



"a toothy tale"

The Silva Pediatric Clinic was built in 1995 with major funding support from Hayward Rotary Club and Foundation. The project was led by President Gary Smith, who secured match funding through Rotary International. A second major contribution was made in 1999 under the leadership of President Ken Meirovitz to add a full service dental clinic. Today, the clinic serves 36,000 medical patients and 9,000 dental patients per year.



Dr. Sridevi Ponnala and CEO David Vliet take a moment to cheer up a pediatric dental patient. For many community members, the Silva Clinic provides essential access to quality care.

ROTARY CLUB of HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA

MEETING NOTES - JULY 24, 2017

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Dennis Butler**, followed by a Patriotic Song: "God Bless America," led by **Douglas Den Hartog**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Janiene Langford** citing **President-elect Sid Hamadeh**: "Think for yourself!"

INTRODUCTIONS

Janiene Langford introduced visiting Rotarians: Electrical contractor from Dublin: Bob Tucknott. From Fremont, educational consultant Bob Goetsch; and Millie Sybel, Rotary assistant district governor. **Kenny Altenburg** presided over guest presentations:

- Guest of **Kim Huggett**: Yoon Choi, a student intern at the Hayward Chamber of Commerce from Korea National University.
- Guest of **Bob Tucknott**: Malinder Bahn, past president of Bridgeport, Conn., Rotary Club, a Morgan Chase business banking manager.
- **Terry Lee** introduced Justin Nguyen, area Interact coordinator, and a senior at Arroyo High School.
- **Mayor Barbara Halliday** introduced Jean Luong, pediatric oncology nurse at Kaiser Oakland.
- Introduced by **María Ochoa**: Laurel Quirk, retired insurance underwriter.
- Guests of **Dr. Sridevi Ponnala**, staff members of the Silva Pediatric Clinic: Myranne Adane, Becky Cordero, Sandra Rodriguez, Marcia Burra, Alaeh Zadwel

Douglas den Hartog led the club in welcoming our visitors with a rousing rendition of our favorite song: "HELLO!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary International Update: **Rod Andazola** will be heading up the club's search for an International Project in 2018. Members of his committee include **Janiene Langford** and **Francisco Zermeno**.

Interact Club Update: **Justin Nguyen** of the Arroyo High School Interact Club in San Lorenzo, is the Area 2 director for the upcoming year and oversees all four of the Interact Clubs we sponsor (Hayward High, Mt Eden High, Moreau Catholic, and Leadership Public School), in addition to clubs sponsored by Castro Valley and San Leandro Rotary. Justin is planning their annual Officers Retreat, and is looking for some help from all three of these Rotary Clubs. The primary need is for chaperones for this upcoming retreat; the secondary need is funding. Contact **Terry Lee** for details.

Back-to-School Child Spree: Saturday, Aug. 19 at JCPenney Southland Mall. **Kenny Altenburg** is chairing the event with co-chair **Lindsey Vien**. 100 youth will each receive \$100 worth of clothing. The Friends of Hayward Library donated money to give each child a new book. Backpacks will be filled with school supplies. Current funds raised for the project total \$14,000 and the latest gift was \$1,000 from Sprinkler Fitters #483, coordinated by **Stan Smith**. Signups can be handled online or at an upcoming Rotary Club meeting. We have 28 volunteers signed up, so far, and are shooting for a goal of 110. Sign up at Haywardrotary.org

Traveling Man: **Robert Pimentel** returned from a vacation with his wife and shared Rotary flags from club visits during his travels through Las Vegas, Durango, Albuquerque, Colorado Springs / Broadmoor, Inglewood (Colo.), Custer City (SD), Seaside (OR), Newport (OR), Bend, and Tahoe City. As part of his travelogue, he shared that he visited about 125 craft breweries on the trip. He noted that many clubs recite the Four Way Test during their meetings, with some adding a fifth element: "Have Fun."



Hayward Youth Hall of Fame: **Mayor Barbara Halliday** announced that the City of Hayward is seeking nominations for the first "Hayward Youth Hall of Fame" honoring students in academics, the arts, community service, athletics, innovation, heroism and leadership. July 31 is the deadline to apply. Awards will be presented at a city council meeting in October. For rules and nomination information, go to HaywardHallOfFame.org



*Bill and Laurel Quirk's daughter, Devon,
and her new baby boy, Rory Quirk*

Family additions: **Bill and Laurel Quirk** announced the birth of their first grandchild, Rory Quirk was born at nine pounds, nine ounces. Of course, Assemblyman Bill was fined, but instead offered \$200 to stop polio, and \$146 for Child Spree. We passed the baskets to initiate Rory's college fund.

Celebration of Life for Jim Mealey: **Jim Mealey** (1931-2017) was Rotary District Governor 1997-1998 while a member of Hayward Rotary and a former President of the

Hayward Chamber of Commerce. A memorial will be held Sunday, July 30,, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m., at Los Gatos Lodge, 50 Saratoga Los Gatos Road, Los Gatos.

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

- **Andy and Mary Krake** were married 41 years ago, and celebrated with a generous donation to Child Spree.
- **Pam Russo**, a proud Tennyson High School graduate, married Jim 37 years ago, and paid a hefty fine for the recognition.
- **Rick Hansen**, soon to be married 33 years, celebrated with a generous donation to both Child Spree and the Centennial Fund.

- **Connie Willis** celebrated her one-year club anniversary with a fine, paid by **Douglas den Hartog**.
- **Brian Schott** celebrated his wedding anniversary with a robust fine.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Sridevi Ponnala joined the Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center team as dental director beginning Feb. 1, 2010. Prior to coming onboard, she managed dental services at Native American Health Center in San Francisco, taught as an assistant clinical professor at UCSF, and served as a mentor to dental students, focusing on cultural competence skills and minimally invasive dentistry. She carried this love of teaching with her to TVHC and has worked to create partnership with the University of the Pacific, so that their dental students could complete their residencies while performing much-needed services while gaining cultural competency.

The Silva Pediatric Clinic is an international Rotary Club project, founded by Hayward Rotary in 1994-95. With continuing support from Hayward Rotary's Hayward Community Grants, the clinic was operated by St. Rose Hospital until 2013, when it was taken over by Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center. Ninety seven percent of patients are from below federal poverty levels.

Dr. Ponnala cited the importance of the clinic in teaching about preventive dental care, citing that prevention of tooth decay can cost about \$10, and hospital care for chronically bad cases, most which are "totally preventable" can hit \$8,000. "Prevention is so much cheaper and easier with education.," she said. "These are challenges we face every single day."

The clinic has both medical and dental facilities, expanding recently to Saturday clinics. There were 36,000 medical patients in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, with another 9,000 seeking dental service. Some assistance is now being added with addition of the Firehouse Clinic on Tennyson now serving as an acute care service after hours for pediatric patients. Long

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE: Laurel Quirk, classification insurance underwriter (retired), has been proposed for membership in Hayward Rotary Club, sponsored by María Ochoa

term, there is a desire for a new facility to increase the number of medical exam rooms and dental facilities.



Dr. Sridevi Ponnala

The **Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center** has delivered culturally and linguistically appropriate services to residents of southern Alameda County for over 40 years. Last year, its clinics served thousands of clients, providing primary health care and mental health services to men, women and children of all ages. The executive and staff believe in holistic health care, and that it takes more than a prescription to promote good health.

In addition to the health services provided at its clinics in Hayward and Union City, they also provide numerous social services to the community, including perinatal and family counseling, walking groups and Zumba classes, enrollment in Women Infants and Children (WIC), family planning and health education, school-based health services, community clean-up days, and much more.

HAYWARD ROTARY BACK-TO-SCHOOL "CHILD SPREE"

Hayward Rotary Club's annual "Child Spree" back-to-school shopping event will provide 100 Hayward children the back-to-school clothing and supplies they need for their upcoming school year.

All 100 participating children have been identified in partnership with the Hayward Police Department Youth and Family Services Bureau.

Event sponsored by Hayward Rotary Club in partnership with JCPenney, Southland Mall and Friends of Hayward Library



10th Annual Back-to-School "Child Spree" **Saturday, August 19, 2017** **6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** **JCPenney at Southland Mall in Hayward**

Volunteers and donations are needed and gladly accepted. To volunteer: please sign up on the registration page Haywardrotary.org or contact **Kenny Altenburg**.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President A.T. offered thanks to High Gear recorder **Kim Huggett** and greeters **Lucy Lopez** and **Kenny Altenburg**, and congratulations to new grandparents **Bill and Laurel Quirk**.

NEXT MEETING JULY 31

Our keynote speaker on Monday, July 31 will be **Paul McCreary, General Manager of the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District**. Mr. McCreary will provide an update on the progress of the many new projects and renovations that are planned throughout Hayward’s beloved public parks system made possible by the approval of Measure F1, including the Mia’s Dream accessible playground which was awarded Hayward Rotary Club and Foundation project funding in 2016.



"Ask not for whom the bell tolls..."

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



JULY 31 - PAUL McCREARY

- JUL 31 PAUL McCREARY - HAYWARD AREA RECREATION DISTRICT
- AUG 7 DAMON GOLUBICS - DOWNTOWN HAYWARD SPECIFIC PLAN
- AUG 14 ASSEMBLYMAN BILL QUIRK

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

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