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Cheers!

*SantaCon 2017 raises thousands
for Hayward Animal Shelter*



GREETERS



Matt Spielberg



Anna May

CALL TO ORDER - NOV 27, 2017

President **A.T. Stephens** called the meeting to order. **Sara Lamnin** 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 the Four Way Test provided by **President A.T.**

INTRODUCTIONS

President A.T. made a plea for the return of the Rotary Bell. "**The Road Warrior**" **Matt Spielberg** introduced Visiting Rotarian Marion Sanchez from the F.U.N. Sunset Club; Bob Tucknott from the Dublin Club; Woody Shoemaker from Manhattan, Kansas club; and Sherry Higgs of Drivers for Survivors from the Niles Rotary Club. We also welcomed several guests:

Mark Salinas introduced his guest Leo Pitts; **Michael Cobb** introduced two "superstar" nurses from St. Rose Hospital, Joan Fosdick and Lindsay Arms; **Sara Lamnin** introduced her

intern Dasani Hawkins; **Barbara Halliday** introduced Lara Calvert from Spectrum Community Services; and **Vrushali Nanjundappa** introduced Louisa Minh from Oregon.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SantaCon fundraiser. **Anna May** announced that proceeds from the sixth annual SantaCon event Saturday, Dec. 2 will benefit the Hayward Animal Shelter. The Rotary-sponsored event begins at 5 p.m. at eko Coffee & Tea. More info at SantaConHayward.com

Community Grants. The deadline for Community Grant applications is due November 30th. **"Hacksaw" Rick Hansen** is chairing the process again this year. Guidelines and application are available at HaywardRotary.org.

Light Up the Season. **Kim Huggett** announced that the annual Light Up The Season celebration will be held in downtown Hayward at city hall on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The Rotary-sponsored event will include school bands and choirs, ice-skating, Santa Claus visits, and lighting of the Christmas tree in the City Hall rotunda at about 6:15 p.m. More info at Hayward.org.



*Kim Huggett, Hayward Rotary Club
member since 2010*

St. Rose Hospital Foundation "Jingle Bell Shop." **Michael Cobb** announced that the St. Rose Hospital's annual Jingle Bell Shop

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.



*Michael Cobb, Hayward Rotary Club
member since 2012*

will open at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Macy's Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$25 and available at 510-264-4007 or SRHFoundation@srhca.org

Drivers for Survivors. Guest Sherry Higgs announced that Drivers for Survivors will host its annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Newark Community Center, 35501 Cedar Blvd., Newark.

Sock Drive. **Michael Cobb** re-introduced his guests from St. Rose Hospital to talk about a sock drive with contributions to local shelters including Ruby's Place and BOSS.

Sorensdale Shopping Event for special needs adults. This beloved event is coming up on Monday, Dec. 4. **Norman Garcia** and **Pam Russo** are leading the charge for volunteer shoppers and wrappers.

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

- **Mark Salinas** paid a fine for spending the weekend at the movies.
- **President A.T.** paid guest Sherry Higgs' fine for her announcement about the Drivers for Survivors event.
- **President A.T.** fined several members for their November birthdays

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Introducing the presenter was Sgt at Arms **Janiene Langford**, program manager for STEM Education at Cal State East Bay.

The presenter was Erik Helgren, associate professor and chair, of the Department of Physics at California State University, East Bay, who spoke about the university's Solar Suitcase Project.

Working with Prof. Karina Garbesi, Cal State East Bay has developed the Solar Suitcase Project based around creation of stand-alone solar systems that are donated to energy poor systems around the world.

The program has multiple collaborators including the We Care Solar organization, schools in Hayward Unified School District's Hayward Promise Neighborhood, and funders including PG&E and the Hayward Rotary Club.



*Erik Helgren, Physics Dept. Chair,
CSU East Bay*

We Care Solar – www.WeCareSolar.org - was founded by Laura Stachel and husband Hal Aronson in 2009. The nonprofit program targets facilities in regions of Africa without reliable electricity. The "solar suitcases" provide highly efficient solar energy systems to power medical lighting, mobile communications and essential medical devices.

Prof. Helgren described the suitcases as creating "a miniature off-grid system that can run the lights in a medical facility all night long." It was originally developed to address power outages in medical facilities in African countries such as Tanzania and Nigeria. The role has now been expanded to serve students and educational institutions that need light at night for studies.

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

CSUEB students learn the technology and build the suitcases and perform outreach at HUSD schools such as Winton and Cesar Chavez. The Cal State students are in charge of building, testing, troubleshooting, and installing the solar systems.

The suitcases built at Cal State East Bay and in the schools are then sent overseas and installed by nonprofit partners. They provide power and light for children in energy-deficient schools, orphanages and refugee



centers in Uganda and Kenya.

More than 2,000 suitcases have been delivered to health centers and educational facilities in Africa since the program's inception. A fully deployed suitcase – including parts, labor and delivery to Africa – costs about \$2,000.

Last year 50 CSUEB students and 150 middle and high school students

from Hayward participated in the program, benefiting thousands of students in Africa. More than 250 HUSD students have experienced the program over the past three years and it has expanded to include participants at five additional California State University campuses.

ADJOURNMENT

President A.T. thanked Greeters **Anna May** and **"Road Warrior" Matt Spielberg**; Red Badge fine collectors **Lucy Lopez** and **Gena "Fury Road" Engelfried**; and note-taker **Kim Huggett**. He then adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - DEC. 4, 2017

President **A.T. Stephens** called the meeting to order by tinkling our backup bell. **Con Pendelton** led the pledge of allegiance. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Jean Luong**. *"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age."* - Sophia Loren

INTRODUCTIONS

Jean Luong introduced Visiting Rotarian Marion Sanchez of the F.U.N. Sunset Club. We also welcomed several guests:

- Abraham Mendoza, spouse of **Janiene Langford**;
- Dasari and Vandrung, High School interns from Impact Academy, guests of **Barbara Halliday**; and
- Ivy Chen and Lang Dun, guests of **Jean Luong**.

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GREETERS



Jean Luong



Gena Engelfried



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SantaCon fundraiser. Santa Hats Off to **Anna May** and **Janiene Langford** (assisted by hubby Abraham Mendoza) who managed to put together an amazing event last weekend that raised money for animal adoptions at Hayward Animal Shelter. This was the biggest SantaCon ever and the only such event to take place in the East Bay.

Four Way Test. A recent speech contest, hosted by **Jean Luong**, gave students a chance to include the FOUR WAY TEST in a speech. These students of hers are also engaged in work with Second Chance Shelter residents, doing

community work and putting service above self.

Mt. Eden Choir Special Event. Mayor **Barbara Halliday** announced that she will be hosting the Mt. Eden Choir fundraising event at her home again this year. All are welcome. Contact **Barbara** for more information.

Hayward Rotary Club Holiday Celebration. It was announced that there are literally 10 cases of Hayward's finest brew (donated by Buffalo Bill's) that must be imbibed at the Hayward Holiday party at the Hayward Historical Society on the 15th. If you haven't signed up, do so ASAP to save your spot or contact **Vrushali Nanjundappa, Ken Rowden** or **April Chan**.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringers. **Chuck Horner** was decked out in his best Dickensian garb to remind us that these are the Red Kettle days for the Salvation Army. He asked members to consider joining him at Safeway on Foothill Blvd. this weekend to ring the bell for a great cause.

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

2014 John Pappas award winner, **Bob Sakai** made a substantial donation to the Hayward Rotary Foundation Centennial Challenge, as thanks for

being honored. Thank you, **Bob**, for your kind and generous spirit!

Brian Schott tried to stir up controversy with a picture of **Mark Salinas** on Santa's lap and was fined for his trouble.

Robert Pimental, who has been married 31 years had a fine to pay, and also announced that he is already getting things started on the Omelet Brunch fundraiser (members who want to get involved should come and see **Robert**).

Gena "Fury Road" Engelfried paid to relinquish the key to the Rotary Wreckers Demolition Derby car.

According to **Pam Russo**, **George Pacheco** was seen with Draymond Green from the Warriors and had to pay a fine for the celebrity sighting.

Kenny Altenburg is also famous for being on KQED, discussion Net Neutrality. He was fined for his air time.

President A.T. Stephens and **Craig Judy** got stung for their club anniversaries.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Janiene Langford is program manager for STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) Education at CSU East Bay gave an inspiring talk, full of food for thought.

Through the Career Awareness and Preparation (CAP) Program, Janiene forges new relationships with business, government and civic leaders in an effort to create opportunities and mine for local talent. Janiene plans and coordinates a very big event that brings captains of Hayward Industry, students and educators together to open minds and create possibility.

The EAST BAY STEM CAREER AWARENESS DAY was presented as an event that helps make local students aware of local opportunities.

Janiene reminded us that it is possible for children to go from cradle to successful retirement without leaving Hayward.

Janiene went on to remind us that Hayward Rotary is the catalyst for much of the good that gets done her. She described how, as a newcomer to Hayward, the club helped to connect her quickly and effortlessly to the heart of local service. The list of member vocations gave us a good indication of the width and breadth of our club members' reach, in business, education and local government.

The impact of Rotary, according to **Janiene** is that it brings people together and propels service above self. She gave us a call to action, to become better connected with our community, to promote the good name of Hayward's educational institutions, and to become better acquainted and more knowledgeable about each other. This will help strengthen our club AND ensure that the heart of Hayward beats strong for the future.

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HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



DEC. 11 - KENNY ALTENBURG

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Dec. 18 Mt. Eden High School Choir

Dec. 25 NO MEETING - Christmas Day

Jan. 1 NO MEETING - New Year's Day

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Season's Greetings
from Hayward Rotary Club