

The newsletter of Hayward Rotary Club

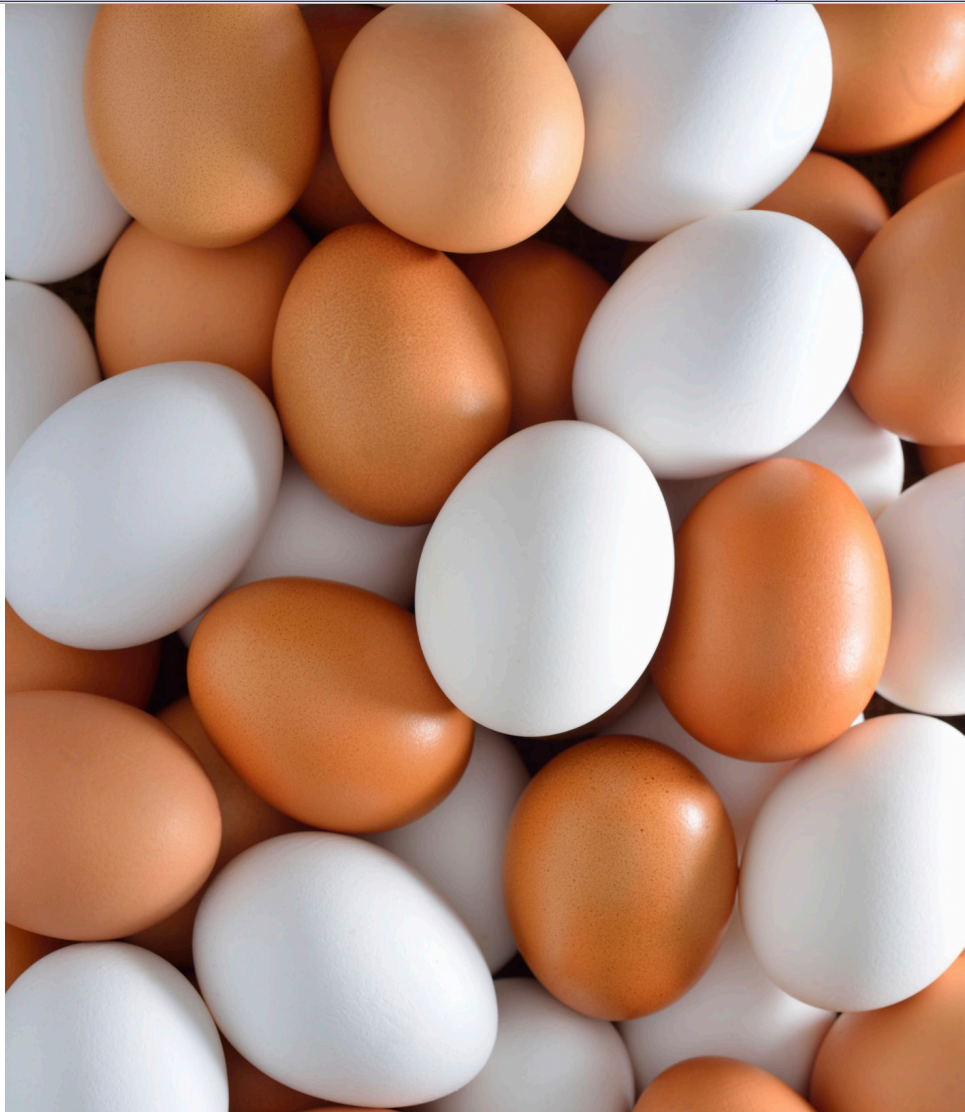


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## **“WHISKED AWAY”**

Back by popular demand....Hayward Rotary Club presents the  
10th annual Champagne Omelet Brunch - Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Details inside.

## WHISKED AWAY

**W**ith your help, **Hayward Rotary Club** will transform 2,000 eggs into 2,000 books for Hayward kids. This amazing feat only happens once a year at the world famous Champagne Omelet Brunch. Enjoy a delicious brunch feast prepared by local "celebrity chefs," hourly prize drawings, champagne mimosas, bloody



### **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE OMELET BRUNCH**

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

**8:00 a.m. - noon**

*Join Hayward Rotary Club and friends for a flippin' good time. Champagne Omelet Brunch fundraiser to benefit the Third Grade Literacy Project. In the photo next page, third graders at Bowman Elementary School browse their brand-new dictionaries, gifts from Hayward Rotary Club. 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. That's why we've 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!*

**Event details at [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org)**

marys, fresh pastries, robust coffee, and more -- all for a great cause. 100% of proceeds benefit Hayward children in the Third Grade Literacy Project. Enjoy delicious omelets prepared by local "celebrity chefs", hourly prize drawings, champagne, pastries, festivities, and much more.

Tickets are only \$15 (kids 10 and under \$5). It's the best breakfast and beverages in town, all for a great cause. Let's get cracking!

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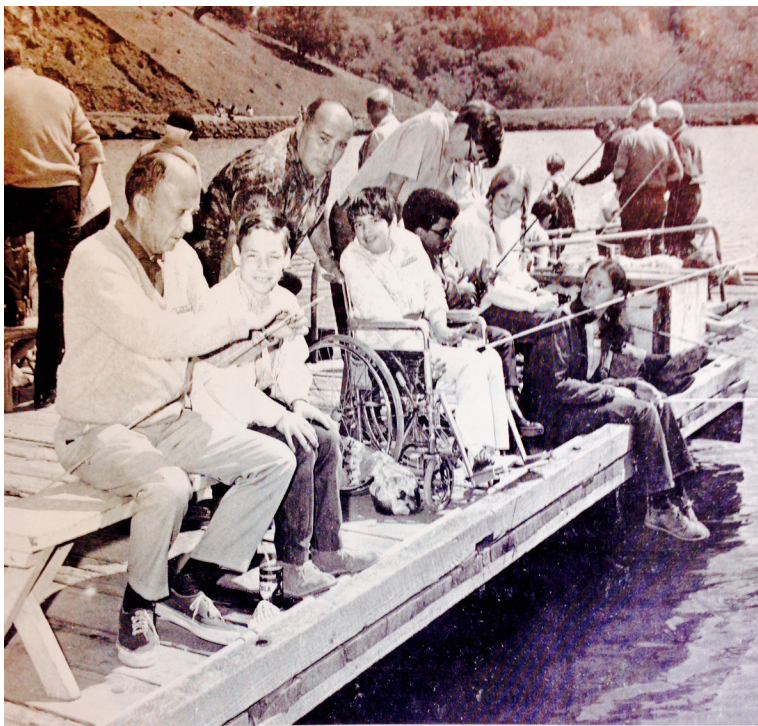
## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

**H**ayward Rotary Club has served the Hayward community since 1922. As part of a global organization with over 1,200,000 members in more than 210 countries & territories, Hayward Rotary Club provides our members with opportunities to participate in programs that better the lives of children and their families both locally and throughout the world. Our members stand among the best and brightest in business, public service and community organizations in



Hayward. Rotarians work together to give back to the community and help keep Hayward moving forward, share the fun and fellowship and networking while upholding the ideals of humanitarian service, high ethical standards, and the promotion of goodwill.

Approaching one century of service and still going strong, Hayward Rotary Club has a long and storied history of leadership and service to the community. In everything we do, the members of Hayward Rotary Club strive to exemplify our motto of "Service above Self". Our Club meets on Mondays at 12:00 noon at the Masonic Hall at 1074 B Street in downtown Hayward. There is free parking in the rear of the building between A and B Streets and the municipal garage on C and Foothill.



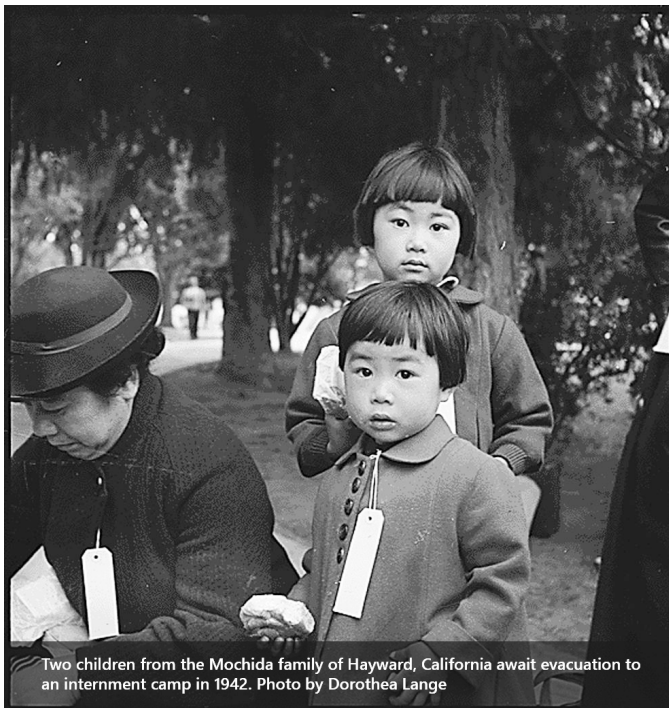
### **1967 - "Let's Go Fishing" with Hayward Rotary Club**

*After the Lake Chabot reservoir was opened to the public for recreational use in the 1960s, Hayward Rotary Club started the "Let's Go Fishing" project. The annual event provided special needs children the experience of going out for a day of fishing and recreation at the lake. Activities included fishing, horseback riding, picnicking, and outdoor games. Shown in this 1967 photo are Hayward Rotary Club members Dr. William Shriner and Bud Jordan, rancher. The project continued for fifty years, and reached many thousands of local children who were introduced to the enjoyment and rewards of outdoor sport fishing. #payitforward*



## **A History of Hayward Rotary Club Part III: The War Years 1940's**

The 1940's were defined by World War II: its horrors, triumphs, and aftermath. After the devastating surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, there was great concern about a another Japanese attack on the US mainland. Fear, racism and prejudice, already pervasive throughout American society at the time, reached a new fever pitch, and after Pearl Harbor, resulted in President Franklin Roosevelt ordering all people of Japanese descent to relocation camps for the duration of the war.



Two children from the Mochida family of Hayward, California await evacuation to an internment camp in 1942. Photo by Dorothea Lange

### **1942 - Internment of Japanese Americans**

*Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Roosevelt on January 14, 1942 issued Proclamation 2537, laying the groundwork for the internment of Japanese-American citizens during World War II. Nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans were removed from their homes and placed in camps - the largest forced relocation in U.S. history. The military suspected that Japanese Americans might be loyal to Japan, and could spy on or sabotage U.S. military efforts. Social justice groups protested the internment as a violation of Japanese Americans' civil rights. In 1944, the Supreme Court ruled that the detainment of loyal American citizens was unconstitutional. In 1945, the detainees were set free.*

Many Japanese Americans lived in Hayward at the time. They were forced to leave their lives behind and board buses for the camps. The buses picked them up at Heritage Plaza, then known as City Hall Plaza, on C and Watkins Streets. Famed photographer Dorothea Lange documented the boarding in a stark and stunning series of photographs.

Not all Americans agreed with the President's decision, and history rightly looks back on it harshly. But at the time, most Americans felt duty-bound to follow through with it. Some did so while helping displaced families as much as they could. In Hayward, Judge Jake Harder went to great efforts to assure that all of the proper legal documents were filed on behalf of interned citizens, and did what he could to protect their interests while they were away, for example by maintaining farmlands



## 1942 - Internment of Japanese Americans

*This photo by Dorothea Lange shows the baggage of Japanese American evacuees lined up along Watkins Street in Hayward, California in 1942. Buses lined the street to pick up the evacuees and their belongings for the long trip to the relocation camps deep in the remote deserts of the Southwest. Japanese Americans were held in the camps for three years.*



and buildings so that they would not deteriorate. Unfortunately, despite these well-intentioned efforts, many Japanese American families lost everything.

Meanwhile, World War II raged on, bringing with it a constant visceral threat of another attack on US soil, especially the West Coast. "Listening Posts" were set up all along the coastline. The Hayward Rotary Club financed and staffed a post in the Hayward hills to monitor aircraft traffic and report on it. John Sandoval, a Rotarian and a local historian during that era gives this account of working at the Listening Post:

"We watch from Rotary's observation post on Sunday nights from seven to eleven. There are three of us on and we alternate to conserve on rubber by taking our cars successively. In the early part of the shift the sun is in our eyes, and all three stay outside and watch dusk descend upon the village below us and the majestic sweep of the Bay. One by one the lights twinkle on like a scale map with flashing miniature bulbs like those we saw on Treasure Island. The sheriff patrol car slithers by and we call out our weekly greeting and enter the call in our log book. Tonight we have a search-light test and we're pretty busy logging the planes that come over - they try to sneak up on the searchlight crews at the army posts below us."

Hayward Rotary projects immediately following the war included sending bundles of clothing and food to the war-torn European countries, including Greece, Norway, Denmark, and England.

*TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK: "THE SUBURBAN YEARS: 1950s"*

#### **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. The pages of HIGH GEAR offer extraordinary snapshots of Hayward history, updates on present-day community activities and projects, and the occasional hijinks of Hayward's movers and shakers.

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#### **ABOUT HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB**

We are Hayward's premier service club since 1922 -- a non-partisan, non-political group of people united in giving back to our community. Hayward Rotary Club members come from many diverse walks of life. We are leaders in business, education, government, nonprofit, and community service. Do you have what it takes to become a Rotarian? Learn more about who we are and how to

become a Rotarian by visiting our weekly meetings and website, [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org).

## MINUTES-IN-BRIEF Highlights from recent meetings

- **February 5, 2018.** President **A.T. Stephens** presided. The Rotary Bell was triumphantly returned to the podium, thanks to the investigative work of "The Plumbers" led by **Pam Russo**. Keynote Speaker was Gisela Zebroski, author of multiple books about the dramatic Berlin Airlift project in the Cold War era.
- **February 12, 2018.** President **A.T. Stephens** presided. Keynote speakers were a "Parade of Past Presidents" featuring **Michael Mahoney** and **Dave Elkins**. Also featured was a vocational talk by new member **Ray Ortner**, manager of Lone Tree Cemetery.

**MEMBERSHIP NOTIFICATION.** The following people have been proposed for membership in Hayward Rotary Club: Laura Simpson, classification Education Therapeutic Services, sponsored by **Laurel Quirk**. Gregory Hegstrom, classification Mobile Home Park Management, sponsored by **Kim Huggett**. Comments concerning these membership proposals must be made in writing to the Club Secretary within 7 business days of this publication.

## HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



Feb. 26 - "Hacksaw" Rick Hansen

**Feb. 26 Rotary Community Grant Awards**

**Mar. 5 Hayward Youth Speech Contest**

**Mar. 12 Steven Campbell - Wiring Your Brain**

**Mar. 19 Andrea Luna - Annabelle's Candy**

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