

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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LIVING IN THE CITY!



Call To Order

Past President **Bob Sakai**, filling in for President **Andy Krake**, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m... The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Stan Dobbs**, followed by a Patriotic Song led by **Douglas Den Hartog** and **Chuck Horner**.

The Thought for the Day, from comedian Louis C.K., was delivered by **Fire Chief Garrett Contreras**: While discussing people's habit of incessantly complaining about things that were at one time considered impossible. For instance, on people who complain that 'my phone sucks'... Louis C.K. said, "No, it doesn't. The crappiest cell phone in the world is an engineering miracle – it is your life around phone that sucks."

GREETERS



Rita Shue



Garrett Contreras

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rita Shue introduced Visiting Rotarian Bob Tucknott from the Dublin Rotary Club. **Sara Lamnin** introduced her husband John Zimmerman. **Terry Lee** introduced a stellar student and former president at Mt Eden interact club. **Francisco Zermeno's** guest was the Director of Health Education for Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center. **Ashton Simmons** introduced Kenny Altenburg of the Eden Area YMCA. **Janiene Langford** introduced Cody Konno, Administrative Assistant, Institute for STEM Education, also known as the guy who keeps everything together at Cal State East Bay. Fire Chief **Garrett Contreras** introduced Eric Vollmer, Deputy Fire Chief Special Operation - Hayward Fire Dept.

Guests were welcomed with a rousing rendition of our favorite song, "HELLO!"

Announcements:

- **A.T. Stephens** announced the 60th anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Hayward Area Historical Society. Everyone is welcome to come just bring your wallet and purses.
- **Rita Shue** gave us an update on the Omelet Brunch. She's working on the final numbers but it is estimated about \$4,500 in net proceeds. Anyone who has not turned in the money form the tickets sold please do so as soon as possible.

- **Charley Plummer** reminded the assembled Club members that today is February 29 of a leap year, also known as Leap Day. He observed that Hayward Rotary Club has had four meetings on February 29 since the Rotary Club was formed in 1922. The first one was in 1932 when Walt Tillamie was President, then in 1960 when Robert Cook Sr. was president, then 1988 when **Joel Thornley** was president, and in 2016, **Charley** quipped “WHO KNOWS?!”

Fines and Foolishness

Past President **Bob Sakai** levied several “fines” on Rotarians for their good behavior. **Francisco Zermeno** was fined for having his picture on the cover of the Chabot College brochure. **Dr. Carla Walter** was fined for publication of her book *Art Management and Entrepreneurial Approach*. Fire Chief **Garrett Contreras** fined for an article in the *California Healthcare Foundation* about the new Firehouse Clinic. **Sara Lamnin** proclaimed how happy she was for the project and offered to pay **Garrett’s** fine. **Sara Lamnin** was fined for celebrating her 2nd (actually 8th) wedding anniversary – she and husband John Zimmerman were married on Leap Day in 2008. Happy Anniversary, **Sara** and John!

A FLIPPIN’ GOOD TIME WITH PAST-PREZ BOB SAKAI

Past President Bob Sakai demonstrates his perfect omelet-flipping form at the Champagne Omelet Brunch on February 21.



Joke Contest

In preparation for the joke contest, the esteemed **Pam Russo** was appointed to be the Political Correctness Judge. If the joke was deemed to be appropriate, the **Pam** would display a “thumbs up” (in the form of a Facebook “like” icon). If the joke is deemed inappropriate, she would display a “thumbs down”. A sideways thumb meant the joke was questionable. The results follow:

Charley Plummer –Joke about female anatomy – Thumbs down
Wayne Wright – Cocktail joke - Thumbs down
Janiene Langford–Blond joke - Questionable
Bob Scheppler – Cat and mouse on meals on wheels – Thumbs up
Ed Avelar – Wife using credit cards – Questionable
Tom Gratny –Good old boys - Questionable
Stan Smith– Toothbrush vs. teethbrush – Thumbs up
Sean Reinhart – Knock-knock joke with Bob Sakai – Thumbs up
Chuck Horner – DNA joke – Questionable

The winner was selected by audience applause. **Janiene Langford** was crowned the winner.

As judge, **Pam Russo** spoke up that the joke contest was very anti-female in theme. Mayor **Barbara Halliday** added that she knows a good KQED program about political correctness and strongly recommended that Club members Google it and watch the video. Many nods and general agreement were seen around the room.

CLUB ELECTION RESULTS 2016: Congratulations to President-Elect Stan Dobbs; Treasurer Gay McDaniel; Secretary (for life) Mona Diamantine; board members Robin Wilma, Janiene Langford, and AT Stephens; and board alternate Matt Spielberg. There was a tie for the fourth board seat between Mike Cobb and Douglas Den Hartog. A runoff election for the fourth board seat will be held on 3/7. Winner of the runoff will be elected to the fourth board seat; the other will be elected board alternate. The terms of office begin on July 1, 2016.

Featured Speaker – Hayward City Manager, Fran David

Our featured speaker was Hayward City Manager, **Fran David**. Her talk was introduced by **Stan Dobbs**, Superintendent and CEO of Hayward Unified School District.

Ms. David began her talk with an update on the Green Shutter Hotel redevelopment project. There is a proposal to renovate it into 40 residential apartment units on the second floor, with retail space on the ground floor and a roof garden on top. The City is requesting qualifications and proposals from developers and should go out by end of March.

She also provided a report on the development of a major park, La Vista, on Mission Blvd near the site of the old Valle Vista skating rink, the construction of a new downtown city Library, and the recent opening of a new Firehouse Clinic – the nation's first.

Ms. David spent some time talking about the importance of community involvement in the changes happening to health care, including ambulance services which will soon be going out to bid.

At the South Hayward Bart Station – the City and Eden Housing are completing a new 206-unit residential development focused on housing for seniors.

Caltrans is completing the sale of over 400 residential properties it has owned (and kept off the property tax rolls) for the past fifty years. The City of Hayward is assuming disposition of the remaining land, which gives the Hayward community a big opportunity to shape the future of development along that corridor.

Signs of economic strength: Auto dealers are now showing a renewed interest in expanding and/or returning to the Mission Blvd Auto Row, which was hit hard by the Great Recession.

A major downtown development proposal, Lincoln Landing, is working through the approval process. Proposed for the former Mervyn's site, the project includes 477 new market-rate residential units and 80,000 square feet of retail space.

The City's financial planning process is progressing forward with the updating of the 10 year financial plan. Also, the Utility user tax – passed by Hayward voters in 2009 to fund essential city services like police and fire – will be coming back to the ballot in 2016 for a renewal.



Past President Bob Sakai, featured speaker Fran David, and President-Elect Nominee Stan Dobbs.

Upon conclusion of City Manager Fran David's talk, **Past President, Bob Sakai** presented a children's book, *Peeking Under the City*, that will be donated to Hayward Library in recognition of Fran David's talk.

Adjournment

Past President **Bob Sakai** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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