“professional excellence”

The Hayward Rotary Club Professional Excellence Awards recognize outstanding professionals of the Hayward community. One award is given in each of three professional sectors: Private, Nonprofit, and Public. Hayward Rotary Club has honored dozens of extraordinary professionals over the years. The Professional Excellence Awards are presented annually.

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

- **Kevin McGary**: Our all-time Red Badge record holder had a birthday on 1/25. Belated birthday fine issued!

- **Paul “The Godfather” Martin** claimed that he is retired from the real property business (sort of). We’re glad he’s still making offers they can’t refuse. Protection fine issued!
WANTED:

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS

TO WORK AT THE ROWELL RANCH RODEO FUNDRAISER

REQUIRED!

SATURDAY, MAY 20

and

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Members are required to work at the Rodeo on both days.

Can’t be there? Send two volunteers in your place or donate $100 per day.
• **Sid Hamadeh**, proprietor of Eko Coffee Bar which is right across the street from the Rotary Club meeting, found the distance too great to arrive on time to serve a greeter. President-elect nominee Sid immediately greeted everyone, but it was too late to avoid having his fine card punched. **Hello fine issued!**

• **Roger Powe** seven months ago retired from the rank of Captain with the Sherriff Department. He’s looking very relaxed these days! Roger has been a stalwart member of Rotary for 26 years. **Top-of-the-mountain fine issued!**

• **Ron Peck** is a practicing attorney and a three-year member of Rotary. President Sean thanked Ron for “volunteering” all four days of the Rodeo. **Volunteer fine issued!**

• President Sean fined himself for serving up a double dose of “dad jokes,” starting with this doozy: The Dalai Lama was at Casper’s Hot Dogs, where Sean heard him say to the server “make me one with everything.” Mark Salinas egged on the Prez to do another. President Sean went on to say that he enjoys watching competitive origami folding, but can never find the competitions on TV, because they are on pay per view. **MOVING ON…**

**NEW MEMBER SWEARING-IN: JASON CARMICHAEL**

Jason Carmichael is Director of Athletics at Cal State East Bay in Hayward. President Sean sponsored Jason’s application to join the Hayward Rotary Club. Jason is transferring from the Rotary Club of Gunnerson, Colorado where he was an active member before relocating to Hayward. President Sean, assisted by Sergeant-at-Arms Janiene Langford, swore him in with the “official” Rotary children’s dictionary. Welcome to the Club, Jason!

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Michael Cobb is the chair of the Hayward Rotary Club Professional Excellence Awards program. The program annually honors one outstanding Hayward professional in each of three sectors: private, public, and nonprofit.

Nominees are non-Rotarians who have demonstrated extraordinary professional achievement in service to the Hayward community. Nominations for the award are submitted by Hayward Rotarians. Winners are selected by the Professional Excellence Awards Committee.

Congratulations to the 2017 honorees:

**Hayward Rotary Club Professional Excellence Awards**

**Private Sector:**

**Jessi Clifton**

Life Chiropractor West
Nominated by Janiene Langford

**Nonprofit Sector:**

**Aaron Ortiz**

La Familia Counseling Services
Nominated by Ed Mullins

**Public Sector:**

**Andrew Ghali**

Hayward Firefighters Local 1909
Nominated by Pam Russo
SIDESHOW: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

In the spirit of the record-breaking new live-action film version of the Disney classic “Beauty and the Beast”, Michael Cobb held a mock election to find out which Hayward Rotary Club member was the “Belle” and which the “Beast.”

The voting was intense. Speculation and lobbying were rampant, and fierce debates consumed the membership. Some put forward Michael Cobb’s name for both titles. This caused a near-mutiny among the Belle camp. Michael’s name was withdrawn from Belle consideration, though he briefly remained the favorite for Beast among his base. At the end of the day, cooler heads prevailed and a compromise solution was found.

When the final results were tallied, Belle was a tie between Pam Russo and Robin Wilma with a runner up to Lady Kix Wilma. The Beast was Nels Nelson. Congratulations, all!

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next week 3/27: Rotary Youth Speech Contest Area 2 Semi-Finals hosted by Mark Salinas.