

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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THAT'S HOW WE ROLL

Rod Andazola and Sean Reinhart attend a Rotary District 5170 event in style in 2012.

GREETERS

President-Elect
Sean Reinhart

Rod Andazola

Call To Order

Past President **Paul Martin**, filling in for President **Andy Krake**, called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m... The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a Patriotic Song led a *capella* by **Douglas den Hartog**.

The Thought for the Day was delivered by President-Elect **Sean Reinhart**: *More than a Thought for the Day, this is really a thought for every day. Sean invited the women to stand, then praised them for their leadership, and thanked them for their membership in Rotary. Sean invited the men stand with them, praised them for their leadership, and thanked everyone for their membership in Rotary. As members of Rotary, we are all leaders in the community, and together we achieve great things. We support each other, and we show respect for each other, every day. Let's hear it for Hayward Rotary Club!*

Past President **Paul Martin** shared a sad announcement: **Keith West** passed away a week ago Sunday. On the Friday prior he suffered a stroke. The family asked to hold the announcement until after the service. Another announcement will be coming. Hayward Rotary observed a moment of silence in his honor.

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rod Andazola introduced Visiting Rotarian from the Dublin Rotary Club, electrician Bob Tucknott; and Visiting Rotarian from Oakland 3 Rotary Club, Senior Government Relations for BART, Brett Badelle.

Douglas den Hartog introduced **Chuck Horner's** guest Jose Montesinos from the Eden Youth and Family Center... **Brian Schott** introduced "Dine and Dash" **Rick Felson's** guest, Kunio Okui.

Guests were welcomed with a rousing rendition of our favorite song, "HELLO!"

Announcements:

- **Mona Diamantine** reminded members to vote on the runoff ballot between **Mike Cobb** and **Douglas den Hartog**, choosing only one candidate. The one who receives the most votes will be elected to the remaining board seat. The other will be elected to serve as board alternate.
- **Debbie De Angelis** announced the Rotary Club Board meeting Thursday 3/10, 5:30 p.m. at St. Rose Hospital's Balch Pavilion. This meeting is an opportunity for Red Badge members to meet their Blue Badge Requirement. RSVP with Mona by end of lunch.
- **Francisco Zermeno** and **Norman Garcia** announced that High Gear editors and Greeters are needed. They passed around a sign-in sheet.

New Member Inductions

Past President **Paul Martin** had the honor of inducting not one, but two new members into Hayward Rotary Club:

- **Kenny Altenburg**, classification Youth Services, sponsored by **Ashton Simmons**
- **Dr. Stacey Thompson**, classification Academic Services, sponsored by **Janiene Langford**

Welcome to our newest Red Badge members, **Kenny** and **Stacey**!



New member Kenny Altenburg, his sponsor Ashton Simmons, and Past-President Paul Martin



New member Dr. Stacey Thompson, center, with sponsor Janiene Langford and Past-President Paul Martin

Fines and Foolishness

Red Badge Mayor **Barbara Halliday** served as fine collector.

- **Linda Granger** was fined for her club anniversary 2yrs... but her fines were waived for knowing the number of years
- **Rod Andazola**, was fined for his birthday, and he used to opportunity to announce that the international project with the Cupertino Club will be held in San Miguel Allende, Mexico at the end of Sept/October, coinciding with the national holiday Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).
- **Dave Elkins** was tapped for his 12-year Club anniversary... **Craig Judy** was fined for his anniversary, too... **Sam Falk** was called, but had left early. His fine was paid by **Kim Huggett**... **Ashton Simmons** was recognized for two years in the Club.
- **Larry Ratto**, energetic and refreshed from his extended Hawaii vacation, was called up for talking to **George Pacheco** during the meeting. **Larry** offered a generous donation toward to dictionary project in lieu of fines on the condition that **George** not be fined for talking. Thanks for the donation, **Larry**!
- **George Pacheco** was fined (but not "for talking")... it was in congratulations for his nephew-in-law Andrew Dawson joining Hayward Fire Department. Past President **Paul** quipped that the fine was for **George's** family business payroll, which just got lighter
- **Sean Reinhart** attended a three-day indoctrination PETS (president-elect training session) for the far west region (from BC to N Cal). 500 trainees there, "I learned more about the Rotary organization there than the past 7 years in the club." Sean also cited several highlights. Contribution in lieu of fines: "It is a huge honor being elected, I am donating the rest of my fine card."
- **Debby DeAngelis** announced that the Cal State East Bay Women's Basketball team won their first CCAA conference championship, setting a new record for the school. No fine was levied to the astonishment of the editor.

Election Result

The result of the election, by a single vote, was **Douglas den Hartog** as the Board member for 2016-2018, and **Mike Cobb** as board alternate. Congratulations to both!

Vocational Talk - Hayward Mayor Barbara Halliday

Mayor **Barbara Halliday** delivered her Vocational Talk.

On the career path to becoming mayor, I tried many things. I always tell young people: You don't need to decide now on a career. Just stay true to yourself, and remember, neither the best of times nor the worst last forever.

I grew up in Wilmington Delaware near Fredricksburg VA. Dad worked for the railroad, so we rode free. We would go to Washington for the day, and that's why I love to travel.

In the 50's-60's girls were steered into nursing or teaching. At age ten, I started a summer camp for girls. By third year, got paid for it and accepted a few jobs sitting for younger kids.

Started college Mary Washington College, part of UVA, in 1967. These were turbulent time, not just from drugs, but also from politics.

On the student newspaper "Bullet" I became the editor and reporter. In those times, we changed the rules...For example, women were not allowed to wear pants. Not on campus, not off campus – anywhere! We changed that. We also scared off Pat Nixon's trip to Fredricksburg.

I wanted to be a reporter, but couldn't find anyone to hire a young woman. I got a back office job: typesetting, proofing, etc. at the Elton MD, Cecil County "Cecil Whig" – a name from the early political party by that name. The job didn't pay well, but I never regretted doing it. I earned a journalism award on a wastewater article.

I attended grad school at UMD and then took internships at Amtrak and UMD where I developed the first computerized media mailing list. I interviewed the dad of the first Annie, Andrea McArdle's whom I met through Amtrak.

At the "Alexandria Journal" in VA (there were a number of journals throughout VA and MD), I wrote articles on the turning of a torpedo munitions factory into an artist studio.

My Master's Degree is hanging on a thesis paper I never completed.

Knowing only two people, I moved to SF. I took a temp typing job at an insurance company, and stayed 28 years! I really enjoyed it.

Eventually I met Rick Imsdahl who worked at HP, we got married, and moved to Hayward in 1986, in the Southgate area.

In 1994 I ran for city council for the first time, with/against Bill Quirk. I thought I'd lose to Bill but we both got elected!

In 2014 I ran for mayor, and here I am.

What I noticed in those early days was there were few women, but they were hardworking, smart, and ethical.

My advice when looking for work, of any kind, is: Get your foot in the door, do your best, learn, move on courageously, never burning bridges.



Mayor Barbara Halliday

Blue Badge Presentation

After her Vocational Talk, Mayor **Barbara Halliday** was presented with her Blue Badge by Past President **Paul Martin**. Shout out to **Barbara's** sponsor, **Bob Sakai** for welcoming her to the Hayward Rotary Club

Featured Speaker – Government Relations Rep for BART, Brett Badelle



Featured speaker Brett Badelle and Past-President Paul Martin

Our featured speaker was Government Relations Rep for BART, **Brett Badelle**.

Topic: Building a better BART

Did you know that 15,300 cars cross the Bay Bridge per hour, compared to 23,500 people transported through the Transbay Tube via BART?

To meet growing demand, BART is extending its service to Antioch in 2017, Warm Springs Fremont in 2016, and Silicon Valley in 2018

The BART system added direct service to OAK airport in November, 2014. That extension reached 1 million riders in its first year.

A new fleet of cars will begin service in 2017. The full fleet of 775 cars will be replaced by 2021 (there are currently 650 cars). The new cars feature three doors per car instead of two. The new cars are quieter, cooler, and more comfortable on the interior. They feature padded seats, lumbar support, wipeable fabric, and digital real-time displays in every car.

Bombardier is the manufacturer, two thirds of the parts are made in the USA.

BART currently has 90% on-time performance, down from a peak of about 95%. A big reason for the decline is delays caused by breakdowns in the aging fleet and track system.

BART has developed Transit Oriented housing at Oakland and San Leandro, for senior, and low-income residents. A new "Bike Station" near Oakland 19th Street station provides bike repair, parts, and lockers.

BART also renovated key stations to provide employees easier, safer access while providing passengers cleaner, brighter entrances.

For the future, BART needs 1000 cars, new control system (closer, more frequent), bigger maintenance shops, infrastructure. For the complete overhaul, BART will need \$4.8 billion more dollars...double what they have currently secured through grants, bonds, and fee increases.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Badelle's talk, Past President **Paul Martin** presented a children's book, *Train*, that will be donated to Hayward Library in recognition of his talk.

Adjournment

Past President **Paul Martin** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m

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HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



March 14 **Hayward Farmer's Market Manager**

March 21 **Enneagram Prison Project**

March 28 **Rick Hansen, Rotary Community Grants 2016**

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

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