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Hayward Rotary Scholars



The Hayward Rotary Scholar awards, now in their fifth year, recognize students who demonstrate extraordinary skill and achievement in school. This prestigious award is only bestowed upon Hayward students who achieve the following rigorous criteria: perfect scores on their standardized tests, perfect attendance, and perfect citizenship at school for a full year. In 2017, five students achieved Hayward Rotary Scholar status. Top photo, front row: scholars Joel Almodovar, Nathan Lee, Carol Villalobos, Hadassan Reddy, and Alyannah Nadeen Mabana; back row: Superintendent Dr. Matt Wayne, teacher Dr. Paul Thomas, principal Leigh Woodmansee, and principal Brian White. Photo, bottom right: Rotary Scholar committee chair Janiene Langford introduces the five scholars.

CALL TO ORDER

President A.T. Stephens called the meeting to order by clinking a glass! There was no sign of the "emergency backup Rotary Bell," which was mysteriously absent. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of a patriotic song led by **Chuck Horner**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Lindsey Vien Polanco**.

INTRODUCTIONS

Janiene Langford introduced Visiting Rotarian Bob Tucknott from the Dublin Rotary Club. We also welcomed several guests, including: Bamery F., Jennifer G., and Dasani H., youth interns for **Sara Lamnin**; and Tivo Echeverria, owner of Hayward Car

Wash, guest of **Kim Huggett**. To welcome our visitors in true Hayward Rotary style, **Chuck Horner** led the club in 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.

Security Officers. **President Stephens** announced that **Lindsey Vien Polanco** has been named Security Officer for the Club's Youth Services Committee. Congratulations and thanks, **Lindsey!**

Dictionary Project. The third grade dictionary distribution is almost complete, with nearly 2,000 dictionaries distributed to twenty schools so far! **Lucy Lopez** called for volunteers to help with the last four remaining schools.

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. The full archive of historic back issues is housed at Hayward Public Library. Editor: Sean Reinhart. Photographer: Ed Avelar.

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.



Lindsey Vien Polanco, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2016

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 11th 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 own Hayward Rotarians **Brian Schott, Matt Spielberg, and Gena Engelfried!** 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.

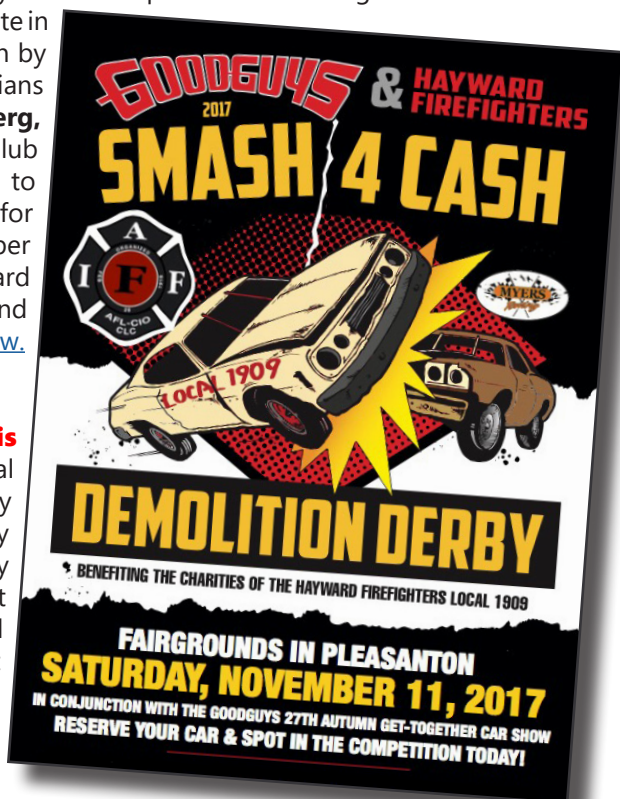
Club Holiday Party is December 15th. The annual Hayward Rotary Club Holiday Celebration Dinner and Party will take place on Friday evening, December 15th at the Hayward Area Historical Society. Contact event chairperson **April Chan** for details and to assist.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick-Off. **Chuck Horner** reminded Rotarians that Monday, November 6th, is the Red Kettle kick-off for the Salvation Army, and encouraged all to attend.

Club Project deadline passed. The deadline for Club Project applications passed on Monday, October 30th. Send any inquiries about the project to Hayward Rotary Foundation President, **Paul “The Godfather” Martin**.

SPECIAL AWARD CEREMONY: HAYWARD ROTARY SCHOLAR

The Hayward Rotary Scholar awards, now in their fifth year, recognize students who demonstrate extraordinary skill and achievement in school. Each year, students who achieve three criteria are given this prestigious award. The three criteria are:



1. Perfect scores on state standardized tests,
2. Perfect attendance at school for an entire school year, and
3. Excellent behavior and role modeling for peers at school.

Hayward Rotary Scholars are presented with commemorative medals and with custom banners bearing their names and achievements which are then hung from the rafters of their schools for all to see. Scholars also receive gift bags filled with prizes and gift cards.

Every child in Hayward has the potential to reach extraordinary achievements. The Hayward Rotary Scholar program honors students who distinguish themselves among their peers. Out of 22000 students in Hayward schools, five stellar students met all the criteria in 2016-17, and were named Hayward Rotary Scholars

Janiene Langford, chair of the Hayward Rotary Scholar Program, introduced Hayward Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Matt Wayne.

Dr. Wayne noted that in the new Common Core testing system, the students are required to provide not only multiple-choice answers like on previous standardized tests, but also short answer and essay responses. Also, the test is designed to increase in difficulty when the student answers questions correctly. This means that not only did the Rotary Scholars answer every test question correctly, but *they answered the most difficult set of questions the test can produce.*

Mayor Barbara Halliday hailed the student as role models to their friends, family and peers. Their outstanding efforts inspire their schools, the HUSD and our community at large. She thanked them for the dedication and fine academic work, and then called upon school principals to honor and share the achievements of each individual Hayward Rotary Scholar student.



Janiene Langford, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2015



Mayor Barbara Halliday, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2015



Dr. Matt Wayne, Hayward Superintendent of Schools



Hayward Rotary Club proudly presents...

HAYWARD ROTARY SCHOLARS 2017



*Carol Villalobos, 2017 Hayward
Rotary Scholar*

Alvaro Franco, Principal of Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, and English Teacher Dr. Paul Thomas spoke about the Rotary Scholar from their school:

Carol Villalobos MLK Middle School

Carol is a hard-working student who always puts her best effort in everything that she does. Born to Peruvian immigrants, Carol showed her intelligence at a very young age. At the age of three she learned how to read, and has loved book ever since. At Eldridge Elementary School, she impressed all of her teachers. Carol always set a good example to her peers. During her free time, Carol like to read, play the violin, and spend time with her family. She is also constantly improving her Spanish and gradually learning Quechua, her father's native language. Carol

says that she owes all of her accomplishments to her family, who loves and supports her no matter what, and being named a Rotary Scholar for her 8th grade year (she's now a 9th grader) would not have been possible without them. This is Carol's second year being named a Hayward Rotary Scholar!



Nathen Lee, 2017 Hayward Rotary Scholar

Alvaro Franco, Principal of Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, and English Teacher Dr. Paul Thomas spoke about another Rotary Scholar from their school:

Nathen Lee **MLK Middle School**

Nathen is a former MLK student who is now enrolled in Mt. Eden High School. He attended elementary school at Treeview, then went on to MLK middle school, where he achieved Hayward Rotary Scholar status during his 8th grade year. He has one younger brother who is 11 years old and attends Treeview. Some of the things Nathen enjoys are playing video games and playing

basketball. He played for the basketball team at MLK, and plans to play for the team at Mt. Eden High. His favorite subject in school is mathematics. Nathen says that the most difficult subject for him is English, because "I usually find myself searching for evidence." What is abundantly evident is that Nathen is a stellar student in every subject, having aced all of his standardized tests (including in English), achieved perfect attendance, and demonstrated outstanding student citizenship for a full year!



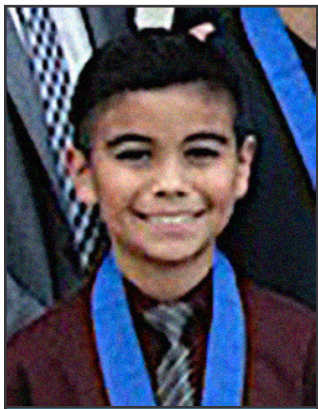
Hadassah Reddy, 2017 Hayward Rotary Scholar

Leigh Woodmansee, Principal of Lorin Eden Elementary School, spoke about the Rotary Scholar from her school:

Hadassah Reddy **Lorin Eden Elementary School**

There are many things about Hadassah that make her such an amazing student. To start, she arrives to school each and every day with a smile, ready and excited to learn. That stems from her very supportive family with whom she is close. Hadassah is kind, caring, and a friendly character who is a role model for her classmates. She is

respectful and polite to adults as well as her peers. Hadassah consistently does her personal best in all areas of school. She is highly self-motivated, creative, artistic, and insightful. She is a very observant student. She takes much of what she sees and hears and applies it in ways beyond her years. Hadassah achieved Hayward Rotary Scholar status as a 5th grader, and we are very proud of her!



Joel Almodovar, 2017 Hayward Rotary Scholar

Brian White, Principal of Southgate Elementary School, spoke about the Rotary Scholar from his school:

Joel Almodovar **Southgate Elementary School**

Joel is an intelligent student who always does his best. He is an English learner, and was reclassified as English proficient after only one year in school. Joel exceeds the standards every year on the CAASSP standardized test. In his 4th grade year, Joel demonstrated his extraordinary abilities and capacity to learn and grow by achieving Hayward Rotary Scholar status. His teachers describe him as an excellent student who is always respectful

and a leader among his peers. He is a valued member of Southgate family and we are all very proud of Joel's academic excellence!



Alyannah Nadeen Mabana, 2017 Hayward Rotary Scholar

Brian White, Principal of Southgate Elementary School, spoke about another Rotary Scholar from his school:

Alyannah Nadeen Mabana **Southgate Elementary School**

Alyannah is a kind and thoughtful student who excels in all areas. Her teachers say that she is an inspiration to her classmates. She brings a wealth of knowledge from her home life and shares it at school which enriches the other students in her class. Alyannah is inquisitive, artistic, and always has a positive attitude. She is a quiet leader and a shining example of scholarship for all of her classmates, and always has a smile on her face

and a readiness to learn. Alyannah has a bright future ahead of her, having achieved Rotary Scholar status as a 3rd grader. She makes Southgate shine!

In closing, **Janiene Langford** thanked the many generous sponsors of the 2017 Hayward Rotary Scholar Awards, which in addition to **Janiene** herself, include: **Dave Elkins, Sara Lamnin, Barbara Halliday, Ed Martins, Robin Wilma, Bill Quirk, Larry Ratto, Francisco Zermeño, Mark Salinas, Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District, Sid Hamadeh, Jasmir Singh, and AT Stephens.** Thank you, one and all for your kind and generous support for the fine young Hayward scholars!

ADJOURNMENT

President Stephens thanked our Rotary Scholars, their families, teachers and principals who attended the meeting. He also thanked our Greeter **Lindsey Vien Polanco** and High Gear scribe **Sean Reinhart.** Not having a Bell to ring, **President Stephens** clinked a glass to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING NOV. 6TH: MAYOR BARBARA HALLIDAY featuring Mayor Toru Matsudo from Hayward sister city Funabashi, Japan

Hayward Rotary Cub proudly welcomes our very own **Mayor Barbara Halliday** to the podium for a lively tribute to Hayward's sister city, Funabashi, Japan. We are honored to have a special guest join us for the occasion: Toru Matsudo, the Mayor of Funabashi! Join us for a special Hayward Rotary Club luncheon with a delegation of honored guests from Funabashi Japan, led by Mayor Matsudo and **Mayor Halliday.** Don't miss this incomparable opportunity to showcase Hayward's warmth and hospitality to our friends from our sister city across the Pacific. Guests are welcome. Lunch is \$20 at the door.

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



NOV 6 - HAYWARD SISTER CITY

- Nov. 6 Mayor Halliday & Mayor Matsudo**
- Nov. 13 Pam Russo - Welcome to the Jungle**
- Nov. 20 Jason Carmichael - CSUEB Athletics**
- Nov. 27 Dr. Erik Helgren & Dr. Karina Garbesi**

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