

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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LAME DUCK
WALKING

Blast from the past:
Past Presidents Brian Schott and
Debby DeAngelis gleefully inaugurate
President Andy Krake on July 13, 2015

Flashback: All Smiles! President Andy's First Meeting



Call To Order

June 20, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance was led **Bob Sakai**, followed by the singing of the Patriotic Song – 'America the Beautiful', led by **Douglas Den Hartog**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Janiene M. Langford**:
"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make" – Dr. Jane Goodall

GREETERS



**Janiene M.
Langford**



**Lucy
Lopez**

Introductions

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians by **Lucy Lopez**: Bob Tucknott, Electrical Contractor with the Dublin Club; Anna May, Real Estate Agent with the FUN Sunset Club.
Introduction of Guests:

- **Sean Reinhart** introduced Judy Harrison, President of Friends of Hayward Library
- **Douglas Den Hartog** introduced his wife, Margaret and his son, Adam
- **Stan Smith** introduced Jeff Dixon, Business Rep for the County of Alameda
- **Freddye Davis** introduced Jelani Ollison, student intern; Ms. Georgia Browne, office manager; and Connie Willis, Vice President of Chabot College
- Visiting Rotarian Bob Tucknott introduced Jeff Middleton, his driver.

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

Foundation Gift Announcement

Hayward Rotary Club Foundation major gift. **Debby De Angeles** announced that Hayward Rotary Club Foundation has given a \$100,000 Leadership Gift to the Friends of Hayward Library toward the new 21st Century Library building now under construction **Debby** acknowledged **Paul Martin** and **Ken Meirovitz** for their help on the committee that reviewed and recommended the gift, then introduced **Sean Reinhart** and Judy Harrison to give an overview of the project and gift campaign.

Sean Reinhart provided an overview the 21st Century Library construction project. The project has been in the works for nearly 20 years and will come to completion towards the end of 2017. **Sean** thanked the Hayward voters for their support of the 2014 sales tax measure which funded the construction, and offered special thanks to **Charley Plummer** and **Bob Sakai** who were signatories to the ballot measure. The new library will be an environmentally sustainable building, including solar panels that will provide 100% of the energy needed to power the library, saving millions of dollars in energy costs.

The project design team was careful to be good stewards of the public funds by keeping the overall budget modest and “right-sized” for Hayward. While the project budget includes funding for 80,000 new books to be added to the current collection of 100,000 books in the library (180,000 books total), the new facility will have room for up to 250,000 books. The Friends of Hayward Library has launched a \$1 million “New Leaf” fundraising campaign to give everyone in the community the opportunity to be a part of the project by building up the new library collection of books.

Judy Harrison, President of Friends of Hayward Library expressed her gratitude to the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation for the Leadership Gift. She added that with the new library opening next year, now is a perfect time for everyone in Hayward to become a member of the Friends of Hayward Library.



Hayward's 21st Century Library

Sean presented illustrations showing how the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation's leadership gift will be recognized in the new building. Hayward Rotary Club Foundation will be prominently recognized by name in elegant stencil-cut steel lettering in two locations: at the entryway to the Children's Storytelling Room, and on the major donor recognition wall at the entryway to the new building.

Announcements

- **President Andy Krake** announced that **George Pacheco** was in the hospital with pneumonia last week. He is recovering, but would love to hear from Rotarians.
- **Don Mai** highlighted the 708 Rotary flags in the room (with only 6 duplicates!) that come from Rotary Clubs around the world that have been collected as our members travel and attend meetings. Our flags are available to be picked up for those who are traveling to share with other clubs.
- **PRESIDENT ANDY KRAKE DEMOTION DINNER.** Monday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes open bar from 6-7 followed by dinner at the Meadows Restaurant. There will be no lunch meeting that day – save your appetite for the dinner.

Fines and Foolishness

- **President Andy Krake** asked **Charley Plummer** to remind Club members of the “proper protocol” for the lunch buffet line, which is that a Past President shall lead the way by being first in line. **President Andy** noted that **Tom Gratny** and **Roger Power** appeared to be first to grab the serving spoons today, and levied fines on both. **Roger** protested that he was helping Past President **Charley Plummer** by carrying his plate. *Fine waived on appeal.* **Tom** protested too, but was not able to produce a Past President alibi (Editor's note: Next time, use the “dessert plate” defense). *Fine upheld.*

Vocational Talk



Dr. Stacy Thompson, right,
with her sponsor Janiene Langford

New member **Dr. Stacy Thompson** delivered her vocational talk. Community service and supporting education and outreach has been a common thread throughout **Stacy's** life and a central component of her family. Married for 28 years, her husband is a restaurant owner in Oakland. They have two adult sons. The elder son is Director of SparkPoint at Skyline College; the younger son is in cybersecurity.

Stacy grew up in Oakland and Berkeley, graduated from Berkeley High, then earned her BA in Political Science from Lewis & Clark College. In college she studied abroad in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan. **Stacy** went on to travel extensively through Europe, South America, and Asia, and had a residency in Jamaica and owns a home there. While at Merritt College, she collaborated with faculty to create a study abroad program in Cuba.

Stacy began her career at Oakland Better Housing helping low income families find affordable homes. She then served as a dispatcher for the Oakland Police Department before returning to the education field where she has worked more than twenty years. **Stacy** has owned a

preschool, worked in elementary and high schools, taught at community colleges, and taught graduate courses at Mills College. She is currently the Vice President of Academic Services at Chabot College.

Stacy has served on local, regional, state, and national boards and commissions, including the Alameda County Child Care Coordinating Council, the Child Care Planning Council, and the Oakland Head Start Advisory Commission where she worked to update the US Census so that 2000 children of mixed heritage were able to select more than one racial classification. She is also the past president of I-Pride, the oldest organization in the United States' whose mission is to support the development of children and adults who are of more than one racial or ethnic heritage. She is currently the Chair of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women, a commission that works to achieve gender parity for women and girls in education, employment, housing, and to reduce human trafficking and domestic abuse. In addition to her many accomplishments, **Stacy** was a competitive skier, skiing in Canada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and California. These days, she skis for the fun of it. She is very proud to be a member of the Hayward Rotary.

Keynote Presentation

Debby De Angelis introduced our keynote speaker, Michael J. Barrington. Mr. Barrington is a healthcare CEO who has spent more than twenty years as a project consultant for international governments and NGO's. He holds numerous degrees and speaks six languages. As a 'trouble shooter' for Rotary International, he travels all over the world reviewing and assessing major humanitarian projects. Mr. Barrington has worked with many world charities: US AID, Oxfam, World health Organization, CAFOD, etc. and is considered to an expert in the field of humanitarian relief. He has lived in West Africa for ten years and Latin America for five.

Barrington provided a selection of fascinating stories from his book, *The Bishop Wears No Drawers*, which chronicles his time as a missionary serving in Nigeria from 1970 to 1980 during the Biafra war. The group of missionaries came from a variety of backgrounds, which included Barrington's profession as a diesel engineer. Their job was not the preach, but to find out the needs of the people on the ground.

The militants who patrolled the region primarily had a 10th grade education and were receiving materials for the first time, including guns. The civilians suffered from Kwashiorkor (starvation) and even though it was reported that there were 100,000 military casualties, it was estimated by the Red Cross that 5 million kids died from starvation. Given the horrific conditions, all of the professionals in the region fled the area, leaving Barrington and his group as the only professionals who stayed behind and were the only ones storing food and grains for the general population while the three-year war raged on.

Fluent in the Hausa language, Barrington credits it for saving his life. After being relocated to a town 60 miles south of his original post of Makurdi, he found himself needing to take a bus to get back to Makurdi. The bus encountered a check point late at night. The travelers were confronted by intoxicated and armed soldiers who claimed that, "There is a bad man on this truck who has raped someone. Own up or we will shoot all of you." The confrontation appeared to be a shakedown for bribes. When no one spoke up, the soldiers lined up the passengers in front of the van and set up machine guns to shoot them. The soldiers slowly counted to three, when two soldiers drunkenly burst out of a nearby shed shouting to each other in Hausa. Barrington yelled out, "Brothers, I'm from your place!" in Hausa. The two soldiers were thrilled that he spoke the language and started sharing their (warm) beer with him. He begged them to let the travelers go and since he spoke Hausa and was a priest, they did, but "kept" the driver.

At the close of the war, Barrington became a pastor of Tiv people who he lived with for seven years in a mud hut. He became close to the community and formed a strong friendship with a Muslim man named Umaro who spoke Hausa and had seven wives. Barrington shared a story of a time he had dinner at Umaro's home and was offered an unusual form of hospitality. Barrington ended the story there, humorously teasing that the story's ending could be read in his book, which was on sale at \$20 per copy! \$5 of each sale goes to a Rotary project supporting an orphanage in Ethiopia.



*Rotarian and international humanitarian
Michael Barrington*

Adjournment

President Andy Krake shared the close-out annual report for his year as president. Highlighting his presidential theme of the "Power of One," **Andy** discussed a successful year of community contributions, fundraising, membership, corporate sponsors, and Club projects. And he also took the opportunity to specifically recognize the following Rotarians for their contributions in the past year:

- **Craig Judy** – for helping to pull together forty-three keynote programs
- **Ed Avelar** – for another year of outstanding audiovisual support
- **Matthew Spielberg** – for being an amazing wingman and Sgt-at-Arms
- **Larry Ratto** – for chairing the Holiday Party
- **Debby DeAngelis** – for hairing the Demotion Dinner
- **Marita Cheng, Rita Shue, Stan Smith, and Larry Lepore** – for their service on the Board of Directors, with terms ending this year
- **Sean Reinhart** – for stepping in when Andy literally couldn't stand up.

President Andy closed his final meeting of his presidential year with these thoughts: "So, this is it. A bunch of individuals continue to come together for the common goal of improving Hayward. Thank you for all you do and for the privilege of serving this past year."

Past President Debby DeAngelis took the microphone to remind everyone of the President **Andy's** Demotion Dinner, then took a moment to thank the Club for the support of the Hayward Rotary Foundation with \$11,130 raised this year, which surpassed our goal of \$10,000, and \$2,200 raised to combat Polio, which surpassed our goal of \$1,000. **Debby** adjourned the meeting while "Happy Trails" played on the loudspeaker.

MEMBER TRANSFER PROPOSAL

The following Rotarian has applied for a transfer to Hayward Rotary Club: Anna Laveria May, Realtor, transferring from Rotary Club of FUN Sunset (Fremont-Newark-Union City). Ms. May's transfer is sponsored by President Sean Reinhart.

COLONEL ANDY KRAKE DEMOTION 6.27.16



Will President Andy Krake ever see the Bell again? Attend the Demotion Dinner to find out!



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HAYWARD ROTARY BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHILD SPREE



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 **Saturday Aug 13, 2016 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.

Volunteers and donations are needed and gladly accepted. To volunteer: please visit our website or contact [George Pacheco](#).

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



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HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



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| July 4 | NO MEETING – 4th of JULY |
| July 11 | Paul McCreary, Hayward Area Recreation & Park District Update |
| July 18 | Cindy Breeden-Johnson, Hayward Literacy Plus |
| July 25 | Steven Burchik, Compass and Camera: A Year in Vietnam |

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