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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BELL?

REWARD - contact A.T. Stephens

CALL TO ORDER

President A.T. Stephens called the meeting to order with a reminder that this is Patriot's Day, commemorating the tragedy of 9-11 with a National Day of Service and Remembrance in memory of the patriots whose lives were lost.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Laurel Quirk** followed by a Patriotic Song: "America the Beautiful," led by **Chuck Horner**. The Thought for the Day was provided by **Kenny Altenburg**: *"America was not built on fear, it was built on courage, determination and an incredible determination to do the job at hand."* – Harry Truman

INTRODUCTIONS

Sergeant-at-Arms, **Janiene Langford** served as microphone host. **Kenny Altenburg** introduced Visiting Rotarians: **Bob Tucknott**, Dublin Club; and **Marion Sanchez** from Sunset Club. We also welcomed several guests:

- Mike Bascon from Marin County was introduced by **Andy Krake**
- Jade Milburn from Downtown Streets Team was introduced by **Sara Lamnin**
- Miela and Fabian were introduced by our keynote speaker, Marguaretta

President A.T. led the club in welcoming our visitors with a rousing rendition of our favorite song: "HELLO!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Child Spree recognitions. **President A.T.** recognized **Kenny Altenburg** for his organization of Child Spree this year. **Kenny** and his co-chair **Lindsey Vien** did an outstanding job coordinating the event.

GREETERS



Kenny Altenburg



Michael Cobb

Youth Security Officer. Kenny was awarded the title of Security Officer for his contribution to youth services. This included the conferring of a special pin demarcating the rank.

Where's the Bell? This question was left hanging in the air. The Bell was last seen during a photo op with Circus Vargas two weeks ago. **President A.T.** made a plea for the bell to be returned. Some Rotarians raised questions about ransom. The saga continues...

Club Project Proposals. Requests for sponsored proposals are due October 1. Proposals must be sponsored by a Hayward Rotary Club member in good standing. Guidelines were adopted by the Club and Foundation boards. See previous issues of High Gear for details and guidelines.

International service project. Pam Russo is leaving for Uganda and Rwanda to do community work with hospitals and schools, bringing duffel bags of supplies. She is requesting bed linens, towels, school supplies and medical supplies. Please bring supplies next week. A collection was taken and raised \$664 dollars to help the cause. **Pam's** fellow Hayward Rotarians wished her well with this amazing humanitarian venture.

Club Board meeting. Thursday 9/14, 5:30pm at St. Rose Hospital Balch Pavilion. RSVP to Mona Diamantine if you plan to attend. Dinner is \$18. Agenda will be issued in advance.



Pam Russo, Hayward Rotary Club member since 2005

Measure L Community Meeting. Thursday 9/14, 6:00pm at Mt. Eden High School, community forum regarding Measure L school bond construction projects. Some of the projects have begun construction while others have been deferred or delayed. Interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Downtown Streets Team golf tournament. Fundraising golf tourney will help support the good work of the Downtown Streets Team homeless employment program. Stay tuned for more information.



New member Jean Luong with sponsor Rod Andazola and President A.T. Stephens

NEW MEMBER SWEARING-IN

Hayward Rotary Club welcomed its newest member, **Jean Luong**, sponsored by **Rod Andazola**. She is a pediatric oncology nurse for Kaiser Hospital Oakland. **Jean** was first introduced to Rotary through her experience as a RYLA camp counselor. Welcome to the Club, **Jean**!

FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

Sara Lamnin made an impromptu announcement about the Hayward Volunteer Dinner on October 10... **Kim Huggett** was fined for his birthday... **Bill Quirk** was fined for his birthday which was covered by his wife **Laurel**... **Rita Shue** was called upon to explain her absences and pay a travel fine for her trip to Atlanta.... **Paul "The Godfather" Martin** volunteered that he was away on vacation and was fined accordingly.



Sergeant-at-Arms Janiene Langford (L) reacts to Paul "The Godfather" Martin's explanation of his vacation activities as Jean Luong (R) prepares to collect his fine.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – SHELBY SUGIERSKI

Our keynote speaker was Shelby Sugierski, Regional Manager for Youth Programs with Rising Sun Energy Center. Founded in 1994 as a renewable energy education center, Rising Sun Energy Center has since evolved into the leading green training, employment, and residential efficiency organization that it is today. Headquartered in Berkeley, Rising Sun has served communities in Northern California since 2000.

Ms. Sugierski gave an inspirational and informative talk about climate change and “green workforce training.” The program, Rising Sun, is dedicated to promoting environmental innovation and the cultivation of a green workforce. Founded in 1994 and moved to Berkeley in 2000 Rising Sun provides programs that train populations of adults who need employment but whom, for a variety of reasons have not been working. The individuals are mentored and guided through training into sustainable wage work in trades that serve the environment.



Shelby Sugierski

Their California Youth Energy Services program hires young people to provide a no cost energy and water efficiency service to any home that needs help becoming more energy efficient. They are funded by PG&E and several cities including Hayward. Young people as young as 15 work for a wage to gain job experience and inspiration to become an energy worker. The program provides summer work opportunities including “green house calls” conducting audits of energy and water efficiency in homes and providing light bulbs (LED) to extend environmental impact. The program has employed 2300 youth and made a huge impact on environmental waste and CO2 offsets, combatting climate change and helping the community thrive - hiring young people, providing training and upgrading homes. Multilingual youth make up a large part of the team with Spanish and five other languages represented on the Hayward Team.

Margarita Reya from Hayward (a graduate of Impact Academy and a freshman at UCSC) was an intern this year at Rising Sun. Ms. Reya took the podium and talked about how the experience of working for CYES impacted her perspective. She gave examples of how her work helped her to grow in confidence and assessment skills. The experience showed her the broad spectrum of diversity in our local community.

ADJOURNMENT

President A.T. offered thanks to High Gear recorder **Gena Engelfried** and greeters, **Kenny Altenburg** and **Mike Cobb**. He would have rang the official Rotary Bell at 1:30 p.m. to conclude the meeting, however since there was no bell he had to settle for a ringing silence.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 18

Our featured speaker will be Zoe Novic, San Francisco Grassroots Director for the international nonprofit organization The Humane League. She is a Bay Area native and received her BA from Brandeis University in 2013. She spent 2 years in West Java, Indonesia, where she worked as a Peace Corps Volunteer, teaching English at a local high school and working on community development projects. Zoe returned from Indonesia in 2016 and began working for The Humane League, named one of the most effective humane societies by Animal Charity Evaluators. **Join us on Monday, September 18 at noon for an unforgettable keynote luncheon experience. Guests are welcome. Lunch is \$20 at the door.**

HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



SEPT 18 - ZOE NOVIC

Sept. 18 The Humane League - Zoe Novic

Sept. 25 Chief Mark Koller - Hayward PD

Oct. 2 To be anounced

Oct. 9 No meeting - Columbus Day Holiday

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HELP I AM BEING HELD CAPTIVE

and no one ever seems to notice that
I'm gone i could not help it
i was at a Rotary event
having a good time with my friend
the Bell and then I got

HAMMERED

Im being held in a small dark box
please ransom me

Contribution to Literacy project would be good

WITH HOPE FOR A PROMPT RELEASE
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