

# HIGH GEAR

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## "Fundamentals"

Celebrating 15 years of Hayward Rotary Club's Children's Literacy Project



Third graders at Bowman Elementary School browse their brand-new dictionaries, gifts from Hayward Rotary Club and Foundation. Studies show that children who have access to printed books in the home at an early age achieve markedly higher literacy rates in later stages of development. We have given every Hayward third grader a full color illustrated dictionary every year for the past fifteen years. That's over 30,000 dictionaries and over \$300,000 invested in Hayward students.

## CALL TO ORDER

**President AT Stephens** called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Roger Power**, followed by the Patriotic Song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee", led by **Chuck Horner**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Robert Pimentel**: *"It is your Monday morning reminder that you are powerful beyond measure, that you are capable of pretty much anything you are willing to work for, and that you could change your life today."*

## INTRODUCTIONS

**Kim Huggett** introduced Visiting Rotarians: **Bob Tucknott**, from Dublin Rotary, **Aaron Luis** from San Leandro Rotary, **Marion Sanchez** from South Fremont/Newark. There was one guest. We welcomed all in traditional Rotary fashion with the rousing rendition of our favorite song: *Hello!*

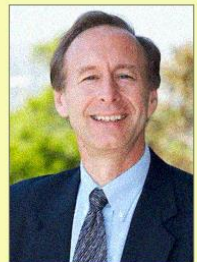
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome banner replacement.** **President AT** last week led a team of Rotarians to replace the worn-out welcome banner on B Street, and thanked **Rod Andazola**, **Sean Reinhart**, **Matt Spielberg**, and **Kim Huggett** for lending a hand. **President-elect Sid Hamadeh** also was thanked for fueling the effort with coffee.

## GREETERS



Robert Pimentel



Kim Huggett

**ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION** - *HIGH GEAR* is the official newsletter of Hayward Rotary Club. It is one of the longest-running serial publications in Hayward. The first weekly issue was released when the club was founded in 1922. *HIGH GEAR* newsletters contain the official minutes of our weekly Club meetings, information about current events in and around Hayward, updates on the Club's many service projects, reviews of our weekly keynote speakers, photos and appearances by local personages, and much more. The pages of *HIGH GEAR* offer extraordinary snapshots of Hayward history going back nearly a full century. The historic archive of back issues is housed at Hayward Public Library. Recent issues as well as selections from the archives are available for download on our Club website, [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org).



*Sara Lamnin, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2009*

**Memorial Tree dedication for Doris Rodriquez.** **Sara Lamnin** announced this Thursday (8/31) at 1:30 p.m. there will a memorial tree dedication in honor of Doris Rodriquez in the Alwine Fenton Sensory Garden (located behind City Hall).

**Dictionary project.** **Lucy Lopez** is chairing the dictionary project this Fall, and called for for volunteers to spearhead the deliveries to take place in the second or third week in October.

**District Governor's visit.** On October 23rd, our Rotary District Governor, Orrin Mahoney will be visiting on club to acknowledge member contributions to Rotary International Foundation & Paul Harris Fellowship.

**SantaCon fundraiser for Hayward Animal Shelter.** **Anna May** donated \$250 to the Hayward Rotary Foundation on behalf of **Janiene Langford** for the SantaCon pub crawl and fundraiser benefitting the Hayward Animal Shelter. Volunteers are sought for the event, which will take place on the first Saturday in December.

## FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

**Gena Engelfried** just got back from Prague where she attended a Montessori conference ... **AT Stephens'** daughter was also at the Montessori conference. **Mike Cobb** brought a beautiful orchid for **Robin Wilma**, whose birthday is 8/30 ... **Dick Bowman** celebrated a birthday on 8/27 ... **Robert Pimentel** marked another trip around the sun on 9/2 ... Rotarians sang a rousing round of *Happy Birthday!* ... **Anna May** celebrated seven years of matrimony with spouse Greg Jones on 8/26 ... **Stan Smith** and spouse Pauline celebrated five years of wedded bliss on 8/31 ... **President AT** noted that four club members had Club Anniversaries this week, but none were in attendance today to be recognized, and he called on Rotarians to help encourage members to attend the meetings.



*Robin Wilma (with Lady Kix), Hayward Rotary Club member since 2013*



# WANTED



## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BELL?

**REWARD - contact A.T. Stephens**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS – KATYA & NELSON QUIROGA**

**Craig Judy** introduced keynote speakers Katya & Nelson Quiroga. This dynamic couple are the producers and co-owners of famed Circus Vargas, now in Hayward for an exclusive engagement with Hayward Rotary Club. What makes Circus Vargas so unique and special among circus performances? How do they learn to perform all those amazing tricks? What secrets lie beneath the tears of a clown? Club members and guests were treated to the answers to these questions and more.



*Circus Vargas entertainer "Steve the Juggler" works the clubs.*



(L to R) Circus Vargas entertainer "Jones", **Craig Judy**, keynote speakers Nelson & Katya Quiroga, **President AT Stephens**, "Steve the Juggler"

Katya and Nelson have taken on the daunting task of reviving the interest and allure of the traditional traveling circus to a whole new generation.

Having had the opportunity of performing with some of the best circuses in the world, Nelson and Katya now have added Circus Owner & Impresario to their impressive résumés.

In 2005, they formed Tabares Entertainment, Inc. and together with their immediate & extended family embarked on a new and exciting business venture.

With this new enterprise came the immense responsibility of retaining the charm and integrity of the historic Circus Vargas, while striving to keep the circus fashionable and popular for a new generation.



This courageous duo, with their innovative ideas and bold choices, breathe new life into a family tradition to present a show that is fresh, exciting, and unique!

They brought two entertainers, Steve & Jones, who delighted us with jokes and impressive juggling. The circus is in Hayward 8/31 through 9/11, they have stopped using animals in their show for the last 8 years. **Buy Circus Vargas tickets online at [www.circusvargas.com](http://www.circusvargas.com)**

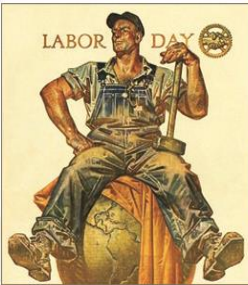


*Brian Schott, member since 1997, demonstrates his circus skills*

ADJOURNMENT

**President AT** offered thanks to High Gear note taker **Robert Pimentel** who also served as greeter along with **Kim Huggett**. He also thanked our Visiting Rotarians and guests including our keynote speakers Katya and Nelson Quiroga and their friends. He then adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a fateful ring of the Rotary Bell.

**HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR**



**Sept. 4    No meeting - Labor Day Holiday**

**Sept. 11    To be announced**

**Sept. 18    The Humane League - Zoe Novic**

**Sept. 25    Chief Mark Koller - Hayward PD**

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
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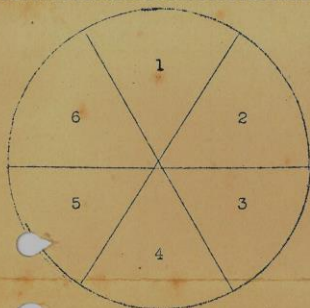
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---Dec. 15th, 1922---

Monday, December 18th, 12:15M. --- 625 Main St., Civic League Room

It was not my intention when I accepted the tail end editorship of HIGH GEAR to be Editor in Chief, News Gatherer, Printer's Devil and the Whole Cheese, but it seems that a Telephone Man and a Baby Chick Hatcher are busier at Christmas time than a Cranberry Merchant. It seems to me if I were telephone manager I would have the patrons do their talking in the forenoon so I could take an afternoon off to edit HIGH GEAR, and if I were a hatchery man I would hatch my chickens in the spring instead of at Christmas time. So I am asking the readers of HIGH GEAR to have a  this week and not criticize the -

-----LONE EDITOR-----



1. Spiritual
2. Intellectual
3. Moral
4. Physical
5. Esthetical
6. Social

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### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

A real jolt is sometimes better than an education. Larry Moore of the Oakland Rotary Club furnished that kind of a jolt at the Club last Monday. And if the talk he gave failed to jolt us free and swing us out of the snug little harbors of our complacency into the wide spaces of larger living, it is because we have struck a reef which is so high and dry as to be beyond the reason of the high tides that carry men on to parts of Worth-while-Ness. Larry's theme 'Where Do We Go From Here' was in itself a jolting question mark. He spoke of himself as one of those who stand at the end of the Trail and watch the going out of the human procession. The philosopher in him sees life as a wheel, and some of the wheels that roll groaning by at the trail end have broken axles and busted spokes and flat tires, and some of them are twisted while others are only half wheels and others but one fourth wheels.

Our Philosopher Preacher Larry has observed that the complete life is like the Rotary wheel, having six strong spokes. These six spokes are the Physical, Intellectual, Moral, Spiritual, Esthetical, and Social. We have heard many splendid talks at our Rotary luncheons but nothing we have heard has taken us right home to where we live and given us an X-ray of what we are, as did Larry's talk Monday.

Like the talk last Monday every man of us has a chance to size himself up. Some of us will put in an extra spoke and try to round our personalities and perhaps some of us will drag along on the same old way that blocks the traffic and wrecks the highway -- a defective wheel that is physically unfit, intellectually unbalanced, esthetically ugly, socially out of gear, morally twisted, and spiritually flat. And the guardian at the end of the trail will watch with pathetic interest the piling up of the scrap heap.

### SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Are Rotarians in this service manufacturing leadership? I would say 'Yes'. It was exemplified by one of our Rotarians last week in the stand he took for the good of the community. You often hear the remark 'that takes nerve'. This is not so. It is principle and principle is part of the foundation of Rotary.