

“out of this world”

Hayward Rotary Scholars are honored for their phenomenal achievements in academics, attendance and citizenship in school. Five stellar students earned the award this year.



Left to right: HUSD Superintendent Dr. Matt Wayne, Rotary Scholar Program Chairperson Janiene Langford, King Middle School Principal Estella Santos, Rotary Scholar Carol Villalobos, Rotary Scholar Daniel Zepeda, Rotary Scholar Vanna Van, Rotary Scholar Kevin Go, Rotary Scholar Alexander Derouen, HUSD Trustee Dr. Robert Carlson, HUSD Board President Lisa Brunner, Rotary Club President Sean Reinhart

ROTARY CLUB of HAYWARD, CALIF. MEETING NOTES: MARCH 6, 2017

Greeters: **Mayor Barbara Halliday** and **Kim Huggett**.

High Gear note-taker: **Pam Russo**.

Meeting called to order by **President Sean Reinhart**.
Pledge of Allegiance led by **Fire Chief Garrett Contreras**.

Thought for the Day provided by **Mayor Barbara Halliday**,
former Girl Scout: "Be Prepared"!

INTRODUCTIONS

Kim Huggett introduced Visiting Rotarian Rob Simpson, Rotary Club Esperance Australia. We also welcomed several guests:

- **Barbara Halliday** introduced her guest, Alfredo Matthew, who oversees the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship for the 3 Hayward High Schools.
- **Freddye Davis** introduced her son Todd Edward Davis.

- **Janiene Langford** introduced Edward Mora, from Congressman Swalwell's Office. She also introduced Veronica Ortiz and Zak Zakrevsky from HUSD.
- **Dr. Robert Carlson** introduced Dr. Matt Wayne, the acting HUSD Superintendent.
- **President Sean** introduced HUSD Board President, Lisa Brunner

To help welcome our guests in true Hayward Rotary Club style, **Chuck Horner** led us in a rousing round of "HELLO!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **President Sean** announced the Club Board Meeting on Thursday, 3/9 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Rose Pavilion.
- On behalf of Hayward Rotary Foundation President **Paul Martin**, **President Sean** announced elections for HRC Foundation directors on 3/27. The following nominees are for six slots on the Foundation Board: **Mona Diamantine, Robin Wilma, Bob Scheppler, Michael Mahoney, Rick Hansen** and **Craig Judy**. **President Sean** thanked outgoing directors **Rick Felson** and **Debby De Angelis** for their outstanding service.
- **Ed Mullins** reminded the club of the invitation to the most prestigious Outstanding Rotarian of the Year meeting which will be on April 10th.
- **Michael Cobb** announced the Hayward Rotary "Professional Excellence" Vocational Service Awards on 3/20. The club honors exceptional individuals from the Private Sector, Non-Profit Sector, and Public Sector. Nominees CANNOT be Rotarians or Elected Officials and must be involved in their sector in Hayward. Nomination deadline is ASAP.
- **Gena Engelfried** asked Rotarians to go to www.myscholardollars.com and vote for Golden Oak Montessori School and Palma Ceia School to receive a \$5000 grants from the Before School Math Program.

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

- **Sid Hamadeh** was fined for having a cafe packed full of customers when he graciously hosted Congressman Swalwell's "Expresso Yourself" event with over 400 guests in attendance.
- **Sara Lamnin** and Jonathan celebrated their wedding anniversary which falls every 4 years...They've been

married either 9 or 2 ¼ years depending on how you count it! (They were married on Leap Day, February 29, 2008). Congrats **Sara** and Jon! *Anniversary fine levied!*

- **Anna May** was recently showcased in the California Association of Realtors website. Looking good, **Anna!** *Publicity fine enforced!*
- **Craig Judy** was skiing and photographed on a Double Black Diamond course entitled, "Kill the Banker"! He survived the run by skiing a green circle instead. *Vacation fine upheld!*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: HAYWARD ROTARY SCHOLARS

The Hayward Rotary Scholar awards, now in their fourth year, recognize students who demonstrate extraordinary skill and achievement in school. Each year, students who achieve three criteria are given this prestigious award. The three criteria are:

- 1) Perfect scores on state standardized tests,
- 2) Perfect attendance at school for an entire school year, and
- 3) Excellent behavior and role modeling for peers at school.

Hayward Rotary Scholars are presented with commemorative medals and with custom banners bearing their names and achievements which are then hung from the rafters of their schools for all to see. Scholars also receive gift bags filled with prizes and gift cards.

Every child in Hayward has the potential to reach extraordinary achievements. The Hayward Rotary Scholar program honors students who distinguish themselves among their peers. Out of 21,000 students in Hayward schools, five stellar students met all the criteria in 2016-17, and were named Hayward Rotary Scholars

Janiene Langford, chair of the Hayward Rotary Scholar Program, introduced acting HUSD Superintendent Matt Wayne who hailed the students for their achievements and also provided an overview of the Measure A parcel tax measure on the upcoming ballot which will help support student achievement even further.

Mayor Barbara Halliday addressed the Hayward Rotary Scholars and their families. **Mayor Halliday** shared that students are role models to their friends, family and peers. Their outstanding efforts inspire their schools, the HUSD and our community at large. She thanked them for the dedication and fine academic work, and then called upon school principals to honor and share the achievements of each individual Hayward Rotary Scholar student.

2016-17 HAYWARD ROTARY SCHOLARS

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Estella Santos, Principal of Martin Luther King Middle School, spoke about two Hayward Rotary Scholars from her school:

ALEXANDER DEROUEN MLK Middle School



President Sean Reinhart, Hayward Rotary Scholar Alexander Derouen, and Superintendent Matt Wayne

Alexander Derouen attended Burbank Elementary for six years, and during those years he made many friends and memories. His razor-sharp understanding and attentive personality continually posed a challenge to his teachers to keep him engaged and working hard. In 5th grade Alexander began playing the flute in the school band, and performed for teachers and parents. Alexander earned many rewards through state assessments. He was the only 5th grader in his school to receive the prestigious honor.

At the end of 5th grade he skipped the 6th grade, paving the way to enter Martin Luther King Jr. middle school as a 7th grader. MLK is a school known for their strong academics and music program. Skipping the 6th grade was not easy. Alexander's home room teacher, principal, and father were required to present their reasons for Alexander moving ahead - or staying - with the understanding that Alexander possesses the necessary level of maturity, social skills and academic qualities to survive the jump into middle school. These concerns were short-lived as Alexander not only has adapted to middle school, he has thrived. His 4.0 grade point average for the first semester earned him a spot on the Honor Roll.

Alexander joined the Lego Robotics team and helped them reach the championship round. He joined the school band and has performed many concerts with more still to come. Alexander will continue to build his skills and talents as he looks toward high school and beyond.

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CAROL VILLALOBOS MLK Middle School



President Sean Reinhart, Hayward Rotary Scholar Carol Villalobos, Superintendent Matt Wayne

Carol Villalobos is a hard-working student who always puts her best effort in everything that she does. Born to first-generation Peruvian immigrant parents, Carol showed her intelligence at a very young age. At the age of three she learned how to read, and has loved books ever since.

At Eldridge Elementary School she consistently impressed all of her teachers. Carol always set an example of good behavior to her peers. During her free time Carol likes to read, play the violin, and spend time with her family. She is also constantly improving her Spanish and gradually learning Quechua, her father's native language.

Carol owes all of her accomplishments to her family, who love and support her no matter what. Being nominated a Rotary Scholar would not have been possible without them.

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Ariel Dolowich, Principal of Ochoa Middle School spoke about the Hayward Rotary Scholar from his school:

KEVIN GO Ochoa Middle School



President Sean Reinhart, Hayward Rotary Scholar Kevin Go, Superintendent Matt Wayne

Kevin Go has attended Ochoa Middle for the past two years. During both his 7th and 8th grade years, Kevin has been at the top 1% of his class academically, earning almost a 4.0 GPA. Equally impressive has been Kevin's intellectual curiosity displayed in classes. Teachers often comment on the types of questions Kevin asks and the level of commitment he demonstrates to his academic studies.

Kevin has been a vital member over the years of Ochoa's student orchestra, as well as the Leadership class (which serves in the capacity of student government). Kevin played a critical role in the Leadership class by serving as the student in charge of Ally Week, which trains and educates

students to address bullying behaviors and build allies among different social groups. Kevin has been one of the students participating at Ochoa faculty and student body meetings.

Kevin has proven to be a tremendously talented and driven student who plans to pursue a career in politics - after completing his collegiate at Harvard University. This is Kevin's second consecutive year as a Hayward Rotary Scholar.

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Veronica Ortiz, College and Career Coordinator for Park Elementary School spoke about the Hayward Rotary Scholar from her school:

VANNA VAN Park Elementary



President Sean Reinhart, Hayward Rotary Scholar Vanna Van, Superintendent Matt Wayne

Vanna Van has been a student at Park Elementary School since her 1st grade year. As a 6th grade student now, she is involved in Student Government, GATE, the district Student Ambassador Program, and she is the Editor of the school newspaper, *The Panther Press*.

Vanna is an exceptional student who exudes motivation, determination and perseverance. She attributes her academic success to her supportive parents. She also gives

credit to her teachers for being a key part of a team effort in developing her love for learning. Vanna's motivation happened as a student in kindergarten. She remembers receiving a trophy for winning the spelling bee. The principal called her up to the stage, in front of the staff and student body – as she remembers, it was a very proud moment.

Vanna is an extraordinary student. This is her second consecutive year as a Rotary Scholar.

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Principal John Melvin, Fairview Elementary School spoke about the Hayward Rotary Scholar from his school:

DANIEL ZEPEDA Fairview Elementary

Daniel Zepeda is a brilliant, enthusiastic and humble Hayward student who strives to be a role model. Daniel has consistently achieved success throughout elementary school and has received recognition for his exceptional work and effort. In addition to his passion for education, Daniel has a passion for athletics. He loves soccer, and just like in school, he is very good at it!



Hayward Rotary Scholar Daniel Zepeda

Daniel was elected to the Fairview Student Council this past year, and has provided creative ideas about how to improve the school. A unique quality about Daniel is that he never settles, he always sets high-level goals, and uses them to accomplish at a greater achievement point. Daniel believes there is always room for improvement.

Daniel has been able to thrive in the Hayward community, and has been able to use all the resources available to him in order to develop into the person he is today. Daniel was able to learn these wholesome ethics straight from his home. His first-generation immigrant parents, Jose and Maria Zepeda, emphasized to Daniel the importance of education as best they could; and it has demonstrably worked. Daniel has great potential in his future.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Janiene introduced Edward Mora from Congressman Swalwell's Office who provided acknowledgements from Congressman Swalwell's to the Hayward Rotary Scholars.

Superintendent Dr. Matt Wayne and **President Sean Reinhart** then presented Hayward Rotary Scholar Medals and Made in Hayward pins to the Hayward Rotary Scholars.

President Sean thanked **Janiene Langford** for all her outstanding work on this very special program. He also recognized the amazing students and their wonderful families for their accomplishments.

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ADJOURNMENT

President Sean adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with thanks to **Sid Hamadeh, Craig Judy, and Anna May** for being good sports during fining. Next week 3/13: Hayward Rotary Community Grant Awards.

MEMBERSHIP NOTIFICATION

The following person has been proposed for transfer membership into Hayward Rotary Club:

Jason Carmichael, classification Collegiate Athletics, transfer from Rotary Club of Gunnison, Colorado, sponsored by President Sean Reinhart.

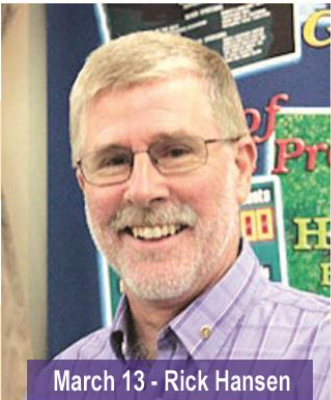
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HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



March 13 - Rick Hansen

- MAR 13 RICK HANSEN - ROTARY COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS
- MAR 20 MICHAEL COBB - ROTARY PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS
- MAR 27 MARK SALINAS - ROTARY YOUTH SPEECH SEMI-FINALS
- APR 3 AMAN DHUPER - CEO ST. ROSE HOSPITAL

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