

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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**Mike Cobb &
Rick Hansen**
prepare to demonstrate
their “eggs-cellent”
omelet flipping skills.

Call To Order

Past President **Debby De Angelis**, filling in for **President Andy Krake**, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.... The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Mike Cobb**, followed by a Patriotic Song led by **Douglas Den Hartog** and **Chuck Horner**... The Thought for the Day was delivered by **George Pacheco**: “Teamwork makes our Hayward Rotary Club a success. We are partners in our work, which in turns makes us winners and champions in our community!”

GREETERS



**George
Pacheco**



**Mark
Salinas**

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Mark Salinas introduced Visiting Rotarian Bob Tucknott from the Dublin Rotary Club. (Bob joined us a little late, but he was here!)... **Debby De Angelis** introduced her husband, David De Angelis; and Joan McDermott, CSU East Bay’s Director of Athletics... **Janiene Langford** introduced Dr. Stacy Thompson, Vice President of Academic Services at Chabot College and Chair of Alameda Commission on the Status of Women... **Kim Huggett** introduced Camilo Pascua, Director of Global Engineering Services for Impax; and Jim Morrison, CEO of Lit San Leandro... **Ashton Simmons** introduced Dr. Timothy Gay, Executive Vice President of the Health Center for Life Chiropractic College West.

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

Announcements:

- **Tom Gratny** reported that Salvation Army needs a new commercial can opener. The old can opener is shredding the cans and getting metal in the food. Rotarians immediately took up a collection.

- **Sean Reinhart** provided information about the upcoming Club Election. He thanked the Nominating Committee– **Debby De Angelis, Ed Mullins, Larry Ratto, and Rob Cook**. The election will be held on February 29th. Rotarians will elect four Directors and two Alternates. Nominees are **Matt Spielberg, Janiene Langford, AT Stephens, Douglas Den Hartog, Robin Wilma, and Mike Cobb**. The nominee for Secretary (for life) is **Mona Diamantine**. **Gay McDaniel** has graciously agreed to stand again as nominee as Treasurer. The nominee for President-Elect (President in 2017/2018) is **Stan Dobbs**.
- **Francisco Zermeño** called for High Gear editors. Rotarians, your help is needed for this important task.
- **Debby DeAngelis** announced the next Board Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 6:00 pm at St. Rose Hospital Balch Pavilion. Dinner (optional but encouraged) is served at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Mona.
- **Rita Shue** and **Beth Ehrlich** provided an Omelet Brunch reminder – please remit payment for your tickets as soon as possible. Approximately half of the Club members have sent in their ticket payments already – thank you! Payment is accepted online at www.haywardrotary.org, or by check payable to Hayward Rotary Foundation.
- **Mark Salinas** reported that the Area Finals of the Rotary Youth Speech Contest are February 16, 12:00 noon at Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley. Hayward Rotarians, please attend to show support for our contestant, Yichen Sun from James Logan High School, representing Hayward Rotary Club.

Demonstration

Rick Hansen, supported by our long time caterer Bob Pimental, helped prepare Rotarians for the upcoming Omelet Brunch by providing a hands-on demonstration, “How to Cook the Perfect Omelet.” **Mike Cobb** was an impromptu addition to the demonstration – chef’s hat and all – proving that anyone can make an omelet, even with the pressure on!

Fines & Foolishness:

Kevin McGary was fined for his birthday and his Club anniversary, with an extra bonus for nine years of Red Badge “glory.” **Ron Peck** was fined for his recent birthday spent at a Warriors-Kings game. **Jackie Flynn** was fined for her birthday dinner in San Francisco. **Mike Cobb** was in the spotlight again for his three-year Club anniversary. **AT Stephens** was tapped for his one-year Club anniversary. **Ed Phillips** was applauded for his 33 year anniversary in the Club...**Janiene M. Langford** was fined for the honor of sharing that her husband, Abraham Mendoza, has a new job as the Work Based Learning Specialist with the Eden Area ROP, and for the new car they bought to go with the job! **Francisco Zermeño** paid the fine in thanks for buying the car in Hayward...**Ashton Simmons** was fined for being the Hayward Chamber of Commerce’s Business Person of the Year, but **George Pacheco** paid the fine and congratulated **Ashton** on his award...

Matt Spielberg was thanked (and fined) for providing Past President **Debby DeAngelis** with a gin & tonic. What we must ask ourselves is: does that fine pass the Rotary Four-Way test? **Matt** may need to use his skills as a lawyer to contest what is perhaps an erroneous fine... Speaking of “is it the truth?” – **Paul Martin** swears that he saw someone donate an iPhone 6 in the basket to help Salvation Army buy a new can opener. Is it a coincidence that Pam’s cell phone was missing? Wondering how Pam’s phone could have been moved from her purse to the basket, **George Pacheco** suggested that it was most likely the work of some fantastical creature. While there was a discussion of a ransom from **Pam** and a suggestion from **Paul** to sell the phone on Craigslist, in the end **George, Paul, and Pam** each had to pay a ransom for its safe return...Meanwhile Past-President **Debby** noticed that the official Rotary flags had returned to the podium and wondered who we had to thank. **Larry Lepore** was a little too vociferous for **Debby’s** liking, so he was fined as a calming measure.

Featured Speaker - Warriors NBA Legend Al Attles

Our featured speaker was Al Attles, legendary player and coach with the Golden State Warriors. Mr. Attles was introduced by special guest Kunio Okui. Mr. Attles has been with the Warriors organization for over 50 years, the longest active streak in the NBA. He joined the Warriors in 1960 and has since been affiliated with the club in one capacity or another, building a unique relationship based on commitment, loyalty and dedication.

For Attles, the most important thing that basketball gave him was an education. Growing up in New Jersey, it was his high school coach who pushed him to go to a summer camp in Pennsylvania to get him out of the city and “keep him out of trouble”. Al shared that his greatest achievement wasn’t that he made the All-American Team, but that he made the honor roll in school. After graduating from college in 1960, Al was recruited to the then-Philadelphia Warriors. He played alongside Wilt Chamberlain in one of the most memorable games in NBA history on March 2, 1962. That night, Attles and teammate Wilt Chamberlain combined for 117 points against the New York Knicks. Attles scored 17 points while Chamberlain scored 100 (!)

Later as head coach, Attles guided the Warriors to six playoff berths, including the NBA title in 1975-76. Attles became the Warriors General Manager in 1982, heading the team’s basketball operations for three years. In 1983 he earned a Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from USF. Attles believes that people can do things that aren’t expected if they have someone who pushes them to succeed. “It doesn’t make any difference where you go to school what matters is what you do to go to school.”

In recognition of Mr. Attles’ keynote address, Past President **Debby De Angelis** presented a children’s book that will be donated to Hayward Library in Mr. Attles’ name: *The Story of the Golden State Warriors*. Mr. Attles is mentioned in the book by name five times!

*Golden State Warriors legend Al Attles and
Past President Debby De Angelis*



Live Auction

Following the presentation was a live auction of memorabilia with **Charley Plummer** serving as the auctioneer.

- An autographed photo of Al Attles was quickly snapped up by Bob Pimental following an intense bidding war between Bob and **Charley Plummer**.
- A set of Warriors tickets in Attles’ box was subject to a bidding war between **Marita Cheng** and **Rick Felson**. **Rick** ultimately claimed the prize.



All proceeds from the live auction went to the Hayward Rotary Foundation. Additional items will be auctioned at the Omelet Brunch courtesy of Mr. Okui, including a framed jersey signed by the reigning NBA Most Valuable Player, Steph Curry.

*Sheriff Emeritus Charley Plummer live auctions an autographed photo of
legendary Warriors player/coach Al Attles as Mr. Attles (left) and retired Castro
Valley Schools Trustee Kunio Okui look on.*

Adjournment

Past President Debby announced that passing the baskets yielded \$477 for Salvation Army. Thank you, Rotarians, for your generous giving! The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Dr. Susan Sperling
President, Chabot College



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February 22, 2016
Hayward Rotary Club

February 15 NO MEETING – President's Day

February 21 CHAMPAGNE OMELET BRUNCH

**February 22 Dr. Susan Sperling, President Chabot College,
and Dr. Carla Walter's vocational talk**

February 29 Fran David, Hayward City Manager, and Club Elections

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