

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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A HOOTIN' GOOD TIME

President Andy Krake peers over the lectern at this Great Horned Owl. This impressively large specimen was injured and is no longer able to survive in the wild, but he continues to make appearances for entertainment and education purposes.



Call To Order

President **Andy Krake** opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the victims of the Orlando shooting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Charley Plummer**, followed by the singing of the Patriotic Song – 'God Bless America', led by **Douglas Den Hartog**.

The Thought for the Day was provided by **A.T. Stephens**: "I urge you to please notice when you are happy, and exclaim or murmur or think at some point, 'If this isn't nice, I don't know what is'" (Kurt Vonnegut).

A.T. then played a short video of a toddler splashing in a puddle to illustrate the point.

GREETERS



**María
Ochoa**



**A.T.
Stephens**

Introductions

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians by **María Ochoa**: There were no Visiting Rotarians today.

Introduction of Guests:

Samara Rivers, Historical Society Development Manager, guest of **A.T. Stephens**

Connie Willis, VP of Chabot College, guest of **Freddye Davis**

Michele Petherick, guest and Spouse of **Sean Reinhart**

Nicole Guerrero and Yulmae Gaiter, guests and nieces of **Rita Shue**

Vera Ciammetti, Executive Director of Ruby's Place, guest of **Kim Huggett**

David Actarian, Citibank, guest of **Francisco Zermeno**

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

Announcements

- **PRESIDENT ANDY KRAKE DEMOTION DINNER.** Monday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. is the date of the fabulous, much-anticipated **President Andy Krake Demotion Dinner**. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes open bar from 6-7 followed by dinner at the Meadows Restaurant (formerly known as Willow Park, on Redwood Road in Castro Valley). There will be no lunch meeting that day – save your appetite for the dinner. **PLEASE RSVP, ASAP!**



FELLOW ROTARIANS! The event you've all been waiting for: President Andy's demotion! Delicious casual dining at The Meadows. Open bar from 6pm to 7pm. Entertainment and surprises. A reward and tribute to a year of Hayward Rotary Service Above Self. RSVP by June 20: www.HaywardRotary.org



Eden Area ROP Superintendent Linda Granger, President Andy Krake, and Hayward Fire Chief Garrett Contreras

- **Paul Martin** introduced speakers **Garrett Contreras** and **Linda Granger** for the Hayward ROP and Fire Department project – EMT & Fire Science Instruction. The Fire Science & training class received a Hayward Rotary Foundation gift for this first responders partnership between Eden ROP, Chabot College, and the Hayward Fire Dept. Hayward fire has also donated work gear and an old outdated fire truck for the training. Students in the program train at the Hayward Fire Dept. every Monday. “Students have a real understanding of what this job is all about”. Students move up from the Hayward program to the Chabot program to Certification.

- **President Andy Krake** recognized those who have been editor of High Gear throughout the year; those who have been part of the set-up for Rotary meeting; **Francisco Zermeno** for organizing the High Gear editors, **Norman Garcia** for organizing the Greeters, **Ed Avelar** for setting up the A/V system, and **Craig Judy** for his work with the weekly speakers.

Fines and Foolishness

- **Mark Salinas** was fined for choosing to see President Clinton at City Hall last Monday, and missing the Rotary meeting. **Larry Ratto** offered to pay his fine, so President Andy collected fines from both!
- **Sara Lamnin** was fined for being in Washington DC last week and thus missing the far more important Hayward Rotary Club meeting.
- **Larry Ratto** marked his 75th birthday by giving a generous donation to Child Spree.
- **Paul Martin** had a birthday on May 10th and was fined.
- **Dennis Butler** celebrated his birthday working the rodeo. Although **President Andy** designated him ‘fine-free’, **Dennis** gave the rest of his fine card anyway because unlike **Andy**, **Dennis** will be out of town next Monday.
- **Francisco Zermeno** paid a fine for his wedding 38th Anniversary.
- **Valerie Caveglia** arrived late due to subbing at Tennyson High School. **President Andy**, quick on the draw, called on **Valerie** before she took two steps in the door. She gamely responded to the ambush, but still could not escape the fine.
- **Stacy Thompson** was also fined for being late. **President Andy** was expecting her to give her Vocational Talk today, but **Stacy** corrected him by stating it was next week, and suggested that he should fine himself. Rather than fining himself, **President Andy** increased the fine. **Sean Reinhart** offered to pay **Stacy's** fine. **President Andy** responded by levying fines on both **Stacy** and **Sean**, but still did not fine himself.

- **María Ochoa**, who last week generously offered copies of her book *Russell City* for auction to raise funds for Mia's Dream Park, was called out by **President Andy** for not having enough books with her today (she'd brought every copy she had). **Mark Salinas** quickly offered to pay **María's** fine, but **President Andy** simply added **Mark's** fine to **María's**. Grumbles of protest at this injustice arose throughout the room. **Pam Russo** was the first to speak out in disagreement with the fine. **Tom Gratzny** also vehemently disagreed with the fine "regardless of how much it cost (him)". **President Andy** stated that he "appreciated **Tom's** candor," and didn't fine Tom, but also did not lift the fines against **María** and **Mark**. *Justice denied!*

Keynote Presentation

Wendy Winsted is the Site Coordinator for the Sulphur Creek Nature Center, a wildlife rescue facility and education center operated by the Hayward Area Recreation & Park District. Ms. Winsted graduated from Cal State Hayward with a BA in Environmental Studies and a minor in Anthropology. She has been involved with both Wildlife and Education for almost 20 years. She worked in Sulphur Creek's Animal Hospital for about seven years before becoming the Director of Wildlife Education and then the Site Coordinator.



This Barn Owl cannot be released into the wild because of a broken wing. He lives at the Sulphur Creek Nature Center full time and helps educate others about wildlife conservation. Barn Owls are known for their superior hearing and their ability to fly in absolute silence, which allows them to detect and surprise their prey.

Ms. Winsted provided an overview of the Sulphur Creek Nature Center's features. The wildlife rescue facility and hospital receives over 700 sick and/or injured animals each year. They have a 46% release rate (returning animals to the wild), which is very good considering the state in which the animals come into the facility. Many that survive but cannot be put back into the wild become 'Ambassadors' for the program. They are used to help educate kids in schools, as well as visiting Senior Homes and Communities.



Sulphur Creek Nature Center Coordinator Wendy Winsted and President Andy Krake.

Three animals, all Owls, were brought to show and discuss their specific adaptations to help them survive in the wild. The first was the Western Screech Owl. This Owl is very small and is great at camouflage. He likes to hide in trees and eat lizards, small mice, and mostly bugs. These Owls live about 15 years. The Barn Owl was the second animal shown. These owls scream rather than hoot. His adaptations include a white belly and brown backside, and they fly silently. He also has a disc shaped head and offset ears that allow him to pinpoint prey without vision (night hunters). They feed mostly on rats, mice and gophers. The final guest was the Great Horned Owl. He is one of the three largest Owl breeds in the U.S. His adaptation is the large size of his eyes and his ability to turn his head 270 degrees. He also hunts at night, and eats rodents, rats, and larger animals such as possum and skunks. Their talons can be as large as bear claws. These owls can live up to 40 years.

A question was asked about the types of animals permitted to be rehabilitated at Sulphur Creek. Ms. Winsted replied that Deer, Bear, and Mountain Lions are not permitted at Sulphur Creek, but other than those three species, the center generally treats any injured wild animal native to the area. They generally only accept animals found within the H.A.R.D. district, but occasionally take in animals from outside the area.

Sulphur Creek Nature Center is the largest admission-free wildlife rehabilitation facility and education center in Northern California. It is a jewel among many assets in the Hayward community. The Center is open seven days a week, a great destination for people of all ages. The Center is located at 1801 "D" Street (up the hill and across the street from San Felipe Park), Hayward, CA 94541. For more information about Sulphur Creek Nature Center, point your Internet machine to this address: <http://www.haywardrec.org/129/Sulphur-Creek-Nature-Center>

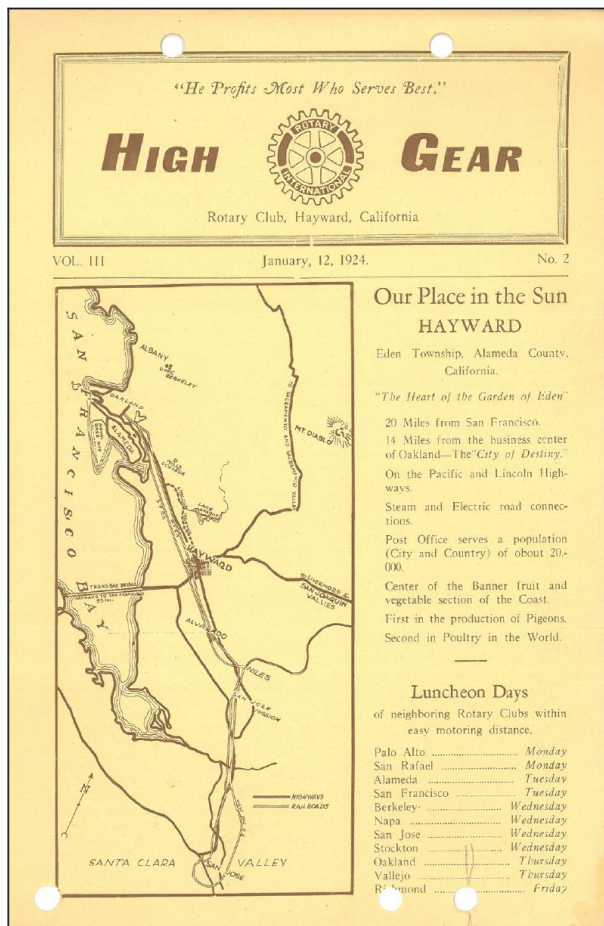
Adjournment

President Andy, adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m. by rapping on the lectern with his knuckles.

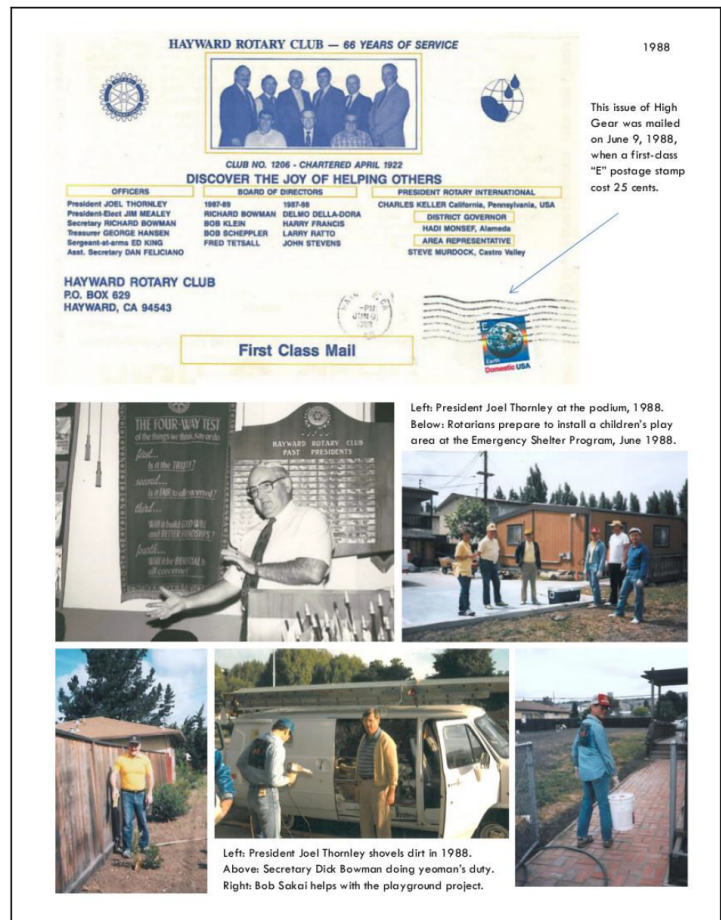
ROTARY TIP OF THE WEEK

Hayward Rotary Club's weekly newsletter, *HIGH GEAR*, is one of the longest-running local publications in the Hayward area, published continuously since 1922. The complete archive of back issues is currently housed at the Hayward Main Library, and will be placed on display in the new 21st Century Library when it is completed. Portions of the archive, scanned into electronic format, are now available for public view on the internet via the Hayward Rotary Club website. Check it out:

www.Haywardrotary.org/Page/Club-archives



1924. *High Gear*, vol. 3, issue #2



1988. *High Gear*, vol. 66, issue #40

PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors proposes the following person for membership in Hayward Rotary Club:

**Connie Willis, Vice President, Chabot College.
Sponsored by Freddy Davis.**

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HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



June 20 Michael Barrington: Tales of service abroad

June 27 *****President Andy Krake DEMOTION DINNER and Roast** at 6PM***
Please RSVP by 6/20

July 4 NO MEETING – 4th of JULY

July 11 Cindy Breeden-Johnson: Hayward Literacy Plus

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