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"THE ROAD WARRIOR"



SMASH FOR CASH

Saturday, November 11

Demolition Derby fundraiser at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. Hayward Rotary is the proud sponsor of the "Smash of Cash" demolition derby to raise funds for local charities.

The official Hayward Rotary Club car will be driven by **"The Road Warrior" Matt Spielberg** and the Hayward Rotary Club team. Event details and tickets are available at

www.haywardfirefighters.org

GREETERS



Vrushali Nanjundappa



Jean Luong

CALL TO ORDER

President **A.T. Stephens** called the meeting to order. **Matt "The Road Warrior" Spielberg** 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 **President A.T.** who offered the four-way test: *Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

INTRODUCTIONS

Jean Luong introduced Visiting Rotarians Marion Sanchez of the F.U.N. Sunset Club and Bob Tucknott from the Dublin Club. We also welcomed several guests:

- Guests of **Barbara Halliday**: A delegation of honored guests from sister city Funabashi, Japan led by Funabashi Mayor Toru Matsudo; and David Korth from City of Hayward.
- Guest of **Mark Salinas**: Neil Pitts, friend from Hayward's Eldridge neighborhood.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Grants. Applications are now being accepted through November 30, 2017. **"Hacksaw" Rick Hansen** is chairing the process again this year. Guidelines and application are available at www.haywardrotary.org.

Club Board Meeting. The Club Board of Directors meets at 5:30pm Thursday, November 9th at St. Rose Hospital Balch Pavilion. Dinner is \$18. New members dine free. This is a good opportunity for new club members to meet their blue badge requirements. Please RSVP to Club Secretary **Mona Diamantine**.

Dictionary Project. Literacy Project of distributing dictionaries for every third grade student in our local public and private schools is drawing to a happy conclusion. **Lucy Lopez** is our Dictionary Project Chair. **President A.T.** thanked all of those who were involved on this project. He also read out loud a card from a third grader at St Joachim School *"Thanks for the dictionaries. My mom loves it! And she wants me to pick and memorize two words each week like she did as kid. My Dad is not here right now, so he didn't give an opinion. He's in San Luis Obispo working at Cal Poly. Thanks for the dictionary I will use it a lot. Thanks Rotary Club!!!"*



Mark Salinas, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2012

Next, **Craig Judy** spoke about his experience distributing the dictionaries at Eldridge School with **Mark Salinas**, who attended Eldridge in third grade! They received a compilation of thank you notes from different school. **Mark** stood up and presented a video clip he recorded of third graders gleefully yelling...*"THANK YOU FOR THE DICTIONARIES HAYWARD ROTARY!"*

Demolition Derby "Smash for Cash" Fundraiser. Hayward Rotary Club is a proud sponsor of the "Smash for Cash" Hayward Firefighters Demolition Derby fundraiser coming up on Saturday, November 11 at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. Hayward Rotary Club is the proud owner of a genuine demolition derby car! The car will compete in the demolition derby, driven by our very

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.



Jean Luong, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2017

own Hayward Rotarians **Matt “The Road Warrior” Spielberg** and **Gena “Furiosa” Englefried**. Club members are encouraged to head out to the Smash for Cash fundraiser on November 11 to cheer on the Hayward Rotary team. Event details and tickets are available at www.haywardfirefighters.org.

VOCATIONAL TALK

Jean Luong joined our Hayward Rotary Club last September 11th. Since that time, she has been an enthusiastic greeter, donor of medical supplies to far off places, and an interest-motivated volunteer in our Club’s activities.

Jean is the youngest of seven siblings. At the age of 12, she fled Vietnam with her older sister and 44 other people. After risking their lives, braving the treacheries of pirates and the stormy weather of high seas, they survived 5 days and 4 nights at sea. They were saved by Malaysian fishermen. They spent 14 months in three different refugee camps with bare necessities and with nothing to eat.

When she finally arrived in America and re-united with our other siblings, **Jean** was determined to be the best person she can be, by taking care of her family and to help those unfortunate.

Jean graduated from UC Berkeley, with degree in Oncology, Pediatrics and currently working at Kaiser in Oakland for the past 17 years as an Oncology nurse in Pediatrics. Aside from her work with Kaiser, **Jean** is actively involved with Leadership of Vietnamese Advocational and Cultural in Hayward coaching, mentoring and supporting young kids. She’s grateful for being involved and thankful for her husband for his support.

Jean joined the Hayward Rotary club because she likes expanding her horizons and help the community. Service above self!

Jean's powerful speech moved all in attendance to a rousing standing ovation - the first standing ovation for a Vocational Talk in memory. Welcome to Hayward Rotary Club, **Jean!** We are proud and glad to know you.

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

Brian Schott was fined for yelling something about the bell ... **Ken Rawdon** was fined for distributing dictionaries and leaving to do another school on the same day ... **Brian Schott** offered to pay **Ken's** fine and threw in more greenbacks for his own club anniversary ... **Matt "The Road Warrior" Spielberg** was fined for wearing his racing car gear ready to drive the Hayward Rotary car at the Demolition Derby event at the Alameda Fairground in Pleasanton ... **Fire Chief Garrett Contreras** was fined for making himself scarce!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Japan's National Anthem was played before the introduction of our keynote speaker by **Mayor Barbara Halliday**.

Toru Matsudo is Mayor of Funabashi, Hayward's Sister City in Japan. Funabashi has been Hayward's sister city since 1950 after WWII. The City of Hayward has long fostered a warm and mutually rewarding relationship with city of Funabashi. **Mayor Halliday** shared stories from her visit to Funabashi last year, where visited a brewery, one of Funabashi's important industries. She also related the story of her visit to a factory where they produce flexible earthquake-resistant pipes for water mains. Hayward purchases these innovative watermain pipes



Barbara Halliday, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2015



The Funabashi delegation presented every Hayward Rotarian with a ceremonial friendship banner and a commemorative sister city pin.

from the factory in Funabashi and has installed them throughout Hayward's underground water distribution system..

Funabashi Mayor Toru Matsudo addressed the Rotary Club in his native Japanese with the assistance of his translator:

"It is with honor to have this meeting with you all today. I am glad to hear that this club is very active. We value and cheer our sister city friendship with Hayward. Since 1986 we also have had an active student exchange program with Hayward.

"I met with one of our exchange students who is currently at Moreau High School, and she reported how happy she is with the student exchange program and proud to represent Funabashi. I explained to her that we are proud of her,



Toru Matsudo, Mayor
Funabashi, Japan

and told her that through education she can achieve any of her dreams, perhaps even one day to be the Mayor of Funabashi. Many of the students have brought back to Japan good memories of their time in our sister city Hayward.

"Thank you for your generosity and graciousness in hosting us today for the Hayward Rotary Club luncheon. We are glad for the fellowship and friendship with you, our sister city friends."

President A.T. thanked Mayor Toru Matsudo and presented a commemorative book. *My Awesome Japan Adventure*, which will be
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donated to Hayward Public Library in his honor..

ADJOURNMENT

President A.T. thanked Greeters **Jean Luong** and **Vrushali Nanjundappa**, Red Badge fine collector **Jean Luong**, and note-taker **Norman Garcia**. He then adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m..

NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 13

Our very own **Pam Russo** is our keynote speaker on November 13. **Pam** recently traveled to the nation of Uganda to deliver medical supplies to the pediatric clinic in the village of Buhoma. Hayward Rotary Club members gave their time and money to help raise funds for the supplies. **Pam** will regale us with tales from her incredible adventure, titled: **“Welcome to the Jungle.”** Guests are welcome. Lunch is \$20 at the door.



Pam Russo exchanging gifts and smiles with Ugandan girls

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



NOV 13- PAM RUSSO

Nov. 13 Pam Russo - Welcome to the Jungle

Nov. 20 Jason Carmichael - CSUEB Athletics

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

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

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