

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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FROM HAYWARD TO CAPITOL HILL

(L to R) Larry Ratto, Ashton Simmons, Congressman Eric Swalwell (front), Dr. Timothy Gay, Lucy Lopez, Dr. María Ochoa, Bob Carlson, and President Andy Krake took the stage to welcome new members Timothy, Lucy and María. Welcome!



Call To Order

George Pacheco attempted to liberate the sacred Rotary Bell, but was thwarted! The punishment of leading our Pledge of Allegiance was summarily handed down to freedom fighter **George**. Next was the singing of the Patriotic Song, "God Bless America" with **Douglas Den Hartog** in the brightest green shirt ever seen, and **Chuck Horner** on piano (with a toned down shirt).

The Thought for the Day was offered by **Chuck Horner**:

In the news recently, college athlete Laremy Tunsil lost an estimated \$13-20 million when a two-year old video of him smoking marijuana through a gas mask became public. As a result, Tunsil was picked 13th in the NFL draft instead of 1st as was expected. "There are an infinite number of tools by which to demonstrate levels of stupidity... you don't have to be an aspiring professional athlete to learn from Tunsil's mistake... Everything has an infinite life span on the internet. It never goes away. It's up to you to try to think ahead of time... (It) follows you to the grave." – *Steve Levy, corporate recruiting consultant CBS News 160429*

Good lunch – this editor even had three servings! Dessert was good also...whipped cream on top of a cake covered in strawberries

GREETERS



**Sean
Reinhart**



**Francisco
Zermeno**

Introductions

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians by **Francisco Zermeno**:

- Constant Rotarian Guest Bob Tucknott from Dublin Club

Introduction of Guests:

- Kelly O'Lague Dulka, YMCA Regional Executive Director and Vice President, by **Kenny Altenburg**
- Iman Novin, from Novin Development, by President **Andy Krake**
- Debbie Leong from California School, soon to be a school in Hayward, by **Stan Dobbs**
- Phil Atkins from East Bay Motor Sports, by **Jasmir Singh**
- Eric Vollmer, Special Operations Firefighter, by Chief **Garrett Contreras** (means that Eric is an expert in everything)

- Lucy López from All Saints School, by **Larry Ratto**
- Tim Sbranti, deputy chief of staff and guest of **Eric Swalwell**.

All were greeted with a rousing rendition of our favorite song, “HELLO!”

Announcements

- **RODEO T-SHIRTS: Kim Huggett** selling Rodeo T-shirts for \$15 each. and telling all to be at the Rodeo. “If you have no money, you can borrow it from our Treasurer”.
- **Sean Reinhart** reminded everyone to be at the Rodeo. He is finalizing booth assignments, so please sign-up. The expectation is two days. “All hands on deck”, by our President.

Calling All Rotarians!

We need YOU to volunteer at least two days at the Rodeo.

Sign up now:

www.HaywardRotary.org

or contact **Sean Reinhart**

After you place your order, please tell **Kim Huggett** the shirt sizes you want.

If ordering online, you can just type the shirt size in the comments box.



Fines and Foolishness

- **Don Mai**, for his haircut, and for sitting next to **Ed Bullok**. Also, his first great-grandchild, Lydia Grace, was just born, in Australia. Baskets were passed for her college education, \$315 was collected. Thank you Hayward Rotarians!
- **Paul Martin** and other freedom fighters made another attempt to liberate the bell, but were thwarted again!
- **George Pacheco** suggested that someone had a confession to make for a special event.
- **Beth Ehrlich** & Ken Smith went to Israel, and were at the Warriors record setting 73rd win of the season. Boom! Fined.
- **Douglas Den Hartog** was observed driving a new car. Bought NOT in Hayward, but at least in Alameda County, BUT it's a Subaru. Boom! Triple fine.
- **Eric Swalwell** for a birthday in November, a Club Anniversary in January, AND for “working” all the tables when he came in, EXCEPT the President’s table! Boom! Whole fine card.
- **Norman García** was recognized, but not fined, for his work enlisting Greeters...a thankless job. We thanked him. No Fine!

Induction of New Members

Hayward Rotary Club proudly welcomes its newest members:

- **Dr. Timothy Gay** – classification Health Education, sponsored by **Ashton Simmons**
- **Lucy Lopez** – classification Education Development, sponsored by **Paul Martin**
- **Dr. María Ochoa** – classification Education, sponsored by **Robert Carlson**

During the proceedings, yet another attempt was made to liberate the Bell, but **President Andy** again managed to shoo them away. **George Pacheco** was fined for his role in the foiled caper, along with bystander **Brian Schott**!

Paul Harris Award

Debbie DeAngelis bestowed a Paul Harris award to new Rotarian **Dr. Carla Walter**. Congratulations, **Carla!**

*Dr. Carla Walter receives a Paul Harris award from
Debbie DeAngelis*



Keynote Speaker

Congressman Eric Swalwell Congressional Update - District 15, California. Honorable Eric Swalwell was introduced nicely, with historical and political background, by **Brian Schott**, who had been told to 'make it clean'.

Eric opened his keynote with the observation that he's often asked how he likes being part of an organization that is chaotic, dysfunctional, unpopular, does nothing, messes up, and has too much fun. He just tells them that he is happy to be a... Hayward Rotarian!

He then turned to his presentation, an informative look at the past year in Congress. **Eric** has been putting in a tremendous job with local community news, politics, and his recent engagement to his fiancé, Britany. (Congratulations, **Eric!**) Other highlights:

- **Eric** has flown over 500,000 miles
- He did some Swalwell family genealogy research - found out that in a family full of Republicans, he's the 'only single damn Democrat of his whole family!'
- He spoke passionately about the student loan debt crisis and the tremendous adverse impacts it has on young people's lives
- **Eric** is proud to work across the aisle with Republicans and Democrats
- **Eric** has even worked with the wealthiest members of Congress... even though he himself is 'the 413th poorest member of Congress' with \$100,000 in student debt.
- Our On Demand Economy is changing the way we live...Uber, etc.
- **Eric** spoke a bit about Hayward centric matters. He marveled at how much Hayward is improving, and said "Hayward is in the midst of a Renaissance!"
- He noted that surveys show 48% of Bay Area folks are considering moving out of Bay Area, due to the high cost of living... that is a crisis waiting to happen.
- **Eric** supports extending BART 10 miles east in order to take 37,000 commuter cars off the road
- Now in his second term, **Eric** loves the work and finds that every day he learns something new.
- Questions:
 - **Sean Reinhart**: Can Congress help alleviate our housing crunch? **Eric** replied that agencies like HUD provide funding, but it is primarily localities that implement housing. He emphasized that a big part of the issue is the difficulty of getting new construction approved, residents who want development to be pushed farther east and away from the urban core.
 - **Marita Chang**: Raising the minimum wage hurts small businesses, can the government help out? **Eric** replied that he has worked hard to reform the tax codes, which can be a huge strain on small businesses.
 - **Larry Ratto**: How much time do Congressmen spend raising money for reelection? **Eric** replied, "too much," and voiced that we need to work to take big money out of the political process, for example through a hybrid public-private system that caps private donations at a much lower level but matches them with public financing.

Much applause!

Thanks to our greeters **Sean Reinhart** and **Francisco Zermeño**

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HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



Round up the posse!
We're aiming to ride
to the Rowell Ranch
Rodeo, May 19-22.
Sign up now - I'm a-
countin' on you!

Rambler-in-chief, Andy Krake

May 9 Outstanding Hayward Rotarian of the Year Award

May 16 NO MONDAY MEETING

May 17 Special meeting on Tuesday May 17th
at Castro Valley Rotary instead (Rodeo meeting)

May 19-22 ROWELL RANCH RODEO

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