

# Rotary Club of Hayward

# HIGH GEAR



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ROTARY CLUB of  
HAYWARD, CALIF.  
MEETING NOTES:  
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Greeters: **Joel Thornley** and **Dan Goldstein**. High Gear note-taker: **April Chan**. Meeting called to order by President **Sean Reinhart**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Mark Salinas**. The Thought for the Day was provided by President **Sean Reinhart**. "Be the change you wish to see in the world." – Mohandas K. Gandhi

**President Sean** announced the sad news of the death of former HUSD School Board Trustee and community activist **Betty DeForest**. He noted how the Ghandi quote above aptly describes the way **Betty DeForest** lived her extraordinary life. He asked for the assembled audience to observe a moment of silence in her memory.

## INTRODUCTIONS

**Robert Pimental** introduced Visiting Rotarian **Bob Tucknott**, Rotary Club of Dublin. We also welcomed several guests. To help welcome our guests in true Hayward Rotary Club style, **Chuck Horner** led us in a rousing round of "HELLO!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Sean** reported from the Club Board meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The board reviewed a timeline and strategy plan for the Hayward Rotary Foundation's Centennial Challenge for \$2 Million by 2022. The goal is to raise an additional \$700,000 over the next five years in time for the Hayward Rotary Club's 100-year anniversary in 2022. Also at the

## "paying it forward"

The Hayward Rotary Community Grant Awards program is focused on services to Hayward children and families. Hayward Rotary Club and Foundation have provided millions of dollars to support local services and capital projects over the years.



Community Grants Program Chair **Rick Hansen**, grant recipients **Heidi Louwaert** and **Marge Orozco-Sakai** from Scholarships, Inc., and President **Sean Reinhart**

board meeting, the board authorized a request to allocate district-designated funds for the dictionary project.

**President Sean** raised the potential of producing a new fundraiser event for next year: a beer festival. The idea is being developed by a committee comprised of **Sid Hamadeh**, **AT Stephens**, and **Robert Pimentel**.

He also reported that we raised approximately \$7,000 at the Champagne Omelet Brunch event on February 26, 2017 at Moreau High School.



**Michael Cobb** announced **President Sean** will be featured and modeling in a fashion show fundraiser for St. Rose Hospital Foundation called "Taste of Style". The event will be held on March 30, 2017 at the Crow Canyon Country Club.

**Francisco Zermeño** reminded everyone that *High Gear* editors are needed. He mentioned these notes are important historical documents and that the club has retained records since 1922 when the club was founded.

**President Sean** announced that all Rotary Club members are expected to assist with the upcoming Rowell Ranch Rodeo, the major fundraiser of the year. Members should plan to volunteer at the entire weekend, or send good volunteers in their place, and/or make a substantive donation. The dates are May 18th – May 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

- **Larry Ratto** recently returned from an extended hiatus in Las Vegas and Hawaii. In recognition of his travels, **Larry** made a generous contribution toward the Centennial Challenge. *Vacation fine paid!*
- **AT Stephens** dutifully brought the checks for the Community Grant recipients – after arriving at the meeting, realizing he'd left them at his office, then going back to get them. *Accounting fine upheld?*
- **President Sean** attempted to fine **Sri Ponnala** for a club anniversary, however, the club records were incorrect

and it was not her one-year anniversary. Sergeant-at-Arms **Janiene Langford** took the fire for flubbing the date. *Friendly fire fine paid!*

- **Ed Mullins** pointed out that **President Sean** was not wearing a tie, in violation of the customary attire for gentleman who preside over Club meetings. **Ed Mullins** charitably offered a contribution to help the President buy a tie. **President Sean** decided to fine himself instead. We hope he purchases a tie in time for the next meeting. *Casual Friday fine issued!*
- Several upstanding Rotarians were recognized for their Club anniversaries, including: **Sam Falk** (March 3, 2014), **Kenny Altenburg**, (March 7, 2016) and **Dave Elkins**, (March 8, 2004). Good fellows, one and all, and we're glad they're members of our illustrious club. *Good-fellow fines levied!*

#### VOCATIONAL TALK: ROBERT PIMENTEL

**Robert Pimentel** is one of our newer members, but a long time friend. He is our former caterer. For years, he made us delicious lunches and then joined the club very soon after retirement.

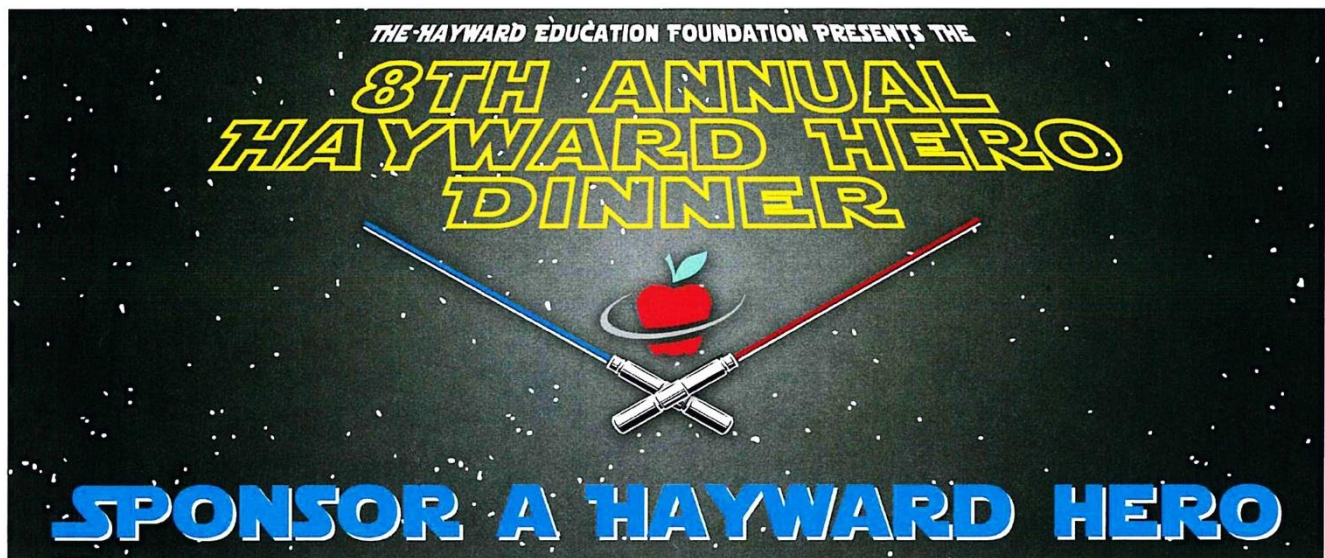
**Robert** provided a history of his family in the East Bay beginning from 1906 when a bakery that his great, great father owned burned to the ground. His parents and grandparents were entrepreneurial owning many types of businesses including a donut shop, beauty shop and hamburger joint. His mother was a good friend of Colonel



Hayward Rotary Club proudly presented Community Grant Awards to eleven local charitable nonprofit organizations in 2017.



Hayward Rotary Club recognizes the support provided to Hayward teachers  
by long time local nonprofit Hayward Education Foundation.



Join us for a great opportunity ....

On Thursday, May 4th, the Hayward Education Foundation (HEF) will celebrate our school community's heroes. The *Hayward Hero Dinner* acknowledges those who believe as we do -- that children deserve the best education possible. For the past nine years HEF has asked each school in the Hayward community to choose a "hero", someone in the school who has gone above and beyond their usual duties. A "hero" may be a volunteer, parent, custodian, office worker, or an educator - anyone who the school community feels should be recognized for their commitment to the school and students.

**You have an opportunity to be honored at that event by your sponsorship of a Hayward Hero!**

**Your \$100 sponsorship includes:**

- Name recognition in the event program under your sponsored hero.
- Name recognition on the Hero's plaque (Must be received by April 3rd).
- Name recognition on HEF's Facebook page and Website.

If you wish to sponsor a specific school, please list your top 3 (*if you do not include a school, your sponsorship will be randomly assigned*). You can choose to sponsor more than one school:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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Name/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

How you wish your sponsorship to read: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is check # \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Hayward Education Foundation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit CC# \_\_\_\_\_

Charge my card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chicken. **Robert's** mother became one of the 13 original charter members of the franchise and she opened a restaurant in Berkeley, CA. She designed the rotating bucket of chicken that became the ubiquitous symbol of Kentucky Fried Chicken. She eventually moved to Hayward in 1936 after purchasing 3 acres for \$70. His father refinished furniture and owned a shop in Hayward called Pimentel Furniture.

**Robert** has lived in Hayward since 1962 and attended Hayward High and Chabot College. In 1972, he entered the Hotel and Restaurant Program at SF City College. He opened his own catering business in 1976 and sold it in 1986.

**Robert** met and married his wife in 1986 and has a daughter. Recently retired, he loves travel, scuba diving, and Rotary Clubs. His aim is to travel for the rest of his life and visit as many Rotary Clubs along the way.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION: HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB AND FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS

**President Sean** introduced **Rick Hansen**, Chair of the Hayward Rotary Community Grants Program. **Mr. Hansen** announced that \$18,500 was to be distributed for the year 2017. Over the last 5 years, the club has given out \$128,000. The 2017 grant recipients are:

- **Calico**
- **Downtown Streets Team**
- **Eden Area YMCA**
- **FESCO Family Shelter**
- **Scholarships, Inc**
- **Hayward Area Historical Society**
- **HPD Youth and Family Services**
- **Ruby's Place**
- **St. Rose Hospital**
- **Sulphur Creek Nature Center**
- **Silva Pediatric Clinic**

President Sean thanked everyone for their work on community grants. He presented **Rick Hansen** with a book entitled, *Kids Who Are Changing the World*. This book will be donated to the Hayward library in recognition of **Rick's** presentation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**President Sean** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with thanks to all the community grant recipients for their good work helping make Hayward a stronger and healthier community.

Next week 3/20: Hayward Rotary Professional Excellence Awards hosted by **Michael Cobb**.

## HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



MAR 20 - MICHAEL COBB

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MAR 27 MARK SALINAS - ROTARY YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

APR 3 AMAN DHUPER - CEO, ST. ROSE HOSPITAL

APR 10 ED MULLINS - OUTSTANDING HAYWARD ROTARIAN AWARD

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