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"Downtown Playground"

Hayward Rotary Club and Foundation have invested millions of dollars to help build playgrounds, parks, health clinics, athletic fields, technology centers, and other projects to benefit Hayward children and families. The Children's Park at Guillani Plaza in downtown Hayward is one such project. This beloved playground was created by Hayward Rotary Club in 2005.



Photo by Thuyvi M.

A young adventurer practices his rock climbing skills on the play structure at Children's Park at Guillani Plaza, built in 2005 with the leadership and financial support of Hayward Rotary Club and Foundation.

CALL TO ORDER

President A.T. Stephens called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joel Thornley. Followed by the song "America the Beautiful" led by **Douglas Den Hartog**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Roger Power**: "Good Bread, Good Meat, Good God, and Let's Eat."

INTRODUCTIONS

Janiene Langford introduced Visiting Rotarians: Marion Sanchez, Fremont/Union City Club. We also welcomed several guests:

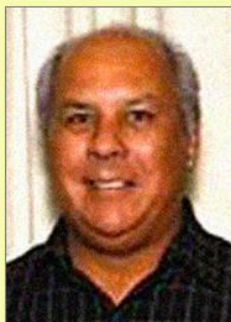
- Jean Luong, pediatric oncology nurse introduced by **Rod Andazola**
- Laurel Quirk, retired insurance underwriter, introduced by **María Ochoa**;
- Jotpreet Sahi, introduced by **JP Sahi**
- Stacey Cecilia Valro was introduced by **Mark Salinas**

Douglas Den Hartog led the club in welcoming our visitors with a rousing rendition of our favorite song: "HELLO!"

GREETERS



Anna May



Rod Andazola

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Terry Lee** and **Sid Hamadeh** chaperoned our club's and Area 2 high school interactors at their Annual Officers Retreat, August 3-6 in Raymond, CA. It was a great experience for **Sid**.
- Child Spree back-to-school shopping event is on August 19th 2017. **Lindsey Vien** stated that we need more rotary volunteers. As of now only 23 volunteers are signed up.
- Paul Garrison, a teacher at Ruus Elementary school, is looking for individuals and local businesses whom may be interested in becoming a patron for his school's Ruus Shakespeareans program. The school received a Rotary Grant in 2016.

- **Chuck Horner** needs support for the Salvation Army dinner service. Rotary's participation in this service was founded by the late Norma Rees 10 years ago, and was passed to **Chuck Horner**. We need volunteers every 4th Sunday.

NEW MEMBER SWEARING-IN

President A.T. swore in our newest Red Badge member, **Laurel Quirk**, (spouse of **Bill Quirk**), sponsored by **María Ochoa**. Welcome to the Club, **Laurel!**



*New member **Laurel Quirk**, center, was sworn in to Hayward Rotary Club with sponsor **María Ochoa** and **President A.T. Stephens***

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

- **Mayor Barbara Halliday** was pictured in the August 2017 *Diablo Magazine* with Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf at the May 6 Oakland Ballet Gala. *Publicity fine issued!*

- **Linda Granger** was recognized for National Twins Day (she is an identical twin) and for handing off the Dictionary Project to **Lucy Lopez**. *Double fines levied!*
- **Bob Sakai** celebrated his 72nd birthday. In addition to paying his birthday fine, **Bob** noted that **Laurel** and **Bill Quirk** are good friends and offered a donation to Centennial Challenge in their honor. **Bill** matched the fine in honor of his wife **Laurel** joining the Rotary Club. *Matching fines collected!*
- **Douglas Den Hartog** celebrated his 22nd wedding anniversary with spouse Margaret on August 4th, 2017. *Wedded bliss fine applied!*
- **Janiene Langford** and her spouse Abraham Mendoza celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary on August 10th. *Newlywed fine exacted!*
- **Mike Mahoney** celebrated his 19th wedding anniversary with spouse Bella on August 9th. *True love fine paid!*
- **Sid Hamadeh** celebrated two years of membership in Hayward Rotary Club on 08/10; **Douglas Den Hartog** celebrated three years of membership on 8/8; and **Rita Shue** celebrated fourteen years of membership on 08/11. *Good fellowship fines charged!*



Rita Shue, Hayward
Rotary Club member
since 2003

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mayor Barbara Halliday introduced our keynote speaker, Damon Golubics, Senior Planner for the City of Hayward. Mr. Golubics provided an update on the progress of the Downtown Hayward Specific Plan, a long term community planning and visioning effort to revitalize and grow Hayward's downtown district.

The Downtown Specific Plan envisions Hayward as a regional destination, celebrated for its district history, culture, and diversity: providing shopping, entertainment, and housing options for residents and visitors of all ages and backgrounds, all accessible by bike, foot, car and Public Transit.

The plan covers fine-grain infill projects that fit into the existing lot and block pattern; streets designed for autos, pedestrians, bikes and transit; a variety of civic spaces including City Center as a new center of activity; walkable urban gateways into Downtown. It also seeks to transform underutilized city-owned parking lots into public or structured parking, expand the network of open spaces, and create more storefronts that open to the street and to center of the block to bring more “eyes on the street.”

FOOTHILL & MISSION GATEWAY (Opp Site 4)

1 Make the intersection more bicycle and pedestrian friendly

2 Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone along Hayward Fault becomes a **linear open space**.

3 D Street and Mission Boulevard are re-aligned to **focus on the new library plaza**.

4 Land previously occupied by the intersection can be made available for **new infill development**.

- 22,525 square feet of **net new developable land** from vacated right-of-way.

- 65,340 square feet **open space** within roundabout.



Hayward Downtown Specific Plan July 11, 2017 17

Proposed improvements to the Mission/Jackson/Foothill intersection include improving vehicular pedestrian and bicycle circulation, creating a new gateway onto Downtown Hayward; creating two way roads to provide access to home and business on both sides of the street, and reclaiming right-of-way for new development.

Proposed one-way to two-way conversions include: A Street, B Street, C Street, Mission Blvd, and Foothill Blvd. Proposed bike /pedestrian enhancements include removing some of the auto travel lanes and adding protected bike lanes to improve safety and connectivity for all users, including pedestrians.

Significant Phase I projects include the Main Street “Complete Street” project, planned to begin with streetscape and sidewalk improvements on Main Street between D Street and McKeever within the next two years.

In Phase II, major projects include Foothill & Mission Blvd bicycle lane additions; and restoring B and/or C Streets back to 2-way operation within five to ten years. Phase III projects include the restoration of A Street, Mission Blvd. and Foothill Blvd to two-way operations within ten to twenty years.

Preliminary traffic modelling studies show that if all the above projects are completed by 2035, it could result in the following changes to automobile travel through Downtown during rush hour (depending on the route):

- 1) Potential reduction in regional traffic volumes by up to 30.0%
- 2) Potential reduction of auto speeds by up to 20 mph
- 3) Potential increase in auto travel time up to 20 minutes

The plan is still in development and there are ample opportunities for interested parties to participate in public forums and Task Force workshops over the next several months. A schedule is available on the city website, www.hayward-ca.gov.

At the end of Mr. Golubics’ talk, **President A.T.** presented him with a book, *Green City*, which will be donated to Hayward Library in honor of his keynote speech.



Damon Golubics and President Stephens

ADJOURNMENT

President A.T. offered thanks to High Gear recorder **Jasmir Singh** and greeters **Anna May** and **Rod Andazola**. He rang the official Rotary Bell at 1:30 p.m. to conclude the meeting.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 14

Our keynote speaker on Monday, August 14th will be **Bill Quirk**, California State Assembly member representing District 20 (Hayward). **Assemblyman Quirk** will provide his annual keynote address to Hayward Rotary Club: “The Sacramento Legislative Year in Review. (Healthcare, Climate Change, Transportation, Housing and More).” What are the latest developments in Sacramento? How is the State government responding to California’s affordable housing crisis? What does the future hold for transportation infrastructure projects in our state? How do the actions at the federal level affect health care in California? Learn the answers to these questions and more at the next Hayward Rotary Club luncheon, 12:00 noon on August 14. Guests are welcome – lunch is \$20 at the door.



Assemblyman Bill Quirk, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2005.

Hayward Rotary club is the premier service organization serving Hayward since 1922. Our keynote luncheons feature the best and brightest speakers.

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



AUG 14th - BILL QUIRK

- Aug. 14 Assemblyman Bill Quirk**
- Aug. 19* Back-to-school “Child Spree” 6:30 a.m.**
- Aug. 21 Dr. Nidhi Khosla - Rotary Peace Fellow**
- Aug. 28 To be announced**

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HAYWARD ROTARY BACK-TO-SCHOOL "CHILD SPREE"

Hayward Rotary Club's annual "Child Spree" back-to-school shopping event will provide 100 Hayward children the back-to-school clothing and supplies they need for their upcoming school year.

All 100 participating children have been identified in partnership with the Hayward Police Department Youth and Family Services Bureau. Event sponsored by

Hayward Rotary Club in partnership with JCPenney, Southland Mall and Friends of Hayward Library



10th Annual Back-to-School "Child Spree"

Saturday, August 19, 2017

6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

JCPenney at Southland Mall in Hayward

Volunteers and donations are needed and gladly accepted. To volunteer: please sign up on the registration page Haywardrotary.org or contact **Kenny Altenburg**.

Donations in any amount are accepted. The event goal is to raise \$100 per child (\$10,000 total). To make a tax-deductible donation, please make checks payable to Hayward Rotary Foundation and mail to: Hayward Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 629, Hayward CA 94543