

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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ROTARY CLUB of
HAYWARD, CALIF.
MEETING NOTES:
MARCH 27, 2017

Greeters: **JP Sahi** and **Dan Goldstein**. High Gear note-taker: **Robert Pimentel**. Meeting called to order by President **Sean Reinhart**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **"Hacksaw" Rick Hansen**.

The Thought for the Day was provided by **Jasmir Singh**. "If you focus on yourself you will never change, If you focus on change you will get results." – Jack Dixon

INTRODUCTIONS

Dan Goldstein introduced Visiting Rotarian **Randy Vanderbilt**, Rotary Club of Castro Valley, who announced their chili cookoff fundraiser on May 12th. 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-elect AT Stephens** recruited volunteers for the Hayward Rotary Club's annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo fundraiser on May 20 and 21. All Rotarians are required to work both days of the Rodeo. Can't attend the Rodeo due to other commitments, etc.? Send two volunteers in your place and donate \$100 per day.
- **Dennis Butler** reported that the Champagne Omelet Brunch raised \$7079. Great work, team!

"left me speechless"

The Hayward Rotary Youth Speech Contest Semi-Finals showcases extraordinary young people who demonstrate outstanding public speaking skills. Contestants are judged by an independent panel of raters. The winner of the semi-finals receives a cash prize and advances to the Rotary District 5170 Finals. Hayward Rotary Club is a proud host of the Rotary Youth Speech Contest Semi-finals. The contest is held annually.



Youth Speech Contest coordinator Mark Salinas, youth winner Kirthana Iyer, and President Sean Reinhart. Ms. Iyer won the semi-finals contest representing Hayward and later advanced to the District finals, where she won the grand prize.

- **President Sean Reinhart** called for the Foundation board elections. He announced the slate of six candidates for six seats: **Mona Diamantine, Robin Wilma, Bob Scheppler, Michael Mahoney, Rick Hansen** and **Craig Judy**. Next he called for nominations

from the floor. **Dave Elkins** nominated **Pam Russo**. **Pam** noted that the six candidates on the slate were all fine Rotarians, and she declined the nomination. **Roger Power** motioned to elect the slate as presented Sheriff Emeritus **Charley Plummer** seconded the motion. **President Sean** called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously. Congratulations to the six new Foundation board members!

BLUE BADGE PRESENTATION

President Sean Reinhart presented **Robert Pimentel** with his blue badge as **Robert's** sponsor **Mona Diamantine**. **Robert** was the second fastest in the club to get his blue badge – in only two months!



Mona Diamantine, Robert Pimentel, Sean Reinhart

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

- **Pam Russo**: For being featured in a glowing East Bay Times article about the Mia's Dream universally accessible playground project. **JP Sahi** graciously paid the fine on **Pam's** behalf. *Fame and fortune fine issued!*
- **"Hacksaw" Rick Hansen**: For having a truck full of tools, and not being afraid to use them to cut through hardened steel bolts, such as the one used to secure the Rotary Bell. *B&E fine issued!*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ROTARY YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST AREA 2 SEMI-FINALS

Mark Salinas presided over the semi-finals, with Hayward's speech contest winner facing off against the winners from Castro Valley and San Leandro. These three extraordinary youth showcased their outstanding public speaking talents, but only one would advance to the District 5170 finals the following week. A panel of



HUSD Superintendent Matt Wayne stopped by to encourage the contestants

three impartial judges – all police lieutenants – unanimously selected Kirthana Iyer from James Logan High School as the semi-finals winner. She will advance to the District finals.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sean adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with congratulations to all the youth speech contestants for their professionalism and sportsmanship. Next week 4/3: Aman Dhuper, CEO of St. Rose Hospital



ROTARY CLUB of HAYWARD, CALIF. MEETING NOTES: APRIL 3, 2017

Greeters: **Sid Hamadeh** and **Dan Goldstein**. High Gear note-taker: **Robert Pimentel**. Meeting called to order by **President Sean Reinhart**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Sergeant-At-Arms Janiene Langford**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Dan Goldstein**. *"The greatest danger to liberty lurk in the insidious encroachment by men of zeal well-meaning but without understanding"* -- Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Louis Brandeis

INTRODUCTIONS

Sid Hamadeh introduced Visiting Rotarians Marion Sanchez of the Rotary Club of F.U.N. Sunset; and 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!"

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- **Mark Salinas** reported that at the District 5170 Youth Speech Contest Finals, the grand prize winner was none other than Hayward's own contestant, Kirthana Iyer from James Logan High School. Congratulations and way to represent, Kirthana!
- **President Sean Reinhart** announced that the next Club board meeting is Thursday, April 13 at 5:30p.m. St. Rose Balch Pavilion. Dinner is \$18; cocktails are

complimentary. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVP to **Mona Diamantine**.

- Visiting Rotarian Marion Sanchez donated a book, The First Rotarian, for auction to raise funds for the Foundation. High bidder was **Robert Pimentel**. Thank you for your generous donation, **Robert**!

VOCATIONAL TALK



Jatinderpal "JP" Sahi

JP Sahi, co-sponsored by **Bill Quirk** and **Sara Lamnin**, gave her vocational talk. Her full first name is **Jatinderpal** but she goes by **JP**. She grew up in Kansas, where she attended University of Kansas. She moved to California in 1999 where she earned her Masters degree from Cal State East Bay Hayward.

JP has worked in health care for twelve years, and two weeks ago became the CEO of Rotacare.

Rotacare has eleven clinics for low/non-insured clients. They just received Rotary International Global Grant for two of the clinics, with more clinics on the way. **JP** is a welcome addition to our Club, and she is well on her way to becoming a Blue Badge Rotarian.

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

- **Sri Ponnala**: For leaving her badge behind at a previous meeting, which President Sean sold back to her. *We-don't-need-no-badges fine issued!*
- **President Sean**: For arriving too late to the Rodeo Queen coronation dinner to buy a round of drinks for the other Rotarians in attendance: **Rick Hansen, Paul Martin, Norman Garcia, Sid Hamadeh, George Pacheco, and Janiene Langford**. *Donation to the Foundation Centennial Challenge made!*



Ken Meirovitz, Member since 1978

- **Ken Meirovitz** was recognized for being an upstanding Hayward Rotary Club member since 1978; and **Janiene Langford** was recognized for being a great member since 2015. *Club anniversary fines issued!*

- **Vrushali Nanjundappa**: The club sang "Happy Birthday" to our illustrious new member. *Birthday fine issued!*

- **Mark Salinas**: For driving a brand new Ford truck, which he bought in *gasp* San Leandro! Past President **Dave Elkins** was called in to assess an appropriate fine. *Wheel-in-the-sky fine issued!*

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIPS

Debby De Angelis presented Paul Harris Fellowships to:

- **Ed Mullins**, Paul Harris +2 and +3
- **Larry Ratto**, Paul Harris +4
- **Janiene Langford**, Paul Harris +1



Thank you all for your generous spirit!

KEYNOTE
SPEAKER: AMAN
DHUPER

Michael Cobb introduced our keynote speaker, Aman Dhuper. Mr. Dhuper is the CEO of St. Rose Hospital.



St. Rose Hospital is an independent community hospital and an integral part of the Hayward community for 50 years. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission, and has built a strong reputation for outstanding cardiology, emergency, diagnostics and women's services.

One of Hayward's largest employers, St. Rose Hospital provides over 1,000 jobs including 300+ practicing physicians. St. Rose Hospital's experienced staff provides high quality, cost-effective health care to the community, regardless of income or insurance status.



In addition to serving as President and CEO of St. Rose Hospital, Mr. Dhuper also serves as the Vice President of Operations for Alecto Healthcare Services, which operates the hospital.

Prior to joining Alecto in 2013, Mr. Dhuper's background is in business, and he has brought his experience to helping modernize St. Rose Hospital to better serve the Hayward community.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sean adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Next week 4/10: Outstanding Hayward Rotarian Award.



Michael Cobb, Aman Dhuper, President Sean Reinhart

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



APR 10 ED MULLINS - OUTSTANDING HAYWARD ROTARIAN

APR 17 DR. MATT WAYNE - HAYWARD SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

APR 24 SEAN REINHART - AT THE DAWN OF A NEW CENTURY

MAY 1 COUNTY SUPERVISOR RICHARD VALLE

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