

# Rotary Club of Hayward

# HIGH GEAR



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## THE GIFT OF LITERACY

Hayward 3rd graders leaf through brand-new color dictionaries given to them by Hayward Rotary Club. This is the 14th consecutive year in which every Hayward 3rd grader has received a free dictionary from Hayward Rotary Club – over 30,000 dictionaries and \$300,000 invested to help Hayward children achieve their literacy goals.

### Call To Order

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Larry Ratto** followed by the singing of “My Country Tis of Thee” led by **Douglas Den Hartog** and **Chuck Horner**.

The Thought for the Day was provided by **Brian Schott**: “Voting is a right best exercised by people who have taken time to learn about the issues.” –Tony Snow, former White House press secretary

### GREETERS



**Francisco  
Zermeno**



**Brian  
Schott**

### Introductions

- **Norman Garcia** introduced his guest Michelle Chan from Chabot College
- **Charley Plummer** introduced his guest, Alameda County Undersheriff Richard Lucia
- **Sid Hamadeh** introduced his guest, downtown Hayward Police Officer Aaron Runolfson
- **Sara Lamnin** introduced her guests, her new interns Norma Hernandez and Brianna Martinez
- **Stan Smith** introduced Mary Ann Haas from Quality Tutoring

Rotarians welcomed our guests with a great version of the “Hello” song.

### Special Recognition

President **Sean** congratulated the “Dictionary Dream Team” of group leaders, including **Linda Granger**, **Ken Meirovitz**, **Larry Ratto**, **Stan Smith**, **AT Stephens**, **Mark Salinas**, **Grace Kao**, **Kim Huggett**, **Maria Ochoa**, **Lucy Lopez** and **Kenny Altenburg**. **AT** and **Kenny** got a special shout-out for teaming up to do five classrooms at one school. The club has distributed 30,000 dictionaries to Hayward third graders over the past 14 years, amounting to an investment of \$300,000.



*Lucy Lopez, AT Stephens, Larry Ratto, Linda Granger, Sean Reinhart, Stan Smith, Kim Huggett, and Kenny Altenburg*

## Announcements

- Rotary Holiday Party. **Larry Ratto** announced the date of this annual celebration at Redwood Canyon Country Club (formerly Willow Park): Friday evening, December 2 starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$65. Look for an email with registration information coming soon. This event is also a toy drive; guests are asked to bring one new unwrapped toy for donation to kids in need at The Davis Street Family Resource Center.
- Omelet Brunch. **Rita Shue** announced that the annual Omelet Brunch fund raiser event will be held on Sunday, February 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Moreau High School. Proceeds will benefit the Dictionary Project.
- Red Kettle Campaign. **Chuck Horner** announced that the Salvation Army "Red Kettle" bell-ringer campaign will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at noon. It is a special event and all are encouraged all to attend.
- Topping Out Ceremony. **President Sean** invited Rotarians to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library topping out ceremony November 10 at 3:30 p.m., at the job site at Watkins and C Streets.
- Club Board meeting. **President Sean** reminded board members that the next board meeting is November 10 at 5:30 p.m., at the St. Rose Hospital Balch Pavilion. Please RSVP to Mona.
- Sorensdale Holiday Gift Project. **Norman Garcia** called for Rotarians to help shop and wrap gifts for this project on December 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Target Hayward. The gift party to spread holiday cheer to special needs adults will be at Sorensdale on December 20.
- Who Will Be Business Person of the Year? Hayward Chamber of Commerce President **Kim Huggett** announced that the winner will be named on November 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chamber mixer at the Hayward Area Historical Society. Also named will be the Police Officer, Firefighter and Educator of the Year. The awards will be officially presented at the February 4 annual gala at Cal State East Bay. Past recipients in attendance have included Rotarians **Bob Sakai, Robin Wilma, Brian Schott** and **Ken Meirovitz**. Also on hand was former Firefighter of the Year **Garrett Contreras** and former Police Officer of the Year **Aaron Runolfson**

## Hayward Rotary Club Holiday Celebration

Friday, December 2, 2016  
Six o'clock p.m.

*The Meadows Restaurant at Redwood Canyon  
17007 Redwood Road, Castro Valley*

**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 - and more...**  
\$65 per person - Please RSVP at [HaywardRotary.org](http://HaywardRotary.org)



## Fines and Foolishness

- **Don Mai**, for his birthday and to celebrate 34 years as a club member. (Don and wife Karin teamed up to cover two schools last week for the Dictionary Project). *Double header fine issued!*
- **Joel Thornley** recently celebrated a great, big birthday. *Energizer Bunny fine issued!*
- **Kenny Altenburg** showed his Millennial stripes with his recent birthday. *Whipper-snapper fine levied!*
- **Ron Peck** chipped in to celebrate for 39 years of marriage to wife Andrea. *Honey-do fine paid!*
- **Ed Bullock**, notched 40 years of marriage to wife Rosalie. *Ruby anniversary fine extracted!*
- **AT Stephens** celebrated a lucky 13 years of marriage to wife Joanne. *Lucky day fine issued*



Ron Peck

## Club Anniversaries



**Kim Huggett**  
Hayward Rotary  
Club Member  
since **2010**



**Ed Mullins**  
Hayward Rotary  
Club Member  
since **1992**



**Bob Sakai**  
Hayward Rotary  
Club Member  
since **1983**



**Brian Schott**  
Hayward Rotary  
Club Member  
since **1997**



**Chuck Horner**  
Hayward Rotary  
Club Member  
since **2007**

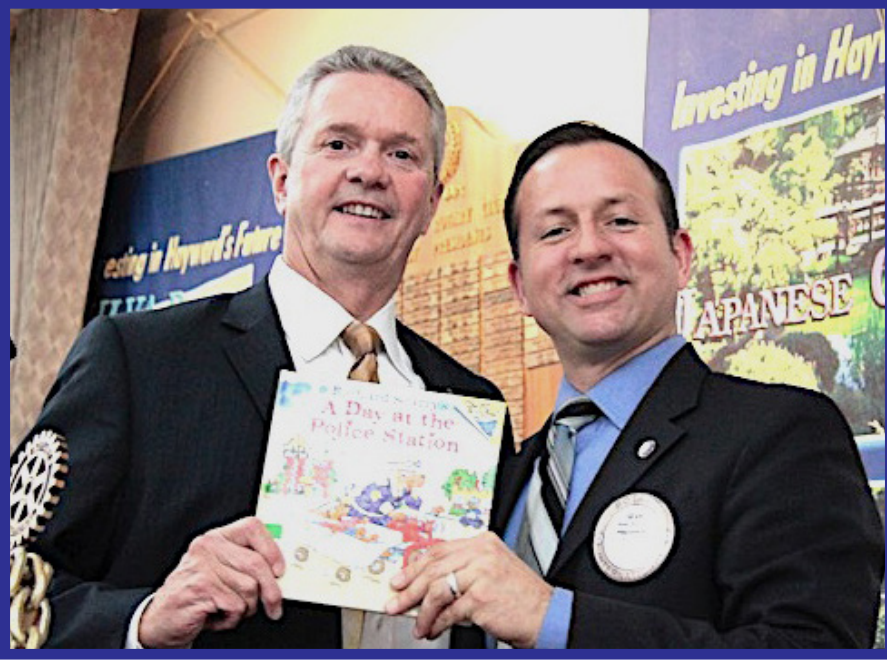


**Charley Plummer**  
Hayward Rotary  
Club Member  
since **1976**

## From Left Field

**President Sean** had this cautionary tale to share: *"I had a rough week. I learned that a road worker friend of mine had been stealing from the city for years. I didn't want to believe it, but when I went to his house, all the signs were there."*

## Keynote Speaker



*Sheriff Gregory T. Ahern and President Sean Reinhart*

Fire Chief **Garrett Contreras** introduced our keynote speaker, Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern. Sheriff Ahern began his talk by expressing appreciation for the opportunity to follow up on his visit to the Hayward Rotary Club in 2015. Sheriff Ahern has been the county's sheriff/coroner since he was elected in 2006. A graduate of Moreau Catholic High School and St. Mary's College, he has worn the sheriff's department badge since 1980.

Sheriff Ahern said he was concerned by publicity about the use of force by law enforcement nationwide, and asked Rotarians to consider that there are 18,000 law enforcement entities and 800,000 officers, and that incidents on use of force are statistically rare. He noted that budget cuts have cut community policing and special enforcement units that address gangs or drugs, and the result is a focus on enforcement actions.

"We'd like for officers to spend more time on building community relationships," he said.

A result of increased attention to use of force is the development of body worn cameras, which are activated anytime an officer hits the red lights on their patrol car, pulls a weapon or taser, or when in the proximity of another officer's camera. The flip side, he said, is that they can record children or citizens unrelated to law-breaking behavior and saving all this data on a computer server is costly.

Sheriff Ahern said that law enforcement's increasing use of body armor and "ballistic vehicles" is largely driven by the increasing firepower of criminals who have access to assault rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition. He said high tech weaponry such as guns with crimson traced laser sights and communications improvements in radios and computers help keep officers protected against criminals.

Drones, known officially as "unmanned aerial systems," have become more helpful, used recently to spot hot zones for large building fires in Emeryville and Berkeley, as well as to assist officers in hot pursuit of suspects, such as a recent chase in Fremont when two officers had been shot and the suspect was ditching four guns while being pursued.

Ultimately, Sheriff Ahern said, officers are responding to thousands of emergency calls a day and rarely get the recognition they deserve.

"When you have the opportunity," he told Rotarians, "thank our officers for doing a difficult job."

## Adjournment

Per Hayward Rotary tradition, **President Sean** presented Sheriff Ahern with a book that will be donated to the Hayward Children's Library in his honor, *Richard Scarry's Day at the Police Station*.

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## BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Hayward Rotary Club members at the 21st Century Library construction topping out ceremony present a \$100,000 gift to buy children's books for the new library. Front: AT Stephens, Gary Smith, Mark Salinas, Sid Hamadeh, Gay McDaniel, Francisco Zermelo, Craig Judy. Back: Club President Sean Reinhart, Debby De Angelis, Bob Sakai, Ken Meirovitz, Robin Wilma, Mayor Barbara Halliday, Foundation President Paul Martin.

### Call To Order

**President Sean Reinhart** called the meeting to order by acknowledging that it has been a contentious week since the election, and reminding members that Hayward Rotary Club is non-partisan and non-political. He then proclaimed that no matter your political affiliations, it is a great honor to live in the United States of America, which always has been and will continue to be the greatest nation on Earth. President Sean then led the Club in a heartfelt Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moving group rendition of the patriotic song, "America (My Country Tis of Thee)," led by the esteemed duo, **Douglas Den Hartog** and **Chuck Horner**.

**Kenny Altenburg** then shared the Thought for the Day, "If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."  
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Introductions

Bob Tucknott introduced our visiting Rotarians, beginning with Marion Sanchez from the Fremont, Union City, Newark (FUN) Rotary Club. And he was proud to introduce Electrical Contractor from the Dublin Club.... Bob Tucknott! Then our guests were introduced.

- **Marita Cheng** introduced her guest and husband, Francis Cheng
- **Janiene Langford** introduced visitor Marianne Halls, tutor from Berkeley.

Guests were welcomed, Hayward Rotary Club style, with a booming "HELLO!"

### GREETERS



**Kenny  
Altenburg**



**Bob  
Tucknott**

## Special Report - Rotary International Project



Hayward Rotarian **Rod Andazola** (second from left) participated in a Rotary International project with Cupertino Rotary Club to make improvements to a school for deaf and hearing-impaired children in San Miguel de Allende, México.

**President Sean** invited **Rod Andazola** to the podium to share his experience assisting with a Rotary International project in San Miguel de Allende, México. The project made improvements to a school for deaf and hearing-impaired students. **Rod** noted that in addition to providing the basics of education, the school also focuses on life learning skills to help these students lead independent lives. The project was a success as well as a moving experience. The project was spearheaded by Cupertino Rotary Club, with support from Hayward Rotary Club through our District Designated Funds (DDF). Photos of the project can be found here: [www.bit.ly/hayward-rotary](http://www.bit.ly/hayward-rotary)

## Announcements

- **Club Board Report.** **President Sean** reported on the recent Club Board meeting. The board voted to support the Sorensdale Recreation Center Holiday Shopping Event and the SantaCon fundraiser. There was discussion on outstanding dues and lunch. When members fall behind in settling their pre-paid lunch invoices, it creates cash flow issues for the Club, which pays an average \$700 each week for the luncheons. Members are asked to settle their invoices promptly. There was also some discussion on the issues related to Masonic Hall, including the cleanliness of the rear entrance and the dumpsters.
- **Club Photo.** **President Sean** reported that the proofs from the Club Photo are ready. Members will be sent a link to purchase the photos from Russell Foote Photography. There will also be an opportunity to order photos at a future club meeting.
- **Leadership Reception.** **President Sean** invited Club members to a special Friends of Hayward Library reception in honor of the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation donation to the City of Hayward 21st Century Library Project. The reception will be held at Hayward City Hall on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., followed by a City Council presentation of the gift.
- **Sorensdale Holiday Gift Event.** **Norman Garcia** announced that volunteers are needed on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 at 2:00pm to shop for the clients of the Sorensdale Center. President Sean called for volunteers to assist. Several Rotarians immediately volunteered. #ServiceAboveSelf
- **Rotary Holiday Dinner.** **Larry Ratto** circulated a sign up list for those attending the annual Holiday Event, which will be held on Friday, December, 2, 2016 at the Redwood Canyon Country Club (formerly Willow Park). It is important that club members RSVP, so a count can be submitted with the caterer.
- **SantaCon (Fundraiser for Hayward Animal Shelter).** **Anna May** announced the Fifth Annual SantaCon pub crawl and fundraiser, 5:30 p.m. on December 3, 2016. The funds raised help families to adopt dogs that are abandoned and living in the Hayward Shelter.

## Blue Badge Presentation

President Sean was pleased to present Fire Chief **Garrett Contreras** with his Blue Badge. **Garrett's** sponsor was none other than Sheriff Emeritus, **Charley Plummer**. Congratulations, **Garrett!**



**President Sean Reinhart, Fire Chief Garrett Contreras, and Sheriff Emeritus Charley Plummer**

## Vocational Talk

**Sam Falk** gave his vocational talk to the club. He is the youngest boy in the family and has always had a strong work ethic. He began working at a young age, with newspaper routes. While in high school, **Sam** began working as butcher and thus began his long career in the meat industry. While working he decided to pursue teaching, so he went to night school to get his credential. He taught for seven years until his wife got a job in California, which brought them out west. **Sam** began working on getting his real estate license, and then he met the owner of Minuteman Press, whose Hayward shop was set to close. **Sam** liked the idea of running his own business, so he considered that option and took a chance. He bought the Minuteman Press in Hayward three years ago and it continues to grow.

**Sam's** family includes his wife, Isabel, an educator in the South Bay. His children include a son in Kansas, working in the Pharmaceutical industry, a daughter in Nashville, working in marketing and his youngest son attending Bret Harte Middle School in Hayward.

Having completed all of his red badge requirements, **Sam** was presented with his Blue Badge. Joining him at the podium was **Tom Gratny**, his Rotary sponsor.



Tom Gratny, Sam Falk, and President Sean Reinhart

## Fines and Foolishness

- **Craig Judy** was recognized for his birthday and given huge Kudos for the outstanding job he has been doing at the Club Program Committee Chair. *Have-your-cake-and-eat-it-too fine issued!*
- **Marita Cheng** was recognized for her wedding anniversary with Francis, who was her guest at lunch today. Their secret for maintaining marital bliss? "See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil!" *Match-made-in-heaven fine levied!*
- **Valerie Caveglia** was welcomed back to club from her travels overseas. She and her husband, Jerry, also celebrated a wedding anniversary while they traveled. Congratulations, **Valerie** and Jerry! *Double whammy fine upheld!*
- **Freddye Davis**, was recognized for being a stalwart member of the Hayward Rotary Club for eight years. *Double-Olympiad fine issued!*

## Keynote Speaker

**Larry Ratto** introduced our keynote speaker **Linda Granger**. **Linda** is the Superintendent of the Eden Area Regional Occupational Program (ROP) in Hayward. Her keynote address was "Trends in Vocational Education."

Eden Area ROP provides career technical education programs in partnership with four school districts: Castro Valley Unified School District, Hayward Unified School District, San Leandro Unified School District and San Lorenzo Unified School District. There are two type of classes offered: on the high school campuses and at the ROP center in Hayward.

Courses are offered in Arts, Media & Entertainment; Building and Construction Trades, Education; Child Development and Family Services; Information and Communication Technologies; Manufacturing and Product Development; Marketing Sales and Service; Public Services; Transportation; Health Science and Medical Technology; Business and Finance; Hospital; Tourism and Recreation.

Key program highlights include the First Responders program offered in partnership with the Hayward Fire Department (HFD). This program provides students with an understanding of what is required to be a firefighter/EMT. Students develop skills at the HFD training facility working side-by-side with working firefighters.

The Eden ROP program prepares students for careers and further education as well as to instill workplace values that will enable them to compete successfully in the economy of today and the future.

In the Q&A session, **Garrett Contreras** stated that the contributions and positive impact **Linda Granger** has made on the students is a testament to her commitment to education. The community is lucky to have her.



Linda Granger

## Adjournment

Per Hayward Rotary tradition, **President Sean** presented **Linda** with a book that will be donated to the Hayward Children's Library in her honor, *Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do*.

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## **HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR**



November 28  
**JENNIE COMSTOCK**  
Hayward Animal Shelter

**Nov 21**      **No Meeting – THANKSGIVING WEEK**

**Nov 28**      Jennie Comstock – Hayward Animal Shelter

**Dec 5**      Kelly McAdoo – Hayward City Manager

**Dec 12**      Michael Cobb – St. Rose Hospital FACES for the Future

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