

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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THIS AIN'T OUR FIRST RODEO!

Hayward Rotary Club has a proud tradition of partnering with Rowell Ranch Rodeo going back well over 50 years. The Club sells food and drink to thousands of hungry rodeo spectators, raising tens of thousands of dollars for charitable causes while having a hollerin' good time. See the special insert in this issue for photos from this year's Rodeo, May 19-22, 2016.



Call To Order

Brian Schott presented President **Andy Krake** with the Castro Valley Rotary Bell. **Brian** 'borrowed' it during last week's joint meeting between the Hayward and Castro Valley Clubs. President **Andy**, missing his own bell (again!), gladly accepted the prize. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Robin Wilma**, followed by the signing of the Patriotic Song – 'God Bless America' *a capella*, led by **Douglas Den Hartog**.



The Thought for the Day was provided by **Timothy Gay**:

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." (Mahatma Gandhi).

*President **Andy Krake** expresses wonder at seeing an actual Rotary Bell – in this case, the Castro Valley bell, smuggled in by **Brian Schott***

GREETERS



Kim Huggett



Timothy Gay

Introductions

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians by **Kim Huggett**: Ken Pon, from San Leandro Rotary, and Bob Tucknott, from Dublin Rotary. Hello, Ken! Hello, Bob!

Introduction of Guests:

- ✓ Jessica Harvey, Political Consultant, guest of **Francisco Zermeño**
- ✓ Sasha Stackhouse, Waste Management; and JP Sahi, Rotacare, guests of **Sara Lamnin**
- ✓ Al Antonini, Antonini & Associates, guest of **Brian Schott**
- ✓ Vu Dinh, Rotaract from Mt. Eden High and Chabot College, guest of **Debby DeAngelis**
- ✓ Connie Willis, Vice President of Chabot College; and Todd Davis, guests of **Freddy Davis**

We welcomed our esteemed guests with a rousing rendition of the Hello! Song, led by the inimitable **Douglas Den Hartog**.

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ROTARY TIP OF THE WEEK

NEVER introduce a guest as a “prospective member,” even if they have applied for membership. Only the Board of Directors can announce a new member prospect. When introducing a guest who is interested in joining Hayward Rotary Club, you can simply say how many meetings they have attended, for example, *“Please join me in welcoming my guest, Mary Jones, CEO of ABC Manufacturing. This is Mary’s third Rotary meeting.”*

Announcements

- **Sean Reinhart** thanked the amazing Rodeo volunteers. **Sean** jokingly shared that he started at the Nacho booth for three years, then worked his way to the Hamburger booth, then climbed the ladder to become Volunteer Coordinator, but still aspires to the coveted Beer Booth!
- **Ed Mullins** gave a preliminary Rodeo financial report. About \$62,500 gross this year, compared to \$57,100 in 2015. Great job!
- **George Pacheco** informed the crowd that **Pam Russo** worked so hard at the Rodeo that she broke her nails. **George** was happy to report that we had many volunteers and that the event was a huge success that made a lot of money for our charitable causes. **George** lamented that the Club would have raised more money if **Francisco Zermeño** hadn’t eaten so much of the food (with photos to illustrate his point). President **Andy** wondered out loud how **Francisco** stays so skinny, and speculated that it was because he’d swallowed worm from a tequila bottle, **Francisco’s** beverage of choice. **Francisco** corrected **Andy** by stating that Tequila bottles don’t have worms, but that he could have swallowed a worm from a bottle of Mezcal. President **Andy** then fined **Francisco**. **Charley Plummer** rose to **Francisco’s** defense by suggesting that **Andy** could use a worm or two himself.
- Past-President **Debby DeAngelis** announced that Monday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. is the date of the fabulous, much-anticipated **President Andy Krake Demotion Dinner**. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes open bar from 6-7 followed by dinner at the Meadows Restaurant (formerly known as Willow Park Golf Course restaurant, on Redwood Road in Castro Valley). There will be no lunch meeting that day – save your appetite for the dinner. President-Elect **Sean Reinhart** added that the menu hasn’t been finalized, but “there will be roast!”

Fines and Foolishness

- **Pam Russo** confessed that she had a great time at the Rodeo. A photo was shown of her posing with the Bachelorette contestant who appeared in the Beer Booth. **Dave Elkins** dropped a dime on **Pam** and revealed that she had travelled to Amsterdam. Boom! Fined. **Sean Reinhart** leaped to **Pam’s** defense, stating that **Pam** worked like a champ at the Rodeo, and offered to pay **Pam’s** fine. President **Andy** mercilessly levied fines on both!
- **Roger Powers** revealed that he bought a new car. Unfortunately, **Roger** had a bad experience at Hayward Toyota so he bought his car in another town. Boom! Fined. President **Andy** then fined Mayor **Barbara Halliday** and Councilmembers **Sara Lamnin** and **Francisco Zermeño** for **Roger’s** bad experience at Hayward Toyota.
- President **Andy** lauded Hayward’s connection to the Hetch Hetchy water system, and recognized former Public Works Director **Ed Phillips** for his role in negotiating that beneficial deal so many decades ago. Thanks, **Ed**!
- **Dr. Wayne Wright** was acknowledged for having attended the University of Michigan and playing guard in the football team, way back in the 1940’s. Fortunately, **Wayne** opted not to tackle, and no fine was levied.
- **Joel Thornley** missed his first Rodeo in 40 years (!), but did bring a check to atone.
- President **Andy**, enthusiastic about a local bond measure on the June ballot, suspended the Rotary ban on political advocacy by inviting **Dr. Susan Sperling** and **Francisco Zermeño** to speak to the Club in favor of Measure A. The measure would generate capital funding for projects at Chabot College. Will President **Andy** fine himself for his breach of Rotary protocol? Stay tuned...

New Member Induction

- Rotarians inducted our newest Hayward Rotary Club member, **Dr. Susan Sperling**, President of Chabot College. **Dr. Sperling** is co-sponsored by **Stan Dobbs** and **Bob Carlson**. Welcome to the Club, **Susan**!
- During **Susan's** induction, President **Andy** fined all the members who were not wearing their Rotary pin.

Dr. Susan Sperling and President Andy Krake



Keynote Presentation

Katia Gomez is the Executive Director of Educate2Envision (E2E) International, a nongovernmental organization that helps build schools and educate impoverished children in central Honduras.

Ms. Gomez is a native of San Leandro and a Moreau Catholic High School alumna. She shared her experiences working in international development and how she and her nonprofit organization developed a unique way to make education accessible for under-served youth in Honduras."



President Andy Krake and keynote speaker Katia Gomez

Ms. Gomez first went to Honduras in 2009 as an undergraduate at the University of California, San Diego, to volunteer during spring break. There she saw the effects of extreme poverty in a country where nearly half of the population is age 16 or younger and more than half of all Hondurans survive on the equivalent of \$2 a day. Children in the region rarely get more than a few years of formal education. Many end up working in their family's fields, or starting families as early as 14.

From a pilot program established on a shoestring budget, Educate2Envision has expanded to three remote communities, where Gomez and her coworkers have brought secondary education to more than 450 students.

Ms. Gomez, a past Rotary Scholar, took top prize at the nationally televised VH1 Do Something! Awards in 2012. The awards honor young adults 25 and under for their social change projects. Gomez won a winged shoe trophy—and a \$100,000 grant—for creating Educate2Envision (E2E).

In 2012, Forbes Magazine named Ms. Gomez one of its Top 12 "Amazing Young Entrepreneurs Doing Good". The following year, Newsweek named her one of its "Top 25 Women Under 25 in the World to Watch." She has been a featured speaker at youth conferences worldwide including: Millennium Campus Conference, Women Deliver International Conference, and Hugh O Brian World Summit. Ms. Gomez earned her Master of Public Health from Boston University and her B.A. in International Studies from the University of California, San Diego. At the conclusion of Ms. Gomez' excellent presentation, **Brian Schott** provided a generous donation check to help support her nonprofit. Thanks, **Brian**!!

Adjournment

President **Andy** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. by knocking on the lectern. The Castro Valley Bell had disappeared (again!) during the meeting.

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HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



JUNE 6
Hayward Rotary

RONNIE STEWART
Russell City Blues Festival



- May 30** No regular meeting – MEMORIAL DAY
- June 6** Ronnie Stewart – Russell City Blues Festival
- June 13** Wendy Winsted – Sulphur Creek Nature Center
- June 27** **PRESIDENT ANDY DEMOTION DINNER 6:00 PM**

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