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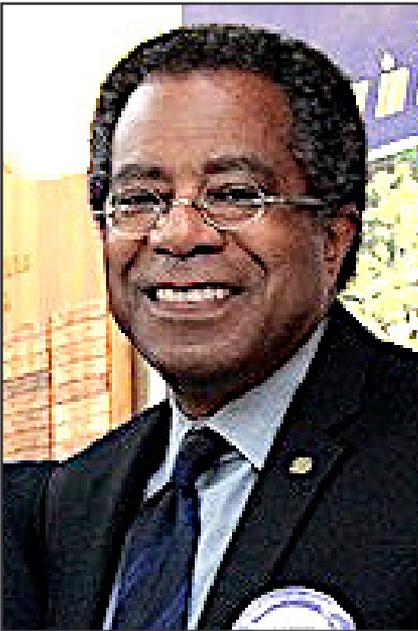
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# HE'S HISTORY!

## President A.T. Stephens

**T**HE 96<sup>TH</sup> YEAR of Hayward Rotary Club is reaching its conclusion, and with it the "demotion" of **President A.T. Stephens**. The Club owes **President A.T.** a debt of gratitude for his year of service at the podium. It has been a year of fellowship, memorable achievements, and more than a few hijinks.



A historian by profession, **President A.T. Stephens** is himself a history-maker as the first African-American president of Hayward Rotary Club. He also has served as Board member of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, and co-director of the Chamber's Nonprofit Alliance.

**A.T. Stephens** is the Executive Director of the Hayward Area Historical Society. He joined HAHS as interim director in April 2013 and has been its fulltime administrator since 2014. He oversaw

### **HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION** Centennial Challenge for \$2 million by 2022

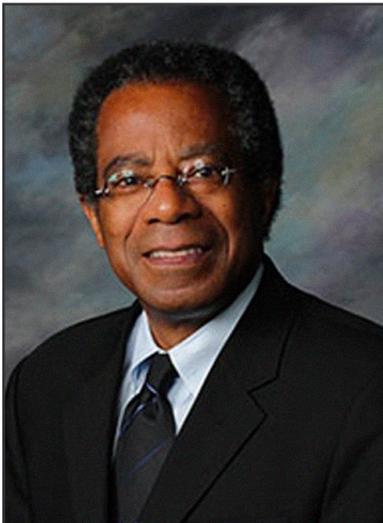
*Hayward Rotary Club Foundation is a charitable nonprofit organization established in 1990. The mission of the Foundation is to provide a stable and sustainable source of financial support for charitable projects in the Hayward community.*

*The Foundation has provided millions to major local charitable projects over the past 28 years, including the **Silva Pediatric Clinic**, the **Children's Playground** at Giuliani Plaza, and the **Children's Storytelling Room** at the new Hayward library. Going forward, the Foundation has set a new goal, the **Centennial Challenge** to reach \$2 million by the year 2022, the 100th anniversary of Hayward Rotary Club's founding. The Centennial Challenge will provide essential funding for charitable projects in Hayward for generations to come.*

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the grand opening of the new HAHS Center for History & Culture in 2014, a major new development for HAHS and downtown Hayward. Other significant historic facilities under his leadership include Meek Mansion, McConaghy House, and San Lorenzo Pioneer Cemetery.

Over decades as a museum professional, **President A.T.** worked at historic sites in Northern Virginia and African American-themed museums in Philadelphia and Baltimore. His projects have included work for the Founding Council of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture; the Underground



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Demotion Dinner  
honoring  
President A.T. Stephens

Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm cocktails

6:30pm dinner

7:00pm program

Masonic Lodge

1074 B St., Hayward

\$40 per person

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**"HE'S HISTORY!" DEMOTION DINNER  
HONORING PRESIDENT A.T. STEPHENS  
5:30p.m. Thursday June 28**

**Attention all Hayward Rotarians, family and friends! Thursday, June 28th is the much-anticipated President A.T. Stephens Demotion Dinner. Come celebrate the end of era - "He's History!"**

**Tickets are only \$40 per person which includes a no host bar from 5:30 - 6:30 PM followed by buffet dinner. Location is the Hayward Masonic Lodge, 1047 B Street. Attire is business casual.**

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Railroad Initiative, National Capitol Region of National Park Service in Washington, DC; and Separate Cinema, the African American Film Archive in Hyde Park, NY.

An occasional lecturer on museum practice and American history, he has held adjunct faculty positions at the Corcoran College of Art and Design, Washington, DC; University of Missouri-St. Louis; and Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun.



### BACK-TO-SCHOOL "CHILD SPREE"

*President A.T. Stephens helps a youth select new shoes during the Hayward Rotary Club's Back-to-School "Child Spree" shopping event. On August 19, 2017 Hayward Rotarians helped 100 kids get the gear they need for school. This was the event's 14th year, generously hosted by JCPenney Southland Mall. Children were identified by Hayward PD Youth and Family Services Bureau. Children got to pick out new clothes, shoes, jackets and other essential gear. They also received a new backpack filled with school supplies. Friends of Hayward Library donated brand new books for reading and fun. A signature Hayward Rotary Club service project.*

In addition to completing his term as Rotary Club President, **A.T.** recently announced his retirement from HAHS effective in June 2018. His contributions to the Hayward community were significant and lasting, and he will be missed. Congratulations, **A.T.!**

## A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**H**ayward Rotary Club's motto is "Service Above Self," and during the past year under **President A.T.'s** leadership, the Club has lived up to that creed. Significant projects accomplished during this past year include the Third Grade Literacy Project in which every third grade student in Hayward received a free, full-color, high-quality illustrated dictionary. Multiple studies have shown that children who



### DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION

*Hayward Rotary Club and Foundation have spearheaded dozens of beautification and capital improvement projects over the years. President A.T. Stephens led the effort to install decorative banners in prominent locations along B Street to help beautify and celebrate Hayward's downtown retail and entertainment district.*

have access to printed books in the home achieve markedly higher literacy levels later in life. Another major achievement was the Rotary Community Grant Awards which provided direct funding to thirteen community-based organizations. Also during President A.T.'s year, the Club and Foundation Boards of Directors voted to provide significant funding support to the "Mia's Dream" project to build a universally accessible children's playground at Tennyson Park.

## A HISTORY OF SERVICE

Since our founding in 1922, Hayward Rotary Club continues to be Hayward's most active and best known service organization. For nearly 100 years, Hayward Rotary has been at the forefront of efforts to create



### HORSING AROUND

*Hayward Rotary Club has a long history of horsing around. This 1930 photograph shows Hayward Rotarians posing in front of a horse-drawn streetcar on Castro Street (now Mission Blvd). The historic City Hall building in the background was newly built that same year. The horse-drawn streetcar was from the line that once traveled down the center of B Street from the train station at present day B Street and Meekland Avenue, through downtown Hayward with a spur to the Hayward's Hotel on A and Main Streets, then into the neighborhoods of upper B Street and back again.*

a more livable community. Members of the Hayward Rotary Club have volunteered countless hours for both community and international service. Learn more at [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org)



## MINUTES-IN-BRIEF

### Highlights from recent meetings

- **April 30, 2018.** President **A.T. Stephens** presided. Keynote speaker was Nancy O'Malley, Alameda County District Attorney on the topics of domestic violence and human trafficking.
- **May 7.** President **A.T. Stephens** presided. **Lucy Lopez** reported that the Omelet Brunch fundraiser netted over \$9,000 in proceeds. **Mike Cobb** called for nominations for Service Excellence Awards on June 11. **President A.T.** announced that the Club Board voted to begin billing members for a 20 lunch minimum along with Rotary Club dues effective July 1, 2018. The Club has a catering minimum cost of 45 lunches per meeting, and attendance is often less than that. Lunches will remain at \$15.00 each, which is a good value. **Laurel Quirk** delivered her Vocational Talk.
- **May 15.** Special joint meeting with Castro Valley Rotary Club on the topic of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo.
- **May 21.** President **A.T. Stephens** presided. **JP Sahi** delivered her Vocational Talk. Board elections were held. **Lucy Lopez, Jason Carmichael, Matt Spielberg** and **Robert Pimentel** were elected Directors 2018-2020, and **Freddye Davis** and **Valerie Caveglia** were named Alternates. **Michael Cobb** was elected President Elect 2019-2020; **Laurel Quirk**, Treasurer; and **Mona Diamantine**, Secretary.
- **June 4.** President **A.T. Stephens** presided. **President-elect Sid Hamadeh** thanked Club members who volunteered at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo food and drink concession stands. **Past-President Sean Reinhart** is chairing the Demotion Dinner for outgoing **President A.T. Stephens** on Thursday, June 28, 5:30-8:30 pm at the Masonic Hall. Keynote speaker was Congressman Eric Swalwell on the topics of youth educational opportunity and other current issues.

#### ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

HIGH GEAR is the official newsletter of Hayward Rotary Club. It is one of the longest-running serial publications in Hayward. The first issue was released when the club was founded in 1922. The pages of HIGH GEAR offer extraordinary snapshots of Hayward history, updates on present-day community activities and projects, and the occasional hijinks of Hayward's movers and shakers.

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#### ABOUT HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB

We are Hayward's premier service club since 1922 -- a non-partisan, non-political group of people united in giving back to our community. Hayward Rotary Club members come from many diverse walks of life. We are leaders in business, education, government, nonprofit, and community service. Do you have what it takes to become a Rotarian? Learn more about who we are and how to become a Rotarian by visiting our weekly meetings and website, [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org).

*Coming to Hayward Rotary Club:*

# **Mayor Barbara Halliday**

## **Monday, June 18, 2018**

Hayward Rotary Club proudly welcomes a very special keynote speaker:  
Barbara Halliday, Mayor of Hayward.



*As a council member, Barbara Halliday helped the city reduce crime and speeding, eradicate blight and improve streets and sidewalks and helped boost students' test scores by expanding city-run homework tutoring centers. As Mayor, she has presided over a period of economic growth and development, with a focus on advancing policies that support equality, opportunity, and safety for all members of the Hayward community. Barbara is a Hayward Rotary Club member since 2015.*

### **HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB KEYNOTE LUNCHEON** **with Mayor Barbara Halliday** **Monday, 6/18/18 at 12:00 p.m.**

1074 B Street, Hayward (next door to Buffalo Bill's)  
Guests are welcome.

**Barbara Halliday** is the Mayor of Hayward. She was elected Mayor in 2014. She previously served on the Hayward City Council for ten years. Prior to serving in elected office, she served Hayward for many years in multiple roles including as former Planning Commission chair, community organizer, and on numerous citizen commissions and task forces. Mayor Halliday will deliver her annual State of the City presentation to Hayward Rotary Club on June 18. Members and newcomers to Rotary alike are welcome to attend this very special luncheon. **12:00 p.m. Monday, June 18, 2018**

