

HIGH GEAR



Looking up!

Hayward Rotary Club annually gives brand-new, full-color illustrated dictionaries to Hayward third graders. Studies show that children who have access to printed books at home achieve significantly higher literacy levels later in life. During the month of October, Rotarians are personally hand-delivering dictionaries to each and every third grade student in Hayward - over 2,000 students in 24 public, charter and private schools. Now in its 15th year, the Literacy Project has invested over \$300,000 and reached over 30,000 Hayward students.

GREETERS



April Chan



Jean Luong

CALL TO ORDER

President A.T. Stephens called the meeting to order by breaking the glass case containing the "emergency backup Rotary Bell!" He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of America led by **Chuck Horner**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **April Chan** who offered several quotations from Warren Buffet.

INTRODUCTIONS

Valerie Caveglia introduced Visiting Rotarian Marian Sanchez of the F.U.N. Sunset Club. We also welcomed several guests:

- Patra Nesseth-Steffes of Hayward Arts Council, guest of **Sean Reinhart**;
- Rita and Kathy Butler of Wilmington, Delaware, guests of **Barbara Halliday**;
- Ray Ortnor of Lone Tree Cemetery, guest of **Craig Judy**.

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.

Dictionary Project. The third grade dictionary distribution has been completed at 13 schools. **Lucy Lopez**, who is chairing the project, asked for volunteers to fill 11 remaining spots for schools that are scheduled in the coming week. She noted there are a few schools that have not yet responded to arrange distribution. She passed a flyer around to the group for sign-ups for the remaining scheduled distributions and said she would solicit volunteers at a later date for the schools that have not yet responded once they are scheduled. **President Stephens** recognized and thanked all who have volunteered so far or are scheduled to do so.

"We Love the Arts" Fundraiser. Guest Patra Nesseth-Steffes announced that Hayward Arts Council is holding a fundraiser, "We Love the Arts" on Friday, November 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Hayward's City Hall Rotunda.

Paying it Forward. **Stan Smith** thanked **Bob Sakai** for giving him tickets to Cal Berkeley football and basketball games and made a generous donation to Hayward Rotary Foundation in **Bob's** honor. Thanks, **Stan!**

Rotary International. **Pam Russo** noted that while traveling in Africa on a personal trip, she delivered over 70 pounds of medical supplies and equipment collected by our newest Hayward Rotarian, **Jean Luong** to a hospital in Uganda. She further noted that while in Uganda she was unable to attend a Rotary meeting but did meet with some Ugandan officials with whom she exchanged Rotary flags. She presented the Kabale, Uganda, club flag she received to **President Stephens**. She also gave **President Stephens** a small gavel that she noted doubles as a bottle opener along with a donation check from **Pam** to Rotary International. Thanks, **Pam!**

Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick-Off. **Chuck Horner** noted that Monday, November 6, is the Red Kettle kick-off for the Salvation Army. He noted that the organization has been experiencing some financial reversals and recently was forced to lay off an administrator who had been with the local organization for 30 years, and he asked members to consider donating as it is a worthy cause and receives help from the Club.

Club Project. The deadline for Club Project applications is Monday, October 30th. Send ideas and questions to **President Stephens**.

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

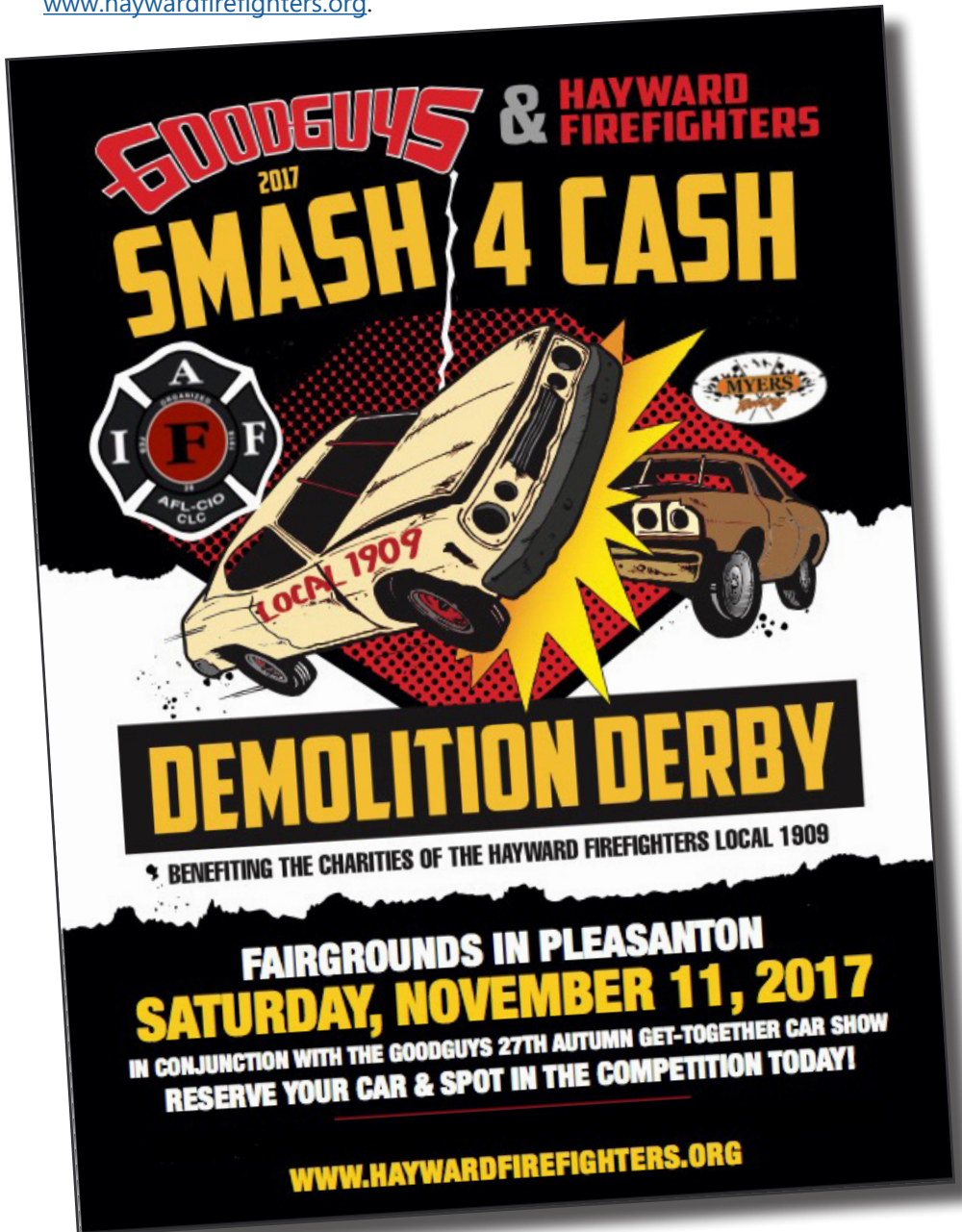
ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

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.

ABOUT HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB

We are Hayward's premier service club since 1922. We are currently over 90 members strong. Hayward Rotary Club members come from many diverse backgrounds and walks of life. We are united in giving back to our community. 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 attending our weekly meetings and visiting our Club website, www.haywardrotary.org.

derby car! The car will compete in the demolition derby, driven by our very own Hayward Rotarians **Brian Schott** and **Matt Spielberg**. 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.



GOODGUYS & HAYWARD FIREFIGHTERS
2017
SMASH 4 CASH

LOCAL 1909

DEMOLITION DERBY

BENEFITTING THE CHARITIES OF THE HAYWARD FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1909

FAIRGROUNDS IN PLEASANTON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOODGUYS 27TH AUTUMN GET-TOGETHER CAR SHOW
RESERVE YOUR CAR & SPOT IN THE COMPETITION TODAY!

WWW.HAYWARDFIREFIGHTERS.ORG

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

Craig Judy, Paul Wallace and **Ed Mullins** were fined for birthdays, and **Barbara Halliday** was fined for her September wedding anniversary. **Brian Schott** was fined for a story he told about the dictionary distribution; **Bob Sakai** was fined for the fact that that the Cal football team is not doing well this year. **Sam Falk** was fined for his recent long absence from Club meetings. **Dave Elkins** called out **Andy Krake** for being a Dodger fan in light of the team's advancement to the World Series, and Andy was fined accordingly.



Bob Sakai, Hayward Rotary Club member since 1983

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

President Stephens introduced Milly Seibel, Assistant Governor for Area 4 and a past president of Rotary Club of Livermore, who introduced keynote speaker Orrin Mahoney, Rotary District 5170 Governor. Assistant Governor Seibel noted that Area 4, which Hayward Rotary joined this year, is part of District 5170. District Governor Mahoney lives in Cupertino. He is a graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University and earned a Master's degree from Stanford University. Since retiring from a 35-year management career with Hewlett-Packard, he has devoted considerable time to community service, including serving as a former member of the Cupertino City Council, during which time he served two terms as Mayor. He is an active member and past president of the Rotary club of Cupertino.

District Governor Mahoney noted that his theme as District Governor this year is "Rotary: Building Lifelong Friendships while Making a Difference." He said his involvement with Rotary started with "six magic words: 'Have you ever thought about Rotary?' " He offered the good news that District 5170 had the highest membership gain of all clubs in the Western Region last year, but added the bad news is that the increase was only 55 new members on a base of 4,000. He added that Rotary membership in general is down and that only two other regions had any growth at all. Rotary is responding to this challenge, he said, by changing some rules regarding meetings and membership qualifications. He said the organization is allowing more flexibility in attendance policies and adding new types of meetings such as eClubs that meet online and Passport Clubs that meet only once a month but work on projects with other clubs. He said that membership qualifications have moved from limiting membership to business and professional leaders to opening membership up to anyone who has experience and a desire to do good work in their community.



María Ochoa, District Governor Orrin Mahoney, President-elect Sid Hamadeh, President A.T. Stephens.

He spoke about one of the four Rotary Objects, “Development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service,” noting that being in Rotary not only offers the opportunity to make lifelong friendships, but also offers opportunities to do things to help others that individuals do not often have, such as international trips to provide services or equipment that are not readily available in remote places. He quoted Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, who spoke at a Rotary International meeting and suggested that only an international organization like Rotary has the scope and scale to do big international projects.

Governor Mahoney described District 5170 as encompassing an area roughly bounded by Piedmont and Montclair to the north, Hollister to the south, Palo Alto to the east and the San Jose area to the west. He said the District strives to inspire and support its member Clubs through the use of tools, training programs and motivating events. He spoke about the importance of youth services such as the Interact clubs and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), a life-changing camp experience teaching leadership skills to young people. He also noted that a considerable amount of donations from local clubs to the Rotary Foundation come back to the local clubs through district-designated funds.

Governor Mahoney then recognized and presented awards to two new club Paul Harris Fellows: **President-elect Sid Hamadeh** and **María Ochoa**. He also recognized the following “Double Sustainers” who have made or pledged at least \$100 or more: **Past President Sean Reinhart, Secretary Mona Diamantine, Valerie Caveglia, Douglas Den Hartog, Dave Elkins,**

Linda Granger, Barbara Halliday, “Hacksaw” Rick Hansen, Chuck Horner, Craig Judy, Lucy Lopez, Hayward Rotary Club Foundation President Paul “The Godfather” Martin, Ed Mullins, George Pacheco, Laurel Quirk, Bill Quirk, Ken Rawdon, Bob Sakai, Bob Scheppler, President A.T. Stevens, Paul Wallace, Robin Wilma, Treasurer Gay McDaniel, Joel Thornley, Jean Luong, Lindsey Vien Polanco and Sara Lamnin.

In closing, Governor Mahoney noted that this year’s District Conference will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at San Jose State University’s Student Union. **President Stephens** thanked District Governor Mahoney and presented the book “Angel Island: Gateway to Cold Mountain” which will be donated to Hayward Public Library in his honor.

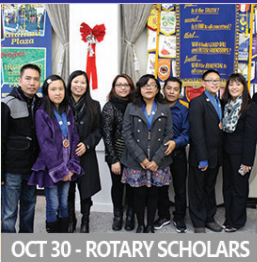
ADJOURNMENT

President Stephens thanked Greeters **April Chan** and **Jean Luong**, Red Badger fine collector **Lucy Lopez**, and note-taker **Barbara Halliday**. He then adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.


COMING UP NEXT MEETING - OCTOBER 30, 2017 @ 12:00 PM

Hayward Rotary Club proudly presents its signature youth recognition event, the annual **Hayward Rotary Scholar Awards** hosted by **Janiene Langford**. Our fourth annual recognition of the best and brightest Hayward students. These extraordinary students achieved perfect standardized test scores, perfect attendance, and perfect citizenship. Watch as we honor them for their incredible achievements. Guests are welcome. Lunch is \$20 at the door.

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



- Oct. 30** **Hayward Rotary Scholar Awards**
- Nov. 6** **To Be Announced**
- Nov. 13** **Jim Camponigro - Goodwill Industries**
- Nov. 20** **Jason Carmichael - CSUEB Athletics**

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Sergeant-at-Arms Janiene Langford sweeps up broken glass after **President A.T. Stephens** smashed open a case containing the "emergency backup Rotary Bell."