

Next Meeting, January 11th

Youth Speech Contest

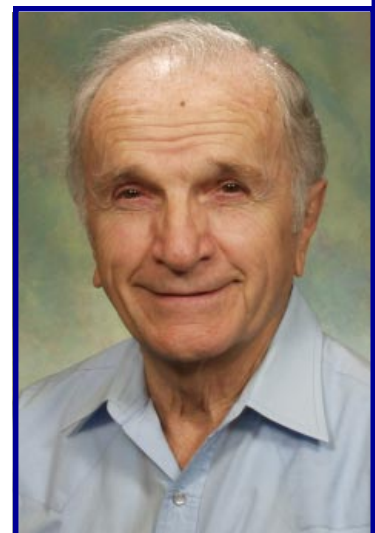


Time in a Bottle

A gust of wind, a turn of leaf, and another year begins anew. The Hayward Rotary Club is in its 94th year of continuous service. We look back on 2015 with satisfaction for achievements made, and with gladness in our hearts for our many friends old and new. Yet we also reflect in sadness on the memory of old friends who left our midst this year gone by.

In Memory of Del Della-Dora

We raise a glass to our dear friend and fellow Hayward Rotarian, **Del Della-Dora**. His was a life of extraordinary kindness and service. He touched countless lives through his work as an educator, advocate, and friend. He selflessly gave his time and talent to worthy causes like the Ruby's Place shelter for domestic violence victims, the Salvation Army, the Eden Area League of Women Voters, and many, many other local organizations and people. As a Rotarian, **Del** was equally extraordinary as a board member, and an Outstanding Rotarian of the year. We are deeply grateful and proud to have known and worked alongside **Del** over many years. We dearly miss him now that he is gone. **Rest in peace, dear friend.**



Del Della-Dora





Call to Order

President Andy called the meeting to order with a moment of silence to mark the recent passing of **Del Della-Dora**. Details about memorial services are forthcoming.

Kevin McGary led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a patriotic song led by **Douglas Den Hartog** and **Chuck Horner**. Next, **Marita Cheng** delivered a double Thought for the Day by way of two old proverbs: “An inch of time is an inch of gold, but you can’t buy that inch of time with an inch of gold.” “The present is a present - it’s a gift.”

The Masonic Lodge was packed with barely an open seat in the house. **Mike Cobb** led off the introductions with visiting Rotarians. This was followed by introductions of guests by **Andy Krake, Kim Huggett, Don Mai,** and **Kevin McGary**. It was a welcome sight to see so many new faces but unfortunately the High Gear editor suffered a penmanship malfunction during the introductions and failed to record the guests’ names for these notes. Nonetheless, let the record reflect that the Club roared a hearty welcome and HELLO! to one and all.

Greeters



Marita
Cheng

Mike
Cobb

Announcements:

Mark Salinas reported that the Youth Speech Contest is right on track to take place during the regular meeting next Monday, January 11. See and hear these talented youths speak – they will knock your socks off.

Rick Hansen reported that the Community Grant applications have been sent out to the full mailing list. Any who are interested in receiving an application should contact **Rick**.

Rita Shue and **Beth Ehrlich** announced the 8th Annual Champagne Omelet Brunch on Sunday, February 21, 2016. Each Rotarian will receive one book of 12 tickets to sell or give away, for which they should return \$100 payable to the Hayward Rotary Foundation. Individual tickets are \$10 each. Proceeds benefit the 3rd grade dictionary project. In addition to ticket sales, volunteers are needed at the event to help set up the event, prepare food, operate the raffle, clean up afterward, and so on. A signup sheet was passed around the room and is also posted on the website here: www.haywardrotary.org/event/omelet-brunch

Rotary International Foundation:

Charley Plummer dedicated a Paul Harris Fellow Award on behalf of his longtime friend and partner in crime-fighting, **Roger Power**, in memory of **Roger’s** brother Jerry who recently passed away.



Charley Plummer & Roger Power

Fines & Foolishness:

President Andy had a lot of catching up to do after the long, cold holiday break, and soon a blizzard of fines had blanketed the assembled corps. Among those touched by the icy hand of **Andy’s**

recognition were: **Kim Huggett** and **Ashton Simmons**, the latter for being named the Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year; **Larry Ratto** for his and Kathleen’s wedding anniversary, for which **Larry** made a generous contribution to the dictionary project; **Don Mai, Ken Smith, Beth Ehrlich, Mark Salinas, Ed Mullins,** and **Michael Mahoney** for various birthdays and anniversaries; and **Rob Cook** for being away long enough to have racked up both a wedding anniversary and a birthday. Not one to miss an opportunity, **Rob** pointed out that **President Andy** had committed the grievous error of getting a Rotarian’s name wrong in the course of levying a fine. **Andy** agreed and paid the fine, then fined **Rob** again!



Bert Weiss & Pres. Andy Krake

New Member Induction:

Rotarians welcomed a new member, **Bert Weiss**, classification Water Utility Management, sponsored by **Janiene Langford**. Welcome to the Club, **Bert!**



Speaker Program:

For the first time in over 30 years, scheduled speaker Jay Tontz was unable to give his popular talk about the annual economic forecast due to illness. Hopefully Jay will recover quickly and can be rescheduled soon. Stepping in to help fill the gap were five Rotarians who each, and on a moment's notice, gave brief updates on areas of interest to the community.

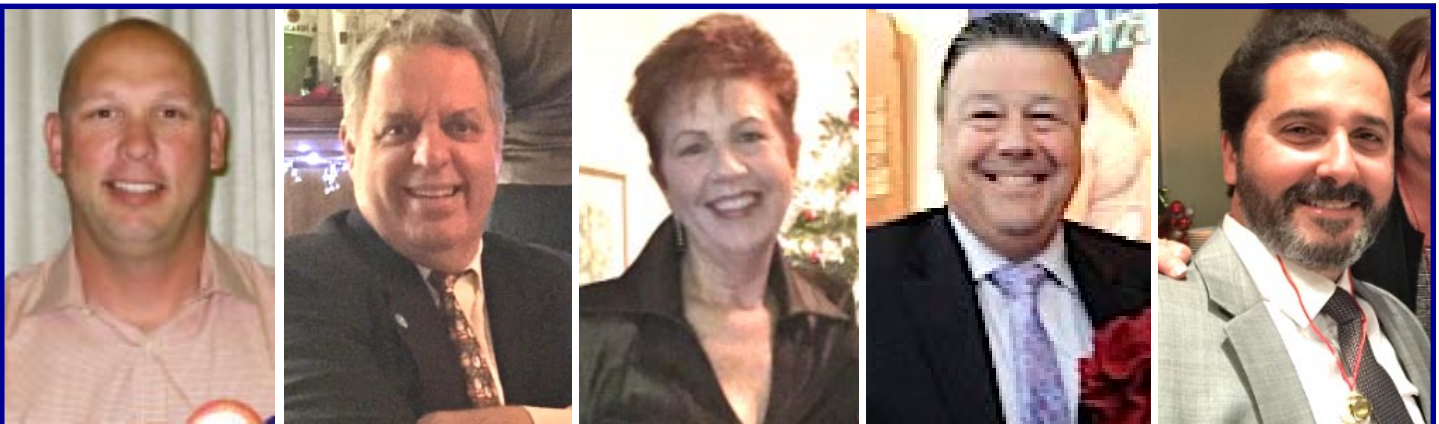
Garrett Contreras provided a fascinating overview of the many and wide-ranging activities of the Hayward Fire Department.

Brian Schott gave a scintillating talk about Rotary District 5170 and the state of Rotary International.

Gay McDaniel shared a thoughtful review of current trends and challenges in the local nonprofit sector.

Mike Cobb gave a heartening status update about St. Rose Hospital and a shout out to its standout youth program, **FACES for the Future**.

Closing out the series, **Paul Martin**, nearly out of time but ever the master of brevity, delivered a pithy one-minute dashboard view of the real estate development scene, punctuated by this observation: "If there was no such thing as real estate development, then there would be a lot more people in Gambler's Anonymous." LOL



Garrett Contreras, Brian Schott, Gay Mc Daniel, Mike Cobb & Paul Martin

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

January 11: Youth Speech Contest

January 18: No meeting (MLK holiday)

January 25: Rushton Hurley

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, February 21 - Champagne Omelet Brunch

Thanks to our greeters, **Marita Cheng** and **Michael Cobb**.

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Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- January 11 Youth Speech Contest
- January 18 No Meeting - Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 25 Rushton Hurley - Next Vista for Learning

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