

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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ROTARY CLUB of HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA - MEETING NOTES: JULY 10, 2017

Greeters: **Sean Reinhart** and **Sid Hamadeh**. High Gear note-taker: **Leah Cerri**. Meeting called to order by President **AT Stephens**. **Don Mai** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Douglas Den Hartog** and **Chuck Horner** led the patriotic song. **President AT** shared this Thought for the Day by Kurt Vonnegut: "We do, doodily do, doodily do, doodily do / what we must, muddily must, muddily must, muddily must, / until we bust, bodily bust, bodily bust, bodily bust," then suggested that he would explain that bit of nonsense in remarks after lunch.

INTRODUCTIONS

Past President Sean Reinhart introduced our visiting Rotarians: Bob Tucknott from Dublin and Mike Bear from Palo Alto. **Janiene Langford** helped introduce several guests: Paul Taylor, Abraham Mendoza and Veronica Ortiz. **President AT Stephens** introduced his wife, Joanne Hirsch. To help welcome our guests in true Hayward Rotary Club style, **Douglas Den Hartog** and **Chuck Horner** led us in a rousing round of the "HELLO!" Song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **President AT** said the Vonnegut quote is a favorite and his call to action, to frame his Three Priorities for his presidential year, which might be called The Three Rs: Member Retention, keeping members engaged; Member Retention: keeping members engaged; Member Recruitment: befriending and encouraging new members, and Member Reinvestment: in Rotary International vision and our local service mission. **Prez AT** pledged to doodily do what he muddily must until we bodily bust, to make our 95th year as generous and

"ringing in a new year"

Congratulations and welcome to our new President, A.T. Stephens. In addition to serving as Hayward Rotary Club's 95th President, A.T. is the Executive Director of the Hayward Area Historical Society. Hayward Rotary Club members look forward to continued success under President A.T.'s leadership.



Newly inaugurated President, A.T. Stephens displays the coveted Rotary Bell, as Immediate Past President Sean Reinhart (left, in jail attire) celebrates his newfound freedom and "jurists" Linda Granger and April Chan applaud.

successful as all the others" to make a difference (which is the Rotary International theme for 2017-18) continuing to learn and put into practice the Four-Way Test to help our club and community.

- **Kenny Altenburg** was not in attendance, but **President AT** said that Kenny is taking over the Child Spree Shopping Event this year, **George Pacheco** and **Pam Russo** are handing the reigns. This event is coming up on August 19th at J.C.Penney. We need Rotarians to volunteer to escort the kids and help them shop. A volunteer list will be sent around soon.
- The Rotary banner across the empty lot next door to the Masonic Hall is ready to be replaced. The old banner

was tagged and ripped. We need six to eight volunteers to help after the next meeting to help us put it up again and cover the abandoned lot.

- **President AT** gave thanks to **Andy Krake, Janiene Langford, Robin Wilma, Pam Russo** and a cast of a dozen to fete **Past President Sean Reinhart** at his demotion on June 26 at the Historical Society. Robin did decorations; Pam Russo, Matt Spielberg, Douglas Den Hartog, Paul Martin and Rick Hansen had speaking parts. It was a great event.
- We also need more volunteers to help take notes for the High Gear newsletter. Those interested should contact **Francisco Zermeño**.
- **President AT** received an email this past week from **Robin Wilma** and **Ed Mullins** on the passing of **Jim Mealey**. Jim was District Governor 1997-1998 while a member of Hayward Rotary. He worked tirelessly in all Club efforts and activities, and served our Rotary District for many years in supporting the Rotary Foundation and the fight to eradicate polio around the world. His many friends around the world have suffered a tremendous loss, but have all shared the great gift of having known and loved Jim. **Robin** said she'd appreciate it if anyone had contact info and **Robin** will bring some cards for members to sign next week. Jim Mealey moved away but stayed in touch. There are also cards on the table for **Charley Plummer** on the passing of his wife Norma, and it would be nice if everyone could sign those. He enjoys receiving mail.

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

Red Badge fine collector: **Lindsey Vien**

- **President AT** fined himself - July 4th was his birthday and he had requested "Yankee Doodle Dandy" for the patriotic song, but **Chuck Horner** and **Douglas den Hartog** would need more rehearsal time.
- **Joel Thornley** - on the Board of HAHS, he recommended **AT** for Rotary- fined. Also had a wedding anniversary. He and Lorraine have been married 59 years.
- **Jasmir Singh**- just celebrated her 30 year wedding anniversary with husband Autar. Congratulations!
- **Don Mai** will be leaving soon. Moving to El Dorado hills. No fine, but we will miss you, **Don!**



*A relieved **Past President Sean Reinhart**, in jail attire, displays his Presidential plaque with Secretary-for-Life **Mona Diamantine**.*

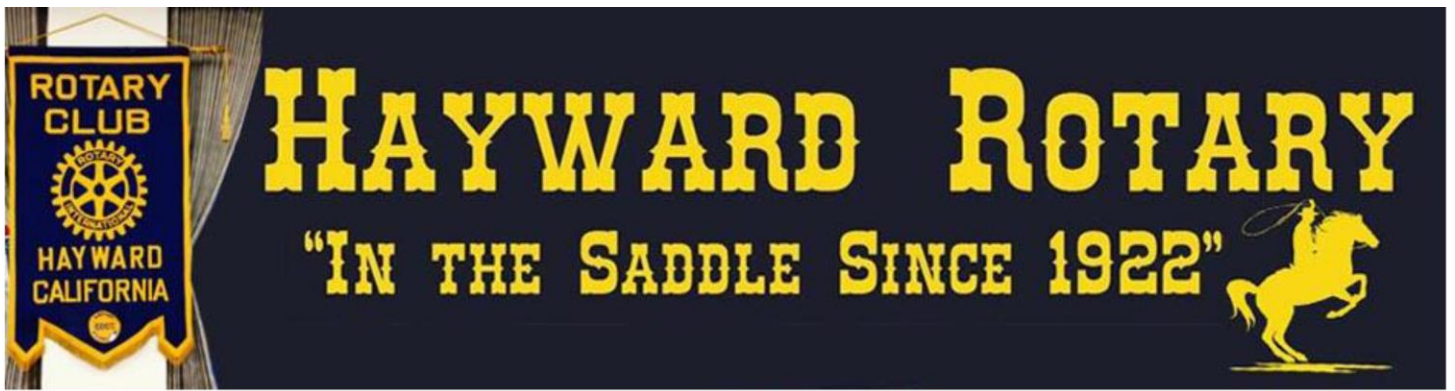
- **Ed Avelar**- had a birthday on June 15. **President AT** had the date wrong so he fined **Janiene Langford**.
- **Roger Power** said he had a membership anniversary and **President AT** fined him but **Past President Sean** paid the fine to thank **Roger** for loaning him jail attire for the Demotion Dinner. ("It still fits!")
- **Bob Scheppler** has been a member for 39 years- was fined accordingly. Congratulations, **Bob!**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Janiene Langford introduced **Dr. Jeff Seitz**, the Associate Vice President of Research and professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences at CSU East Bay. Janiene read his bio but also mentioned that Dr. Seitz is funny, great to work with, and a great teacher. His talk was titled, "Partnerships to Improve Science Instruction in Local School Districts."

STEM instruction is very important. It is critical to workforce development and innovation, and to our national prosperity. In terms of job development, 93 out of 100 Stem occupations pay above the national average. These jobs have the most growth- especially in California. The greatest growth will be in health care.

Expanding opportunities in STEM is critical, especially in terms of diversity- women make less than men and people of color are underrepresented in these jobs. Dr. Seitz said that the U.S. is not keeping up with employer demand, and currently 1/4 of the workers in these fields are foreign born.



HAYWARD ROTARY BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHILD SPREE



 **Saturday Aug 19, 2017 6:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

 **JCPenney Southland Mall
1 Southland Mall Drive
Hayward, CA 94541**

Hayward Rotary Club's annual "Child Spree" back-to-school shopping event will provide 100 Hayward children the clothing and supplies they need for their upcoming school year. Participating children are identified in partnership with the Hayward Police Department Youth and Family Services Bureau. Event sponsored by Hayward Rotary Club in partnership with JCPenney and Southland Mall.

VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS

Contact Lindsey Vien
Lindsey.Vien@hayward-ca.gov

Or visit
www.HaywardRotary.org

Volunteers and donations are needed and gladly accepted. To volunteer: please visit our website or contact Lindsey Vien (Lindsey.Vien@hayward-ca.gov).

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





Dr. Jeffrey Seitz

card), California is performing at the bottom, tied in last place. Students living in poverty score 34 points lower than others.

A Recent study showed that 80% of K-5 teachers teach less than 60 minutes of science a week. They feel they are unprepared to teach science. 68% of teachers had minimal continuing education.

To combat the above challenges, CSUEB and ACOE formed a partnership in 2007 to teach professional development to K-12 teachers in the Bay Area. They partnered with 13 school districts and have helped 600 teachers.

The state adopted new science standards, NGSS, in 2013- which are currently being planned and implemented. Moving forward, science education should focus on deeper understanding of science and application. There are three

dimensions- core ideas, crosscutting concepts and scientific engineering practices. The new standards focus on deeper understanding, application, not memorization. The focus will be about doing, instead of knowing. It is a more student centered approach.

The partnership model is a 1-2 week institute for teachers. They also support teacher leadership and train teachers on facilitation. They provide 48 hours of professional development for teachers. The partnership is working with districts and as a result of this work, 8 partners now have 17 full time science coaches. They are helping teachers to make shifts in instructional practices and to be more student focused.

One hope is that this partnership will help with our shortage of teachers and problems with retention. Some studies show that teachers are less likely to leave when provided opportunities for professional development.

ADJOURNMENT

President AT adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with thanks to all who helped at the meeting. Next week 7/17: Jeff Bellisario, Vice President of the Bay Area Council, will deliver a keynote discussion of the housing in the Bay Area.

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



JUL 17 **JEFF BELLISARIO - HOUSING IN THE BAY AREA**

JUL 24 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

JUL 31 **PAUL McCREARY - HAYWARD AREA RECREATION & PARKS DISTRICT**

AUG 19 (Sat.) **BACK-TO-SCHOOL "CHILD SPREE" 6:30 a.m. at JCPENNEY**

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