

# Rotary Club of Hayward

# HIGH GEAR



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## RINGING IN \*95\* YEARS OF SERVICE



*President Sean Reinhart displays the official  
"Emergency Rotary Bell", for backup use in case  
the New Bell goes missing.*



### Call To Order

**President Sean Reinhart** called the meeting to order at 12:15. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Freddye Davis**, followed by the singing of the Patriotic Song, *America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)*, led by **Douglas Den Hartog**.

The Thought for the Day was provided by **Debbly De Angelis** who noted that in addition to being a Rotary new year, this is a summer Olympic year: *"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us."* — Wilma Rudolph, American runner and three-time gold medalist

### Introductions

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians by **President-Elect Stan Dobbs**: Bob Tucknott, Electrical Contractor with the Dublin Club; Anna May, Real Estate Agent with the FUN Sunset Club.

Introduction of Guests:

- ✓ **Sara Lamnin** introduced Maritza Ramos, a city intern with the District Attorney's Office and Mt. Eden High School student
- ✓ **Freddye Davis** introduced Joshua White, a realtor with J. Rockcliff and Todd Davis, her son
- ✓ Visiting Rotarian Bob Tucknott introduced Jeff Middleton, his brother-in-law and driver.

We welcomed our esteemed guests with a rousing rendition of the Hello! Song, led by **Douglas Den Hartog**.

### GREETERS



**Stan  
Dobbs**



**Debbly  
De Angelis**



## Announcements

- **President Sean Reinhart** reported that the Club has acquired a brand new Rotary Bell engraved with the correct name, "Hayward Rotary Club," and that the new Bell will be unveiled next week after additional "security enhancements" are completed. He then produced a sealed glass fire extinguisher case containing the old Bell, a hand-me-down from the now defunct Hayward Sunrise Club, and a gavel "for emergency use only"!
- **President Sean** introduced our Club officers for the year including **President-Elect Stan Dobbs**, **Treasurer Gay McDaniel**, **Secretary-for Life Mona Diamantine** and **Sergeant-at-Arms Janiene Langford**
- **Pam Russo / George Pacheco**: Back-to-School Child Spree will be August 13 at 6:30 am at the JCPenney in Southland Mall. JCPenney has a new store manager, but thanks to **Ashton Simmons'** help we were able to quickly arrange with the new manager for the project to continue at JCPenney. The project serves 100 children at a total cost of about \$12,000, of which \$6,000 has been raised so far. Both cash and school supply donations are requested and a mail solicitation is coming out to Rotarians and Chamber members. You can sign up on line to volunteer for the day's events with Club Runner at [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org).
- **Francisco Zermeno**: Francisco offered copies of his book in exchange for \$100 donations to support Child Spree. Thanks to **President Sean**, **Stan Dobbs**, **Dan Goldstein** and **Rita Shue** for their donations!
- **President Sean** reported that **Past-President Andy Krake** is back in the hospital recovering after a successful surgery on his foot. Get well wishes are appreciated.
- **President Sean** announced that the next Club board meeting will be 7/14 at St. Rose Hospital at 5:30 pm. Red badgers are encouraged to attend and need to RSVP to **Mona Diamantine**. The budget for the new year will be reviewed and approved.
- **Paul Martin** announced that at next week's meeting there will be elections for the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation trustees to serve from 2016-2018. **Paul** gave a brief history and introduction to the foundation which currently has just over \$1.1 million in unrestricted funds and provides an annual distribution for club projects. Those currently serving have all indicated they are willing to serve again and are proposed for election: **Dennis Butler**, **Mona Diamantine**, **Dave Elkins**, **Ken Meirovitz**, **Bob Sakai** and **Tony Varni**. Additional nominations may be made in writing to Bob Sakai, from the floor at next week's meeting or as write-ins.
- In lieu of Mayor **Barbara Halliday** who was not in attendance, **President Sean** called on **Sara Lamnin** to make an announcement for openings to serve on various City of Hayward Boards and Commissions. Applications are due by Friday, July 15.
- **President Sean** noted that Rotary International Foundation supports many projects locally and worldwide. Every Rotarian is encouraged to donate every year. To kick off a new year of giving, **Charley Plummer** donated \$1,000 to Rotary International Foundation. Charley graciously announced that the gift is to honor new **President Sean**.



## Fines and Foolishness

- Red Badge Fine Collectors: **Kevin McGary** and **Dan Goldstein**
- **George Pacheco** asked **President Sean** where his new president's badge was? **George** took a vote of past presidents in the room, and they decided to fine **President Sean** for not having it. Oh, wait, why is the badge suddenly on **Mike Cobb's** jacket? Let's see if **President Sean** can hang on to it. **President Sean** accepted the fine, then quipped that maybe he should lock his new badge in the fire extinguisher case along with the old Bell, for safe keeping. *Fine upheld.*
- **Kenny Altenburg** was asked what's new at Eden Area YMCA? He shared news of YMCA's wide variety of summer programs that create a safe place to for kids. **Kenny** also reported that they have successfully fundraised over \$10,000 to ensure that children can attend regardless of their means.



**President Sean** fined **Kenny** \$1 per second for the privilege of delivering his vocational “elevator speech”, and then asked **Kenny** to explain a picture he recently posted on Facebook of **Kenny** down on one knee offering a ring to a beautiful lady in front of a lake and fountain? Congratulations, **Kenny**, on your engagement to the lovely Sneha! *Fine doubled.*

- **Debby DeAngelis:** Recently celebrated a birthday, but off the hook due to being Outstanding Rotarian, great leader and all-around team player.
- *Fine waived.*

**Mike Cobb:** We missed you at the Demotion Dinner, but thanks for the ambulance and other medical equipment! *Fine suspended.*



*Kenny Altenburg prepares his fine card for lots of hole-punching as Mark Salinas looks on.*

## New Member Induction

The club welcomed new member **Connie Willis** sponsored by **Freddye Davis**. **Connie** is recently retired from an illustrious career in education, most recently as Vice President at Chabot College. She has lived in Hayward since 1963 and attended Hayward High School. We look forward to hearing her vocational speech in a few weeks' time.



*President Sean Reinhart welcomes new member Connie Willis (center), sponsored by Freddye Davis.*

## Keynote Presentation



*Past President Pam Russo with keynote speaker Paul McCreary and President Sean Reinhart.*

**Past President Pam Russo** introduced our keynote speaker, Paul McCreary the new General Manager of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD). Mr. McCreary assumed leadership of HARD almost six months ago. He was formerly the Parks and Community Services Director for the City of Dublin. **Pam** introduced him as “innovative, inclusive and a strong business person”.

Mr. McCreary gave an overview of HARD, a place to explore, play and learn. HARD is an independent special use district created by local voters over 70 years ago to provide park and recreation services to over 280,000 residents of Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview in a 100 square mile area.

Mr. McCreary shared his initial very positive impressions of Hayward and the warm welcome he has received. He highlighted the Treasures of HARD including the Japanese Gardens, the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, Kennedy Park, the Meek Estate and Park, the Mt. Eden Mansion, the Douglass Morrison Theatre, the Alden E. Oliver Sports Park, the Sulphur Creek Nature Center, the Hayward Plunge and the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park.

Mr. McCreary outlined the programs offered by HARD and the master plan. With the goals to maintain and improve parks and the desire to expand recreational opportunities for all, there is consideration being given to bond feasibility potentially for a 2016 elections. He asked for input from all at [www.HaywardRec.org/survey](http://www.HaywardRec.org/survey)

Property tax is the only source of income for HARD and deferred maintenance is an issue. Mr. McCreary and the HARD Board of Directors are actively looking to secure additional state, federal and local bond funding as well as fundraising to ensure the growth and ongoing service of HARD to our communities.

## Adjournment

**President Sean** adjourned the meeting by thanking our Visiting Rotarians and guests, greeters, High Gear editor, and the Sergeant-at-Arms, and closed by offering special thanks to photographer extraordinaire, **Ed Avelar**.

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## HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



- July 18 Cindy Breeden-Johnson. Hayward Literacy Plus
- July 25 Steven Burchik, Compass and a Camera: A Year in Vietnam
- Aug. 1 Janiene Langford, Hayward STEM Community Program
- Aug. 13 **BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHILD SPREE AT JCPENNEY**

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