being a huge fundraiser for our Club and the programs we support, the Rodeo is an unparalleled opportunity for Rotarians and friends to form new bonds and strengthen old ones while working side-by-side and having fun for a great cause.

This is an "all hands" event. We're counting on all our friends and fellow Rotarians to help make this event a success. You can spur into action by participating in volunteer shifts, or by becoming an event sponsor.

We need hotdog wranglers, nacho-slingers, and ice-cold beverage rustlers. It's a buckin' good time for all, and 100% of the proceeds go directly to help worthy services and programs in our local community.

Sign up at HaywardRotary.org

Can't be here that weekend? Don't worry, we need help the week before or the Monday after, too. Or, become an event sponsor through our advertising program. Contact George Pacheco to learn more about sponsorship.

Thanks, y'all. We'll see you at the Rodeo!

Call To Order

President Andy Krake called the meeting to order. His gavel was on display by his side but it was un-poundable – the gavel had been mounted inside a sealed glass box! Another of **President-Elect Sean Reinhart's** enhanced security measures for the oft-"liberated" Rotary presidential artifacts. **Dr. Wayne Wright** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Douglas den Hartog** then ignited the group with a patriotic song.

Sid "Fastest Blue Badge in the West" Hamadeh shared the Thought for the Day: *"Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together."*...
Paul Ryan

GREETERS



**Sid
Hamadeh**



**Norman
Garcia**

Introductions

Rotarian extraordinaire **Norman Garcia** introduced visiting Rotarians. Right on cue, Bob Tucknott, Electrical Contractor from Dublin, walked in. Also in the house was Troy McMahon, recent Rotarian from the Patterson Rotary Club and now owner of the Grocery Outlet on Harder Rd. in Hayward. Several guests were then introduced... The illustrious **Ashton Simmons** presented his illustrious guest, Dr. Timothy Gay of Life West Chiropractic. The honorable **Barbara Halliday** introduced her esteemed guests from the City of Hayward government staff: Fran David, City Manager; Kelly McAdoo, Assistant City Manager; and John Stefanski, Management Analyst. The intrepid **Mark Salinas** welcomed guest Dr. Mariá Ochoa of Chabot College Foundation. Lastly but not least-ly, the irrepressible **Brian Schott** extended warm greetings to his guest Lucy Lopez of All Saints Catholic School. **Douglas den Hartog** led the group in a rousing rendition of our favorite song, "HELLO!"

Announcements

- **Rod Andazola** and **Francisco Zermeño** invited Rotarians to join in a Rotary International adventure to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico for Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). October 27 to November 3, 2016. Price is \$1,600 per person (double occupancy) for the land portion only. Transportation to and from Mexico is not included. Deposit: \$800 due April 29th. Contact Rod for trip details.
- **President Andy** continued his quest to bestow Rotary coffee mugs ... this week, mugs went to **Dr. Wayne Wright** and Sheriff Emeritus **Charley Plummer**.



Rod Andazola and Francisco Zermeño announce the upcoming Dia de los Muertos trip to San Miguel de Allende in partnership with the Cupertino Rotary Club.

- **Chuck Horner** asked for more volunteers to help with the Salvation Army dinner this Sunday.
- **President Andy** provided a report from Thursday's board meeting. The 2016 dictionary project is now fully funded at \$22,000. **AT Stephens** is leading a committee to place a mural banner on the chain link fence next door to the Masonic Hall.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

The following people have been proposed for membership in Hayward Rotary Club:

Dr. Timothy Gay – classification Health Education, sponsored by **Ashton Simmons**

Dr. Susan Sperling – classification Education, co-sponsored by **Stan Dobbs** and **Robert Carlson**

Lucy Lopez – classification Education Development, sponsored by **Paul Martin**

Dr. Mariá Ochoa – classification Education, sponsored by **Robert Carlson**

Fines and Foolishness

The stalwart **Sam Falk** served as the tax collector for **President Andy's** deductions... er, "recognitions" for various and sundry birthdays and anniversaries, including...

- **Don Mai** for his birthday... last October (!)
- **Roger Power** for his birthday... again... the fine was rescinded due to double jeopardy
- **Sam Falk** for being so well-preserved after his latest annual trip around the sun
- **Gay McDaniel** for her birthday... which **Matt Spielberg** valiantly paid on her behalf
- **Sara Lamnin** for notching another year
- **Ed Bullok** was celebrated for his 26 years of membership in Hayward Rotary Club
- **Dave Elkins** was issued a petty fine for reminding the assembly that he is NOT a fan of the Dodgers baseball franchise. Several other Rotarians, noble Giants fans every one, also stood and paid fines to support **Dave's** heroic and just cause. Fans of the Oakland A's, being by far the smartest and most crafty of all baseball fanatics, wisely sat out.
- **Dr. Wayne Wright** was applauded for his 95th birthday, to which he responded by making a generous donation. **Wayne** joined Hayward Rotary Club in 1958. **President Andy** offered a comment about **Wayne** once being dressed like a priest. **Wayne** replied, "That may be, but I'm not going to heaven." "Why not?" asked **President Andy**. **Wayne** said, "Because I want to be with you!" Unable to match **Wayne's** repartee, **President Andy** called upon all members who were born after 1958 (the year when **Wayne** joined the club) to stand, then he levied fines on each and every whipper-snapper in the bunch. It was noted that **President Andy** was comfortably immune from this particular fine.

Keynote: Barbara Halliday, "State of the City"

Our keynote speaker was our fellow Rotarian, **Mayor Barbara Halliday**. Upon taking the podium, **Barbara** remarked, "I've been Mayor for two years, and I've gotta say, I never once lost my gavel!"

Mayor Halliday then proceeded to deliver a detailed overview of the current status and future direction of our great and beloved city. She described the City Council's four top priorities for a Safe, Clean, Green, and Thriving Hayward.

The presentation was insightful, interesting, and visually compelling. One of the annual highlights in a year full of outstanding Rotary programs, **Mayor Halliday's** keynote is a perfect example of why the Hayward Rotary Club meeting is the place to be, the place where Hayward's best and brightest come together, every Monday at noon.

Upon the conclusion of **Mayor Halliday's** memorable presentation, **President Andy** presented her with a children's book to be donated to the Hayward Library in her honor, *Town Mouse*, *Country Mouse*.

Next Monday, April 25th

Next week, our keynote speaker will be Kunio Okui: "A look back at the internment of Japanese Americans in WWII."

A longtime Hayward area resident, Mr. Okui will look back on an unforgettable era of American history: World War II and the forced relocation and internment of Japanese Americans. In the 1940s, people of Japanese descent had been contributing to Hayward's rich agricultural history for generations. Most of these community members were American citizens when they were ordered to report to American internment camps deep in the nation's interior. The internment had irrevocable impacts on their lives and futures. Mr. Okui tells the story in a way that heals and reminds us that knowing our history is the best defense against repeating its darkest chapters.



*Photo by Dorothea Lange on May 8, 1942. "Hayward, California. Baggage of evacuees of Japanese ancestry stacked at public park as evacuation."
Source: National Archives*

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HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR

April 25 Kunio Okui: A look back at the internment of Japanese Americans in WWII

May 2 Rep. Eric Swalwell, Congressional Update - District 15, California

May 9 Outstanding Rotarian of the Year award

May 16 NO MONDAY MEETING - Special meeting on Tuesday May 17th at Castro Valley Rotary instead (Rodeo meeting)

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