

# Rotary Club of Hayward

# HIGH GEAR



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## WORK-LIFE BALANCE

*Ringmaster Jon Weiss demonstrates his proven method for balancing a budget as Paul Wallace looks on. Circus Vargas is in Hayward at Southland Mall for six weeks starting on Labor Day.*

### Call To Order

President **Sean Reinhart** called the meeting to order by asking the assembled crowd, "What is the best city in the Bay?" The crowd roared in response: "HAYWARD!" The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Lucy Lopez**, followed by the group singing a patriotic song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee", led by **Douglas den Hartog** on vocals and **Chuck Horner** on the piano.

The Thought for the Day was provided by **Anna May**: "Being like everybody is the same as being nobody" -- Rod Serling. The meeting then recessed to enjoy the as always excellent lunch Robert Pimentel & staff.

### GREETERS



**Anna May**



**Matt Spielberg**

### Introductions

Our Visiting Rotarian was introduced by **Matt Spielberg**: Bob Tucknott, Electrical Contractor with the Dublin Club.

We had many esteemed guests to introduce today:

- **Anna May** introduced her guests, JoAnn Depoyster (SantaCon Hayward organizing committee member), Al Parso-York (Hayward Planning Commissioner/SantaCon Hayward organizing committee member), and Jennie Comstock (Hayward Animal Shelter).
- **Sam Falk** introduced his guest, Aaron Lewis (Aaron's Auto Brokerage & Sales).
- **Larry Ratto** introduced his nephew Robb Ratto.
- **Sara Lamnin** introduced Leih Cerri (Eden Housing).
- **Grace Kao** introduced her mother Li Fun Kao.
- **Sean Reinhart** introduced his guests, Kelly McAdoo (Hayward City Manager), David Korth (Assistant to Hayward City Manager), Dawn Jaeger (Community Services Manager), Dana Bailey (Property Rehabilitation Specialist), Monica Davis (Management Analyst), Lara Franco (Administrative Assistant), and Lindsey Vien (Education Services Manager).

We welcomed our guests with a rousing rendition of our favorite song: HELLO!

## Announcements

- Club Photo. **President Sean Reinhart** announced that a photo of the club members will be taken on October 17, changed from October 24. Dress to Impress!
- SantaCon benefit for Hayward Animal Shelter. **Anna May** announced that Hayward's annual SantaCon event to benefit the Hayward Animal Shelter will be held on Saturday, 12-3-16. Eko Coffee will be the 1<sup>st</sup> stop of the night. Al Parso-York donated \$300 to the Hayward Animal Shelter as a donation/sponsorship from the Turf Club. President **Sean Reinhart** and **Anna May** also donated \$100 each to the Animal Shelter so Hayward Rotary can be shown as a sponsor of SantaCon.
- Hayward Volunteer Recognition & Awards Dinner. **Sara Lamnin** reminded Rotarians of the annual recognition dinner on October 4 at the White Tent at St Rose. Rotarian **Debby De Angelis** will be honored as Hayward Rotary's shining star, and **Mayor Barbara Halliday** will present **Chuck Horner** with the Mayor's Award.
- Third Grade Dictionary Project: **Larry Ratto** informed the Club that our next project, our annual distribution of dictionaries, is coming up fast. Team leaders are needed – see **Larry** for details. The labeling party is 5:30 p.m. on October 12 at the Firefighters Union Hall (next door to Fire Station #1 on Main Street between C and D streets).

## Special Guest



The circus is in town. **Chuck Horner** introduced Jon Weiss, ringmaster for Circus Vargas, now setting up at Southland Mall. Mr. Weiss, a veteran circus performer, demonstrated his extraordinary skills by balancing **Bob Pimental's** hat, **Jasmir Singh's** \$20 bill and **Chuck Horner's** size 12 shoe on his nose. He followed that by balancing a chair on his chin. To top it off, he then balanced a HUGE 12-foot ladder on his chin. Circus Vargas is a family operated circus with a goal of providing an intimate circus for communities like Hayward. The circus will be at Southland Mall for six weeks starting Labor Day.



Ringmaster Jon Weiss wows the audience by balancing Chuck Horner's size-12 shoe on his nose. He then balanced a folding chair on his chin, followed by a ten-foot ladder!

## Paul Harris Fellowship

Rotary International Foundation Chair **Debby De Angelis** bestowed two Paul Harris Fellowships: one for **Sam Falk** and the other for **Grace Kao**, in recognition of their each giving \$1,000 or more to support Rotary International Foundation's global charity work including eradicating polio. Thank you for your generous giving, **Sam** and **Grace**!

*Rotary International Foundation Chair **Debby De Angelis** (center) bestows Paul Harris Fellowships to **Grace Kong** and **Sam Falk** in recognition of their generous giving.*



## Fines and Foolishness

Red Badge Fine Collectors were **Sam Falk** and **Dan Goldstein**.

- **Dan Goldstein** was called to account for almost being blown off course by a hurricane during his Caribbean cruise. Fortunately, he managed to hold onto his fine card. *Vacation fine issued!*



- **Gregg Fobbs** made a return appearance to the Rotary meeting today. **President Sean** asked how things are going at his alma mater, Mt. Eden High School, where **Greg** is principal. **Greg** reported that Mt. Eden High School has an enrollment increase from 1700 students to 2100 students. Construction on the new football field will start in October, to be followed by the construction of the only Performing Arts Center in the district. *Long-time-no-see fine enforced!*
- President **Sean Reinhart** thanked Sgt at Arms **Janiene Langford** for assisting him with the meeting details every week and asked how things are going in her work at the Institute for STEM Education. He “pun”-ctuated the recognition with a series of math-related jokes, which only a fraction of the room found humorous, leaving the audience divided. **President Sean**, ever conscientious, fined himself. *“Dad joke” fine issued!*
- **Paul Martin** recently celebrated 21 years of marriage to wife Mary. *Anniversary fine issued!*
- **Pam Russo** marked 11 years of wedded bliss to Paul. She stepped out the room right when fining began, but returned just in time to have her fine card punched. *Anniversary fine upheld!\_*
- **Francisco Zermeno** has been a member of Hayward Rotary Club for three years as of August 26. Glad to have you, Francisco! (And your fine card, too). *Membership fine levied!*

## Keynote Presentation

**A.T Stephens** introduced our keynote speaker, Chad Bojorquez. Mr. Bojorquez is Project Director for the Hayward Downtown Streets Team.

The Downtown Streets Team (DST) program was founded in 2005 in Palo Alto by the downtown Business Improvement District. The successful program has since expanded to seven Bay Area cities, and recently launched in Hayward in June, 2016.

The Downtown Streets Team “Work First” model has won awards locally and nationally for its unique approach to tackling the issue of homelessness on a local level. Since 2009 Downtown Streets Team has found permanent housing for 552 of its Team Members and placed another 475 into jobs of over 90 days. In addition to massive savings to local government, the model provides added benefits to local businesses and the environment.

The mission of DST is to end homelessness through the dignity of work. Team Members participate in a volunteer work experience program that provides great value to partnered non-profits, local governments, corporate sponsors, environmental groups and the greater community.

In exchange, Team Members earn food/basic needs assistance, housing search assistance, housing/shelter placement, case management, transportation assistance, Job Search Skills classes, employment placement, and more; all while rebuilding their dignity and rejoining society.

Hayward Downtown Streets Team members meet every Tuesday, 12:30 at Hayward Area Historical Society. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend and support their team-building success. Businesses can hire their team members who will be selected based on demonstrated good job skills. People can volunteer to work alongside team members in 4 hour shift, including 2 hour work session, 2 hour lunch 1 of 1 with a team member.



*Hayward Downtown Streets Team members are excited to get to work.*



*President Sean Reinhart, Ringmaster Jon Weiss, keynote speaker Chad Bojorquez, and Chuck Horner.*

Funding for the Hayward program comes mostly from a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Hayward. DST has an office at 22537 Main St, behind the Chamber of Commerce office. They are going to try a crowd funding campaign, and already have a \$10,000 match from Google, so the group has to raise \$20,000 to hit their \$30,000 goal.

**President Sean** thanked Mr. Bojorquez for his keynote by presenting a children's book, *The Lego Neighborhood Book* to be donated to the Hayward Library in his honor.

## Adjournment

**President Sean** adjourned the meeting by thanking our Visiting Rotarian Bob Tucknott and our many guests, Greeters **Anna May** and **Matt Spielberg**, High Gear editor **Robert Sakai**, and Paul Harris Fellowship recipients **Sam Falk** and **Grace Kao**.

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## First Class Mail

**\*\* FEATURED SPEAKER SEPT. 12 \*\***

Our keynote speaker is our very own A.T. STEPHENS from the Hayward Area Historical Society. Hear about plans for the Historical Society's 60th Anniversary in Hayward.

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## HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



Sept. 5	NO MEETING – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Sept. 12	A.T. STEPHENS – HAYWARD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sept. 19	GEOFF HARRIES – BUFFALO BILL'S BREWERY / RUSSELL CITY DISTILLERY
Sept. 26	LINDSEY VIEN – HAYWARD'S HOMEWORK SUPPORT CENTERS

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