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# HIGH GEAR

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## 'TIS THE SEASON *of giving*

*or is it?*



## GREETERS



Vrushali Nanjundappa



Anna May

## CALL TO ORDER - NOV 13, 2017

**P**resident **A.T. Stephens** called the meeting to order. **Rick Felson** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of "God Bless America" led by **Chuck Horner**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Robin Wilma**: *"To thrive in life we need three bones...a wish bone, a back bone and a funny bone."*

## INTRODUCTIONS

**Janiene Langford** introduced Visiting Rotarian Bob Goetsch of the Fremont Club and Bob Tucknott from the Dublin Club. We also welcomed several guests:

- Maria Elena Mercado, Cal State East Bay, guest of **Kim Huggett**
- Leo Pitts, Eldridge Neighborhood, guest of **Mark Salinas**
- Trish (Pam's Sister), Sally Miller, Teresa Beale, Rick Soriano, Rene Snyder, Lucy Keener, Joe Foster, guests of **Pam Russo**
- **Rick Felson** (LOL), guest of **Bob Sakai**

**Chuck Horner** led the club in welcoming our visitors with a rousing rendition of our favorite song: "HELLO!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Moment of silence.** President **A.T.** started today's meeting with a moment of silence for Dorothy Pendleton, wife of **Con Pendleton** who has been an honorary member of our club in recent years and a Past President. Dorothy passed away in October at the age of 91. She and her husband were married 69 years. Condolences may be sent to: **Conway Pendleton**, 1584 Vista Grand Drive, Sean Leandro, CA 94577. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 25 at 11:00 am at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd., in San Leandro.

MEMBERSHIP NOTIFICATION: Ray Ortnier, classification Mortuary Services has been proposed for membership in Hayward Rotary Club, sponsored by Craig Judy

## Club Board meeting recap.

The Club's Board of Directors met last Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Balch Pavilion at St. Rose Hospital, and amid regular business had an extended discussion about our lunchtime club meetings.

**Vrushali Nanjundappa**, our Red Badge guest for dinner, was an especially helpful voice in the conversation.

One idea to improve meeting attendance is to test limiting a meeting to a one-hour duration.

**President A.T.** asked for a show of hands who would agree to this idea. There will be a survey for all members to fill-out to ask members how the clubs meeting is going, why you come and why

you don't come to the meeting. When the survey comes along give us some feedback. **Mark Salinas** was concerned about club's obligations when we have meetings like the speech contest where it's going to take more than an hour. He suggested to think about how a short meeting



*Lucy Lopez, Hayward Rotary Club  
member since 2016*

### ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

HIGH GEAR is the official newsletter of Hayward Rotary Club. It is one of the longest-running serial publications in Hayward. The first weekly issue was released when the club was founded in 1922. The pages of HIGH GEAR offer extraordinary snapshots of Hayward history going back nearly a full century, updates on present-day community activities and projects, and the occasional hijinks of Hayward's movers and shakers.

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### ABOUT HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB

We are Hayward's premier service club since 1922, over 90 members strong. We are a non-partisan, non-political group of people united in giving back to our community. Hayward Rotary Club members come from many diverse walks of life. We are leaders in business, education, government, nonprofit, and community service. Do you have what it takes to become a Rotarian? Learn more about who we are and how to become a Rotarian by visiting our weekly meetings and website, [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org).



*"Hacksaw" Rick Hansen, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2014*

will impact these obligations.

**Community Grants.** The deadline for Community Grant applications is due November 30th. Send ideas and questions to **President A.T. "Hacksaw" Rick Hansen** is chairing the process again this year. Guidelines and application are available at [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org). We need your support.

**Dictionary Project.** **Lucy Lopez** is our Dictionary Project Chair and, with just a few schools remaining for our members to distribute books, our annual Literacy project is almost completed. **President A.T.** thanked **Lucy** who worked hard

making sure the project went smoothly. **Lucy** stood up and announced that we're 98% done with two schools remaining.

**Sorensdale Project.** **Norman Garcia** gave an introduction of what Sorensdale is all about. Sorensdale is a facility and program of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District that provides opportunities for people with special needs to learn daily living skills.

Each year, the students attending Sorensdale write a letter to Santa and bring it to a special mailbox located in the Sorensdale School office. The students' needs are minimal and humbling. Some of the items they ask is socks, t-shirts, Michael Jackson CD and coloring books. The joy seeing the students receiving their presents from Santa Clause and Mrs Claus is amazing and heartwarming.

**Norman** added that we need volunteers for the Christmas Shopping & wrapping event. The date of this event is Monday, December 4th at



2pm at Target Hayward located at 19661 Hesperian Blvd in the Starbucks area (inside Target). We will be shopping at Target and then heading to Sorensdale Recreation Center at 275 Goodwin St.

In order to make the shopping a success, we need to raise \$3000. **Norman** challenged all members present at the meeting that he will match their donation up to \$1,000. At the end of the meeting, we were able raise over \$2000! Thank you!

## **FINES AND FOOLISHNESS**

- **Kim Huggett, Ed Mullins, Bob Sakai, Brian Schott** and **Chuck Horner** were fined for being their club anniversary in November.
- **Rick Felson** was fined for his lack of attendance at the meetings.
- **Anna May** was fined for not informing **President A.T.** the greeters scheduled for today's meeting.
- **Pam Russo** was fined for bringing beer to last week's meeting.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Pam Russo** reported and shared a video about her adventures in Rwanda and Uganda. There were 24 people in her party, of which 6 were men very daring enough to travel with 18 women in the jungle. To be prepared for this adventure, you need to drink cocktails, deal with deadly snakes, and you need to be willing to fall off a 40 foot cliff with a special underwear. They were prepared to let it all go! They started their journey from central Uganda and traveled all the way down to Southern Uganda and into Rwanda and back to capital of Uganda. The prep was extensive where they had to get vaccinations, visas in



*Norman Garcia, Hayward Rotary Club  
member since 2015*

# Hayward Rotary Club Holiday Celebration

**Friday, December 15, 2017**  
Six o'clock p.m.

*Hayward Area Historical Society  
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward*

**The highlight Rotary Club function of the season**

Hosted bar begins at Six o'clock  
Dinner service begins at Seven o'clock

**Good Friends - Food and Drink - Holiday Cheer - Secret Santa**  
\$60 per person - Please RSVP at [HaywardRotary.org](http://HaywardRotary.org)

East Africa and spraying themselves with anti-bacterial repellent. They visited the Rotary Club Kavli Uganda and met with the Founder and President of the club and exchange flags. Their Club's mission is to give students scholarships.

They visited schools where they distributed school supplies donated by **Lucy Lopez**. They visited a Hospital where they distributed medical supplies donated by **Jean Luong**. They were able to buy health



insurance for 350 low income families for a year, with the funds raised by the Hayward Rotary club and friends of **Pam**.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**President A.T.** thanked Greeter **Anna May**, Red Badger fine collectors **Jean Luong** and **Vrushali Nanjundappa**, and note-taker **Norman Garcia**. He then adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

## CALL TO ORDER - NOV. 20, 2017

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**P**resident **A.T. Stephens** called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of "America the Beautiful" led by **Chuck Horner**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Anna May** who offered, *"Although Nature needs thousands or millions of years to create a new species, man needs only a few dozen years to destroy one."*

## INTRODUCTIONS

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**"Road Warrior" Matt Spielberg** introduced Visiting Rotarian Marion Sanchez of the F.U.N. Sunset Club, who graciously loaned us their Rotary Bell for this meeting, and Bob Tucknott from the Dublin Club. We also welcomed several guests:

- Raymond Trimbaw, guest of **Andy Krake**;
- Leo Pitts, Eldridge Neighborhood, guest of **Mark Salinas**;
- Laura Simpson, Local Business owner in Hayward who provides behavioral therapy for Children, guest of **Craig Judy**

**Chuck Horner** led the club in welcoming our visitors with a rousing rendition of our favorite song: "HELLO!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Demolition Derby fundraiser.** President **A.T.** started the meeting to report on the Good Guys and Hayward Firefighters' "Smash 4 Cash" Demolition Derby on November 11. **"Road Warrior" Matt Spielberg** and **Gena "Furiosa" Engelfried**, the only woman driver in the completion, were behind the wheel at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. **Brian Schott** captained the pit crew of the "Rocket Rapid". **Andy Krake** bought \$300 worth of tickets for the derby.

**Community Grants.** The deadline for Community Grant applications

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April Chan



Anna May





is due November 30th. **"Hacksaw" Rick Hansen** is chairing the process again this year. Guidelines and application are available at [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org).

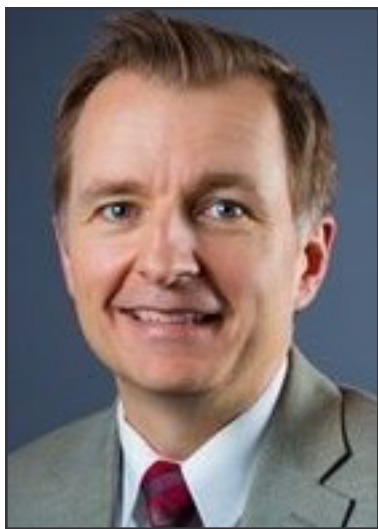
**Sorensdale Project.** Last week, we passed the basket for the Sorensdale shopping event and collected raised \$2,040 to match **Norman Garcia's** generous challenge of \$1,000. **President A.T.** thanked everyone who contributed. **Norman** presented the check for \$1000. **Pam Russo** added that we need volunteers for the Christmas Shopping & wrapping of gifts on Monday, December 4th at 2pm at Target Hayward. We will be shopping at Target and then heading to Sorensdale Recreation Center at 275 Goodwin St.

**Santa Con fundraiser for Hayward Animal Shelter.** **Anna May** announced the upcoming event scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. Hayward Rotary is sponsoring the event, the proceeds of which go towards adoptions at the Hayward Animal Shelter.

**Jingle Bell Shop.** **Michael Cobb** announced the Jingle Bell Shop fundraiser for At. Rose Hospital on Sunday, December 3rd. Also, The Nursing Leadership Group at St. Rose Hospital is heading up a "Sock Drive" for our community. They are collecting new, fresh, clean socks for two local agencies ~ Ruby's Place and Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency Shelters in Hayward. One or two nurses may come and address the Club with your permission.

**Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program.** **Jean Luong** is working with Union City and Fremont Toastmasters Clubs on this Inspirational and Table Topics Speech Contest. The date is Sunday, Dec 3rd from 5pm to 8pm at the Hillview Baptist Church, 904 H Street, Union City, CA 94587.

**Hayward Rotary Club Holiday Celebration.** **"Road Warrior" Matt Spielberg** announced that the annual Club holiday party is Friday,



Jason Carmichael, Hayward Rotary  
Club member since 2017

December 15th from 6pm to 10pm at the Hayward Historical Society. **April Chan** is coordinating the event with **Vrushali Nanjundappa** and **Ken Rowden**. Flyers were placed on the table. \$60 per guest. Please reserve online or see **Mona Diamantine** to pay by check or debit/credit swipe.

**Salvation Army.** **Chuck Horner** announced the need for volunteers for the next Salvation Army meal to homeless this coming Sunday, November 26th from 2pm-5:30pm at 308 A Street. This is an opportunity to serve those in need.

## **FINES AND FOOLISHNESS**

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**President A.T.** acknowledged that there were some confusion at our last meeting of November birthdays. He asked everyone to stand up whose birthday was in November. **Joel Thornley** was the only who stood up. **President A.T.** asked each person sitting at **Joel's** table to pay a fine for the pleasure of his company. Sitting at his table were **Dave Elkins, Pam Russo, Roger Power** and **Don Mai**.

**Pam Russo** was fined for going over the time limit she had to speak at our last meeting. **President A.T** asked past presidents in the room "what should the fine be?" **Pam** said she was only 5 minutes late as she ended at 1:27pm. Then **President A.T.** fined past presidents for drinking **Pam's** beer. "**The Road Warrior**" **Matt Spielberg** offered to pay the fines on behalf of all five past presidents in attendance.

Club anniversaries: **Chuck Horner**, 10 years; "**Hacksaw**" **Rick Hansen**, 3 years; **Charley Plummer** 41 years; and **Bob Sakai**, 34 years. A video was presented honoring **Bob Sakai's** for all involvement and the work he has done for the Hayward Rotary Club. Congratulations and than k you, **Bob!**

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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**Craig Judy** introduced our keynote speaker and fellow Club member,

**Jason Carmichael**, Director of Athletics at CSU East Bay.

Following an extensive national search, **Jason** was appointed as Director of Athletics at California State University, East Bay on January 30, 2017.

Serving as Director of Athletics at Western State Colorado University for the previous two years, **Jason** revitalized the Athletics program by enhancing communication and relationships across the institution, and elevating the status of the Athletics department.

With his experience and enthusiasm, his current challenge is to take the Athletics Department at CSU East Bay to new heights.

## ADJOURNMENT

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## NEXT MEETING - NOV. 27, 2017

Our next meeting will feature the Solar Suitcase Program at Hayward's Cal State University. This phenomenal environmental project will be presented by Drs. Erik Helgren and Karina Gabresi. Guests are welcome. Lunch is \$20 at the door.

## HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



NOV 27 - SOLAR SUITCASE

**Nov. 27 Dr. Erik Helgren & Dr. Karina Garbesi**

**Dec. 4 Janiene Langford - Heart of S.T.E.M.**

**Dec. 11 Kenny Altenburg - YMCA**

**Dec. 18 Mt. Eden High School Choir**

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### CLUB OFFICERS

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Sergeant at Arms.....Janiene Langford

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Janiene Langford	George Pacheco
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Robin Wilma	Norman Garcia

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR  
2017**