

# Rotary Club of Hayward

# HIGH GEAR



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ROTARY CLUB of HAYWARD, CALIF.  
MEETING NOTES: JUNE 5, 2017

Greeters: **Joel Thornley & Phyllis Moroney**. Meeting called to order at 12:15 by **President Sean Reinhart**. Pledge of Allegiance by **Freddye Davis**. Song, "My country tis of thee" by **Douglas den Hartog** with **Chuck Horner** on the piano. Thought for the Day by **Joel Thornley**: "No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar" and "Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm." – Abraham Lincoln

#### INTRODUCTIONS

Visiting Rotarians were introduced by **Phyllis Moroney**: Bob Tucknott, Rotary Club of Dublin. We also welcomed several guests. **Douglas den Hartog & Chuck Horner** led the group in a rousing round of our favorite song, HELLO!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Andy Krake** announced the details of the Demotion Dinner and Roast honoring **President Sean** followed by the "promotion" of incoming president **AT Stephens**. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hayward Area Historical Society. Tickets are \$40.
- **President Sean** reported from the special board meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>: The board discussed Club Project proposals, and authorized the president to appoint a committee to review the proposals for eligibility and report back to the board.
- **President Sean** also announced the next regular board meeting will be the annual Joint Board Meeting of the current and incoming boards at 6:00 p.m. June 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Rose Hospital Balch Pavilion. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. for \$18; cocktails are complimentary.

## "went the distance"

President Sean Reinhart, with the help of friends and compatriots, retained possession of the Rotary Bell for one full year - a daring and difficult feat.



*President Sean Reinhart and his wife Michele Petherick guard the Rotary Bell in an undisclosed location. "You never know who's gonna come a-hunting for the Rotary Bell, which is why we have protection."*

- A memorial service for **Nels B. Nelson** will be held at 2:00 p.m. on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle, Pleasanton..

#### NEW MEMBER SWEARING-IN

**Lindsey Vien**, classification Education Services, was sworn in on a children’s dictionary, as is Hayward Rotary custom. **Lindsey** is education services manager for the city of Hayward. Her sponsor is **President Sean**. Welcome to the Club, **Lindsey**!



**Mark Salinas** helps swear-in new member **Lindsey Vien**

#### FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

**Special fines:** **Douglas den Hartog** membership chair, for missing about twelve Rotary meetings in a row. (He has been busy teaching at the Amador Valley High School on Mondays). **Douglas** also had a birthday on May 18<sup>th</sup>. **President Sean** called on Finemaster **Andy Krake** to weigh in, who suggested that **Linda Granger** match **Douglas’** fine for letting **Douglas** leave the Eden Area ROP and work at another school district. Somehow at the end of the debate, **Andy** wound up paying **Douglas’** fine!



**Douglas Den Hartog** displays his fine card – no holes!

**Anniversary fines:** **Bob Sakai** celebrated a wedding anniversary with Marge on April 27<sup>th</sup>. When asked how long he has been married he replied, “a long time,” but being a quick-thinking attorney, immediately followed by adding, “but not long enough”! He was asked the secret to a long marriage, his answer was, saying “Yes dear!” For this pearl of wisdom, **Bob** surrendered his entire fine card... **Dr. María**

**Ochoa** celebrated a club anniversary on May 16<sup>th</sup>. **President Sean** asked what made her come back to Hayward Rotary after a brief time away, and **María** replied that **Dr. Bob Carlson** used the Lucca Brazzi technique and gave her an ultimatum to join. **Bob** was subsequently thanked for bringing **María** back to the club, and both turned in their fine cards.

#### **Birthday fines:** Pam

**Russo** celebrated a birthday on May 9<sup>th</sup>. She did not have her fine card with her. She promised to bring it with her to the next meeting. (Let the record reflect!) ... **Freddye Davis** celebrated a birthday on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The club, sang Happy Birthday to her, led by **Douglas den Hartog**. **Freddye** offered her entire fine card for the cause.



**Freddye Davis** smiles during her birthday serenade

**Confession fine:** **Phyllis Moroney** confessed that she had recently been given a special award by the Kaiser Foundation. **Phyllis** is only the third recipient of this prestigious award and offered her entire fine card in honor of the same.

Things got nutty when **President Sean, Sergeant-at-Arms Janiene Langford, Dave Elkins** and **Matt Spielberg** joined forces to banter about veganism.... **President Sean** asked **Janiene** if she is a practicing vegan, to which she replied, “Why yes, I practice every day.” ... **President Sean** claimed that he doesn’t like to tell vegan jokes because “There’s no meat to them.” **Janiene** retorted, “At least vegan jokes aren’t cheesy.” ... To illustrate her point, **Janiene** asked, “What did the lettuce say to the celery?” **Dave** answered, “Quit stalking me!” ... She then asked **Matt**, “Why did the tofu cross the road?” to which he replied, “To prove he’s not chicken.” ... At this point the room began to fill up with a jumbled stew of giggles and chuckles with a few groans mixed in ... **President Sean** continued by asking **Janiene**, “What do vegan zombies eat?” to which she replied, “Grrrrraaaaiinnns” ... **President Sean** mercifully ended the routine by asking the whole room, “Why are cannibals so easily annoyed?” No one offered a guess, so he kindly provided the answer: “Because they are fed up with people.”



*Wendy Winsted displays "Prince Charming," a rescued turkey vulture, as President Sean looks on nervously*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: WENDY WINSTED "WOOLLY 'N WILD AT SULPHUR CREEK NATURE CENTER"

**Pam Russo**, past president of Rotary and current executive director of Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Foundation, was called to the podium to introduce the guest speaker of the day, but she first asked that the club give **President Sean** a round of applause for his presidency and for bringing cheer and fun to the club every week. **Pam** then introduced Wendy Winsted, Program Director and Recreation Coordinator at Sulphur Creek Nature Center in Hayward. Ms. Winsted started at Sulphur Creek as animal caretaker and now is the director of wildlife education.

Ms. Winsted presented a most interesting window into the everyday happenings at the Sulphur Creek nature center. She named the different animals and birds the center has in its care, and listed the quantities of groceries, dog food, and small fry (mice, rats and chicks) required to feed the army of bats, owls, raccoons and other varied animals daily. She emphasized the volunteer hours necessary to maintain upkeep and the special meal requirements of the some of

the creatures the center looks after. She even brought along with her a Turkey Vulture and a Townsend Big Eared Bat.

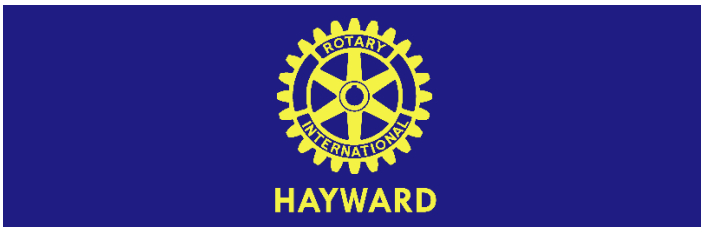
The Turkey Vulture has a broken wing and therefore cannot fly again. But because of this he makes a good aid in educating people who visit the nature center. He is befittingly named Prince Charming.

The center found out that they are one of the only places that have successfully reared a Townsend Big eared bat, as the bat does not survive or do well in captivity. Ms. Winsted attributed Sulphur Creek's success to the dedicated and excellent care staff and the fact that the bat came to the center when it was very young and therefore could acclimate itself to its life there without knowing what it was missing.

At the conclusion of Ms. Winsted's keynote address, **President Sean** presented her with a children's book, *Creek Finding - A True Story*, that will be donated to the Hayward children's library in honor of her keynote speech.

## ADJOURNMENT

**President Sean** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. by thanking High Gear Editor **Vrushali Nanjundappa** and greeters **Joel Thornley** and **Phyllis Moroney**. Next week's meeting will be presided by **President-elect AT Stephens** as **President Sean** will be in Atlanta to attend the Rotary International Convention.



## ROTARY CLUB of HAYWARD, CALIF. MEETING NOTES: JUNE 12, 2017

Meeting called to order by **President-elect AT Stephens**, filling in for **President Sean** who was in Atlanta to attend the Rotary International Convention. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Kenny Altenburg**. Patriotic Song: Led by **Douglas Den Hartog** with a little accompaniment by Ronnie Stewart and the Caravan of All Stars Band. The anonymous Thought for the Day was read by **Robin Wilma**, "I thought a thought. But the thought I thought wasn't the thought I thought I thought. If the thought I thought I thought had been the thought I thought, I wouldn't have thought so much."



*President Sean attends the Rotary international convention in Atlanta and asks, "Should I buy these Rotary khaki pants?"*

## INTRODUCTIONS

**Kim Huggett** introduced Bill Wentzel, the advertising representative for the Chamber of Commerce's Resource Guide and Directory.

**Douglas den Hartog** led the "Hello!" song which reminded **President-Elect Stephens** of a song from his childhood, which he offered to sing:

*Little Sir Echo, how do you do? Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello.  
Little Sir Echo, you're very blue. Hello. (And the Rotarians echoed) Hello. Hello. Hello.*

*Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello. Won't you come over and play?  
You're a nice little fellow, I know by your voice.  
But you're always so far away.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **President-elect AT** related some of the proceedings of the Joint Board Meeting on Thursday, June 8, especially the need to hold a special election to replace **Stan Dobbs** who is leaving the area. Local coffee maestro **Sid Hamedeh** has offered to stand for the position. **President-elect AT** asked for any additional nominations from the floor. There being none, **Sid's** name will be presented for a vote at the next meeting.
- **President-elect AT** noted the attendance of many of our Club at the memorial service for **Nels Nelson**, a long time Rotary member and Club President, school administrator, friend of the Hayward Area Historical Society, master gardener and much more. The Club observed a moment of silence for their colleague.
- **Mona Diamantine** read a letter from John Hunter, a co-founder of our local Rotary Foundation.
- **Andy Krake** reminded members to attend the Demotion Dinner for **Sean Reinhart** on Monday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Hayward Area Historical Society. Tickets are \$40 and all are encouraged to attend.

## FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

- **Rod Andazola** celebrated a birthday.
- **Kenny Altenburg** got "lassoed" and married to his fiancé, Sneha over Rodeo Weekend. Congrats, **Kenny!**
- **María Ochoa** gets credit for gathering notes and slides on Russell City for today's Hayward/Russell City Blues Festival, but fined for passing the introduction of Ronnie Stewart to the person standing in for the absent **Sean Reinhart**, who is attending the Rotary International Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
- **Ed Mullins** offered to pay the fine for **María** and surrendered his fine card for good measure.
- **Kim Huggett** was fined for making a shameless pitch for the Chamber Directory.
- **Linda Granger** missed her final board meeting to host the graduation of her daughter from high school. Her report of the controlled chaos was worthy of a fine.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RONNIE STEWART

**President-elect AT** introduced Ronnie Stewart by first showing slides commemorating Russell City's history as an



*Ronnie Stewart and the Caravan of All Stars*

early-20th century real estate alternative to living in a recovering San Francisco after the fire of 1906, the arrival of its residents of color, and the memories that remain of their lives. Of course, the blues was the essential soundtrack throughout much of their daily work and nightly entertainment. During his talk on this year's festival theme, Southern Style Blues, Ronnie Stewart and his All Star band played a variety of songs as examples of that genre including "You Ain't Nothing But a Hound Dog," sung by Big Mama Thornton at the Russell City Country Club.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**President-elect AT** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. He thanked the speaker and everyone for their participation.



ROTARY CLUB of HAYWARD, CALIF.  
MEETING NOTES: JUNE 19, 2017

Meeting called to order by **President-elect AT Stephens**. Mysteriously, there was no bell, and the meeting was called to order by tapping the side of a glass. **President Sean Reinhart** was seated at the head table in the keynote

speaker's place. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **President-elect AT**. Then **Chuck Horner** blew everyone's minds by rocking "My County 'Tis of Thee" on his electric guitar! The Thought for the Day was provided by **President Sean**: "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee." – John Donne



*President-elect AT Stephens*

## INTRODUCTIONS

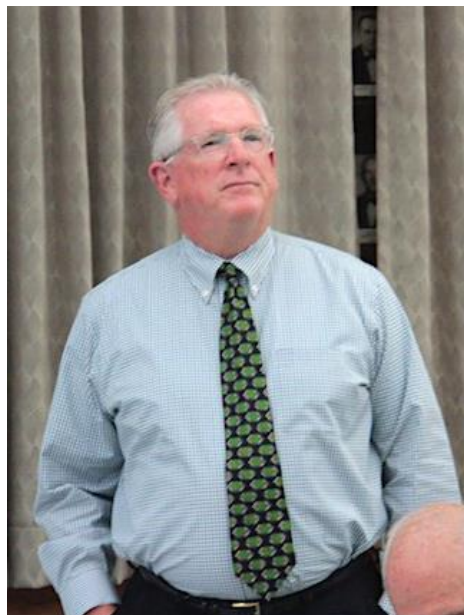
**Janiene Langford** introduced Visiting Rotarians: Bob Goetch from the Fremont Club, Marion Sanchez from the F.U.N. Sunset Club, and Bob Tucknott from the Dublin Club. There were several guests: **María Ochoa** introduced her guest Laurel Quirk, wife of Assemblyman **Bill Quirk**. Mayor **Barbara Halliday** introduced her guest, intern Jasmine. **President Sean** introduced his guest, Renee Rettig from the forthcoming Books on B book shop. Renee provided a brief report on the progress of tenant improvements to her new shop in preparation for the grand opening. To help welcome our guests in true Hayward Rotary Club style, **Chuck Horner** led us in a rousing round of "HELLO!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Andy Krake** reminded members to register for the Demotion Dinner and Roast honoring **President Sean** followed by the "promotion" of incoming president **AT Stephens**. The theme is "Cruel and Unusual PUNishment." Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hayward Area Historical Society. Tickets are \$40.
- **Chuck Horner** called for volunteers to help prepare and serve dinner at the Salvation Army this Sunday.

## FINES AND FOOLISHNESS

**Michael Mahoney** was spotted at the back table, and **President-elect AT** was quick to call him to account for his prestigious new gig as CEO of Eden Health District ... **Pre-**



*Michael Mahoney*

**elect nominee Sid Hamadeh** and **President Sean** were serenaded for their shared birthday on June 23<sup>rd</sup> ... **Andy Krake** reported that **John Hunter** had given **Andy** his fine card for safe keeping, with the understanding that it would be returned at the end of the year with every single hole punched. **Pres-**

**ident-elect AT** gladly obliged! **Dave Elkins** and **Andy Krake** noted that the Rotary Bell appeared to be absent from the meeting, but **President Sean** remained silent

(unusual behavior for him!) and mysteriously, no fine was levied.

## NEW MEMBER SWEARING-IN

**Aaron Ortiz**, classification Youth and Family, was sworn in on a children's dictionary, as is Hayward Rotary custom. **Aaron** is the executive director of La Familia Counseling Services. His sponsor is Councilman **Mark Salinas**. Welcome to the Club, **Aaron!**



*New member Aaron Ortiz*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PRESIDENT SEAN REINHART "ROTARY YEAR-IN-REVIEW"

**President-elect AT** introduced **President Sean Reinhart**, our fearless leader for his last meeting as president. **President Sean** delivered a presentation of the club's achievement of the past year, including:

- Thirteen new members and top five ranking in District 5170 for membership
- Impactful service projects like Child Spree, Dictionary Project, Sorensdale Gift Project, and Rotary Scholar
- Major gifts to Friends of Hayward Library, HARD Foundation, and Eden Area ROP to support charitable projects
- Successful fundraisers including the Champagne Omelet Brunch and Rodeo food and drink sales
- Dozens of Community Grants awarded to local nonprofits
- And many other community service activities.

All in all, a banner year for Hayward Rotary Club. But as **President Sean's** presentation drew to a close, several members in the room began to ask, "Where's the Rotary Bell?" President Sean gave no reply, and queued up a video slideshow of the Bell shown in various humorous locations. The video was set to the Rocky film anthem, "Eye of the Tiger" and featured the caption, "WENT THE DISTANCE". As the video ended, to everyone's surprise **President Sean** produced the Rotary Bell from under the table, chains and all, and triumphantly rang it to close out his year as president having successfully maintained possession of it for the entire year.

## ADJOURNMENT

**President Sean** adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

# HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB LEADERSHIP 2016-17

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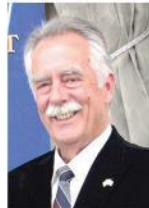
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## HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR



- JUN 26 PRESIDENT SEAN'S DEMOTION DINNER - 6:00 PM @ HAHS
- JULY 3 NO MEETING - INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
- JULY 10 PRESIDENT A.T. STEPHENS' FIRST MEETING
- AUG 19 BACK-TO-SCHOOL "CHILD SPREE" - 6:30AM @ JCPENNEY

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