

# Rotary Club of Hayward

# HIGH GEAR



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## THE OLD BELL & CHAIN

Past-President George Pacheco and President-Elect Sean Reinhart proudly display the official Rotary Bell – with some new enhanced security measures.



### Call To Order

Past President **George Pacheco** called the meeting to order and asked **Beth Ehrlich-Smith** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. **Douglas den Hartog** and **Chuck Horner** led the club in singing, "My County, Tis of Thee."

**Norman Garcia** shared this Thought for the Day: "We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done." -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

### GREETERS



**Kenny  
Altenburg**



**Ashton  
Simmons**

### Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and

- One of our newest members, **Kenny Altenburg**, introduced Visiting Rotarians: John Carlton from the Fremont/Niles Club and Bob Tucknott, Electrical Contractor from Dublin.
- **Stan Dobbs** introduced his guest, Dr. Susan Sperling, President of Chabot College. [This is Dr. Sperling's third meeting.]
- **Dave Elkins** introduced guests of today's speaker, Susan Olesek, Rick Olesek and Bayar Mohammed. Hello, Hello, Hello!

### Announcements:

President **Andy Krake** was in attendance today, as was the club Bell. As was agreed upon at last week's meeting, President-Elect **Sean Reinhart** made a generous donation to the dictionary projects AND takes responsibility if the Bell gets stolen. Then it got a bit more involved when Past President **George Pacheco** pledged a matching "challenge" donation, and convinced **Rick Felson** and **Paul Martin** to pledge additional donations and a challenge that if the Bell goes missing within 3 weeks, President-Elect **Sean** will owe a donation to match them all. President-Elect **Sean** agreed, then produced a lock and chain and proceeded to chain the Bell to the podium! ...Stay tuned.

Past President **Debby De Angelis** spoke on Rotary International's End Polio Campaign and asked each Rotarian to make a contribution of \$30, which would be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. That would turn a \$30 contribution to a \$90 donation. Donations can be made on-line or by giving checks to Debby at next Monday's meeting.

**Rita Shue** presented a final report on the Champagne Omelet Brunch fundraiser held last February. The event raised \$6,000 after expenses paid. A huge thank to everyone who made the event so successful!

**Chuck Horner** reminded the Club Members of volunteers needed for the Salvation Army Dinner on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

President **Andy Krake** reminded us that the Rowell Ranch Rodeo is scheduled for May 19-22 and all Rotarians are required to participate. Club members were presented in July with mugs with the Rodeo dates, so they would make sure to save the date. Past President **Larry Ratto** said that he never received a mug and asked others who did not to stand up, looks like President **Andy** needs to bring in some extra mugs!



*Three cheers for dynamic duo Rita Shue and Beth Ehrlich-Smith, co-chairs of the successful Champagne Omelet Brunch fundraiser.*

**President Andy** also invited Rotarians to attend the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Queen Dinner on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in support of the Rodeo Association.

### **Fines and Foolishness**

Red Badgers **Dan Goldstein** and **Kenny Altenburg** served as fine collectors

- President-Elect Nominee **Stan Dobbs** was fined for his recent trip to Atlanta
- **Dr. Stacy Thompson** was fined for having a brand new fine card
- **Kenny Altenburg** was also fined for having a brand new fine card, so new that he had not yet received it!
- **Pam Russo** was not fined for texting Rotary Business during a meeting, but she did have to pay **Ashton Simmons** fine for bringing in new member, **Kenny Altenburg**!
- Club Secretary **Mona Diamantine** was fined by Past President **George Pacheco**

### **Memorial Services for Long-time Hayward Rotarians**

#### **Keith West**

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of 30 year Hayward Rotary Club member Keith West on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Keith struggled with many health issues this past year. His service will be Friday, April 1, at 1 P.M. at Valley Community Church of Pleasanton, located at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton CA. 925-846-6622. In lieu of flowers, the family asked donations to be made to the Hayward Rotary Club, The American Heart Association, The Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice.

Cards of condolence may be sent to his wife and family at:

**Marilou West**  
**710 Gamay Ct.**  
**Pleasanton, CA 94566**

#### **Del Della Dora**

The remarkable Del Della-Dora, will be remembered at a Tree Planting Ceremony on Wednesday, April 6 at 9am at Newman Park, which is at the corner of B and Mission, across from Peets.



## Keynote Speaker - Susan Olesek

Past President **Dave Elkins** introduced our speaker for the day, Susan Olesek, founder of the Enneagram Prison Project.

Born outside of Boston and schooled in Hong Kong, Tokyo and England, Susan obtained a sociology degree from Occidental College and is certified by two prestigious Enneagrams schools: Palmer-Daniels and Riso-Hudson.

The Enneagram Prison Project (EPP) is a non-profit dedicated to the self-awareness education of the incarcerated. Susan is currently teaching a 12 week course in Santa Clara at the Elmwood Detention Center. The course focuses on how individuals get in trouble with the own personalities and how understanding this influences their decisions and actions.

One objective is to improve the intrapersonal lives of those behind bars, from the about-to-be-paroled all the way to the lifers and those on death row. The success of one of participants was shared with the club,

Susan introduces Bayar Mohammed, a participant of the Enneagram project when he was incarcerated. He shared his experience is exploring what and what it was that got into the system and how EEP helped him understand better. Bayar is currently focusing his life and is currently working and going to school.

Upon the conclusion of her keynote presentation, Past President **George** presented Ms. Olesek a copy of a children's book, *The Night Dad went to Jail*, which will be donated to the Hayward Library children's book collection in recognition of her visit to Hayward Rotary Club.



*Past-President George Pacheco with guests Bayar Mohammed, keynote speaker Susan Olesek and her husband Rick Olesek*

## Adjournment

Past President **George Pacheco** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Have a good week!

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### HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH 28

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB  
COMMUNITY GRANTS - 2016



March 28 Rick Hansen, Rotary Community Grants 2016

April 4 David Vliet, CEO and Dr. Sri Ponnala, Silva Clinic

April 11 Stan Dobbs, Superintendent & CEO of Hayward public schools

April 18 Mayor Barbara Halliday, State of the City

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