

Rotary Club of Hayward

HIGH GEAR



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DEBBY DEANGELIS

IS THE RICHARD W. BOWMAN
OUTSTANDING
ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

*Outstanding Rotarian of the Year Debby DeAngelis
is honored by past awardees Larry Ratto, Rob
Cook, Ed Mullins, and Brian Schott*



Call To Order

The meeting was “clanged” to order by Past President and Event MC **Brian Schott** using a generic “bell” provided by Sgt. At Arms Matthew Spielberg. Schott then asked the 2006-2007-Rotarian of the Year and Club Secretary **Mona Diamantine** to lead the Pledge. Past President and presumptive Bell Wrangler **George Pacheco** was “asked” to sing a solo of “My Country Tis of Thee” but the Club joined him in 19-part “harmony”. The Thought of the Day was given to us by one of our newest Rotarians **Dr. Maria Ochoa**. In keeping with a Western Theme given that next week’s meeting will be our Joint Rodeo meeting on Tuesday at Castro Valley Rotary, she quoted from noted Western pundit, Will Rogers.

GREETERS



**Marita
Cheng**



**Maria
Ochoa**

Outstanding Rotarian of the Year award Announcement

All Club members were asked to stand. Then **Brian** called for members to sit down when the items read from the “Who Can it Be List” didn’t apply to them.

WHO CAN IT BE NOW?

- Has been a Rotarian for more than 1 year
- Lives in the East Bay
- Drives a foreign-made vehicle
- Is (or has been) married
- Has travelled extensively
- Has served on the Hayward Rotary Club Board of Directors
- Has been a member of more than 1 Rotary Club
- Is Female
- Has been a Club President
- IS (no such thing as “WAS”) an Olympian



One by one, every Rotarian was seated until only one remained standing – the **OUTSTANDING ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR – Past President Debby DeAngelis!** The surprised honoree was soon greeted by her husband David and past work colleagues from Hayward's Cal State University - East Bay.

*Newly minted Outstanding Rotarian **Debby DeAngelis** received her award surrounded by her family and friends.*

Introductions

After a rousing Happy Birthday rendition to Past President **Pam Russo** (whose age was not kept a secret), we greeted one visiting Rotarian, Bob Tucknott along with his "driver" as Bob is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Other guests introduced included:

- Connie Willis – Chabot College (guest of **Freddye Davis**)
- Debbie Leong – California Crosspoint High School (Guest of **Ed Bullok**)
- Kathleen Ratto – Wife & Guest of **Larry Ratto**
- Jack Barnette – Bank of the West (Guest of **Jasmir Singh**)

Outstanding Rotarian Debby DeAngelis then introduced her guests. In addition to her aforementioned husband David, her other guests included: Suzy & Lee Stidham, Beth Murdock, Sara Lillevand Judd, Marty Valdez. We then watched a video greeting sent by David's sister Laura Sfeir all the way from Boston!



***Debby** received fun and lively family video greetings all the way from Boston!*

Award Program

Event Chair **Brian Schott** (Outstanding Hayward Rotarian 2011-12) introduced the OHR Committee which is made up of the last 5 recipients of the award: Past President **Larry Ratto** (Outstanding Hayward Rotarian 2014-15) led off telling us about Debby's Vocational achievements. **Larry** then introduced Past President **Rob Cook** (Outstanding Hayward Rotarian 2010-11) to talk about Debby's many Club and International Service contributions to both South Hayward Rotary and of course, to our club. **Rob** filled in for ailing Past President **Nels Nelson** (Outstanding Hayward Rotarian 2013-14) and then turned the podium over to Past President **Ed Mullins** (Outstanding Hayward Rotarian 2012-13) to talk about **Debby's** role in Community Service. After successfully cracking 2 jokes in the matter of less than 2 minutes, **Ed** called up the still stunned (that **Ed** could pull off 2 jokes in a presentation) Event MC **Brian** to tell about **Debby's** Family History. **Brian** then showed a special pre-recorded video provided by **Debby's** "honorary grandson" and our Club's Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar - Holger Klinge in which he greeted **Debby** and thanked her for making his year here in California and at CSUEB so wonderful and important in his life.

Outstanding Rotarian Debby DeAngelis - Family History

Debby Ayars was born on July 2 as a post war baby. Her father was a banker and a civilian in the U.S. Air Force. Her mother was a homemaker. Debby was born and raised in San Diego and has 2 younger brothers. She attended San Dieguito High School where she, along with Sal Castro, were named "Activity Girl" and "Activity Boy" in their Senior Year. The newspaper photo however made no mention as to the types of "Activities" that allowed them to win that honor.

Our "Activity Girl" went on to attend the University of California San Diego whose mascot was "King Triton" which may have been the impetus for her love of the water. She transferred and graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara – again – not straying far from water. Debby went on to earn her Master's Degree in Sports Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

She joined the ranks of distinguished UMASS Amherst graduates which includes Richard Gere, Natalie Cole, Julius (Dr. J) Erving, Bill Cosby and University of Louisville Head basketball coach Rick Pitino along with Dr. Ann Noble a UC Davis Chemist who invented the "Wine Aroma Wheel".

It was at UMASS Amherst that Debby started competing in Rowing.

After earning her Master's, she took a job at Northeastern University in Boston where she met her husband David – in a Pub – in December 1981. David was also working at Northeastern University as a logistics and transportation manager who helped her rowing team transport their boats. It was at Northeastern where not one but 2 boats were named after her as you saw in the photos.

Debby was on track to make the US Olympic Team for the 1976 Summer Games in Montreal as a Single Sculler when In 1975, she had a "Crown Royal Incident" which caused her to hurt her knee and withdraw. She ended up as the Rowing Team Manager for the Montreal Games and unfortunately couldn't compete in the 1980 Summer Games in Moscow as a result of the President Jimmy Carter's decision for the United States Boycott of those games as a result of his ultimatum to the Soviets to withdraw after their invasion of Afghanistan.

Debby and David were married in 1984 by one of her brothers – a New Haven CT - Rotarian and in 2001 moved to their current Fairway Park home in Hayward when she accepted the position of Director of Athletics at then-Cal State Hayward. Debby mistakenly joined the South Hayward Rotary Club but transferred into Hayward Rotary Club when the South Hayward club disbanded.

In August 2012, they adopted a lonely German lad (and Rotary International Exchange Scholar) named Holger Klinge. In another grand surprise, Holger beamed in to the proceedings live via Skype!



Holger Klinge sends congratulations to Debby all the way from Germany – live via Skype!

Outstanding Rotarian Debby DeAngelis - Club & International Service

Debby has been a great asset to Hayward Rotary Club since joining our club after the Hayward South Rotary Club shut down in 2005. She has held an active role in Rotary International's Paul Harris Foundation and Annual Giving Program encouraging all Rotarians to give to the cause. After joining Hayward Rotary she has held positions on the Hayward Rotary Club Board as well as the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation Board.

Debby was President Elect of our club in the 2013-14 and was President of our club for the 2014-2015 year. She has participated in the monthly President and President Elect nomination meetings to ensure smooth transitions in our club from year to year as the presidential seat changes. She participated in District events including in Rotary International's Foundation and specifically the Polio Plus Campaign. She was also involved in other district events including the District Conference and Rotary Youth Services. She has taken on an active role in selling as well as distributing dictionaries during our annual Literacy Project.

On the International Service level she has strongly supported and encouraged all members to participate in the Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Program while serving as the clubs Foundation Chairperson. During her Presidency in 2014-2015 she attended the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia representing our district and club. She and her husband David have co-hosted an Ambassadorial Scholar, Holger Klinge. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow donor.

Debby has been a wonderful addition to our club as well as being a wonderful person to know.

Keynote-Outstanding Rotarian Speech



Debby and David enthusiastically receive the traditional "spouse appreciation gift" from Larry Ratto – a bottle of Maker's Mark bourbon!

Debby was then invited to the stage to say a few words (and provide a defense to her "Crown Royal Incident").

As the recipient of the Richard W. Bowman Outstanding Hayward Rotarian Award - named after retired Club Secretary and Historian Dick Bowman - **Debby** will get a Paul Harris fellowship with which she will honor someone with as well as a beautiful plaque and a book donated to the Hayward library in her honor. As is tradition, the club gives the spouse a gift bouquet and thus David was awarded a "flowerless bouquet" which resembled a bottle of Maker's Mark Bourbon for their Manhattans.

Debby now gets the honor of serving on the Outstanding Rotarian Committee for the next 5 years. **Congratulations, Debby!**

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HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR

May 23
Hayward Rotary



Katia Gomez Educate2Envision

May 16 No regular meeting

May 17 SPECIAL TUESDAY MEETING at Castro Valley Rotary

May 19-22 ROWELL RANCH RODEO

May 23 Katia Gomez: National VH1 "Do Something" Award Winner

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