

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

High Gear



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The Hayward Rotary Club
would like to wish everyone
a Very Happy New Year for 2009!



Don't miss the January 12th meeting
with **David Larwood**
his talk will be
"Climb Every Mountain"

He suffered from polio and
still realized his dream.



President **John Caldwell** wished everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR as he called the 25th meeting of our 87th year to order! *The Pledge of Allegiance* was led very enthusiastically by **Brian Schott**; then **George Famous** led us in *God Bless America*. **Marie Elena Rivera** presented a Thought for the Day: “If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person’s point of view and see things from that person’s angle as well as from your own” (Henry Ford).

WELCOME VISITING ROTARIANS! **Kevin McGary** was pleased to greet our frequent visitors Bob Tucknott, President of Dublin Rotary, and past Hayward member Steve Murtaugh, currently of the Oakland Sunrise Club.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS: Sean McGary, De LaSalle HS Senior, with proud father **Kevin McGary**; Dan Walters, Copper Harbor Company, and Nichole Rheems, Real Estate broker with **Heidi Finberg**, Terry Lee Allen, Sr., Project Manager, Bridge Builders, with **Ed Bullok**; Rick Beets, Senior Development Director, Be a Mentor, Inc., with **Bob Goetsch**; **Steve Rubiolo** introduced 2 former classmates from the third grade, Belton Fleisher who is a professor of economics at Ohio State University and Dr. Richard Crockett, retired doctor from Castro Valley. Both of their fathers were members of Hayward Rotary. **Ken Meirovitz** introduced two special guests: Past President Leo Parry and his wife Bertie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Jim Weider** invited us to attend the annual Hayward Chamber Gala. Contact him for tickets to this fun event to be held at Centennial Hall on January 25th. **Nels Nelson** has coordinated our involvement in the Bell Ringing project for the Salvation Army for 6 out of the last 16 years. Twenty-six members were recognized for participation this year. **Nels** announced that we brought in \$5,200 that suddenly became \$5,300 when **Larry Ratto** added a \$100 check.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS: **Pam Russo**, President 2011-2012; Secretary, **Mona Diamantine**; Interim Treasurer, **Patrick Early**; and Board members **Dennis Butler**, **Heidi Finberg**, **Tom Gratny** and **Brian Schott**. Board alternates are **Jim Hanson**, **Tina Martinez**, and **Mark Smetana**. Many thanks to **John Wilma** for coordinating this effort.

FUN WITH FINES

Kevin McGary was fined \$10 for his winter escape to the Bahamas with Tracey. **Dave Elkins** had a lot to confess (a birthday, an anniversary, and daughter Renee’s engagement) so he donated \$100 to the Foundation Dictionary Project. Birthdays noted were **George Pacheco**, **John Davini**, and **Bill Lichtman**—next Monday is his 88th! **Beth Ehrlich** celebrated her one year wedding anniversary with husband Ken.

VOCATIONAL TALK: Hayward Principal **Marie Elena Rivera** began her journey in Barstow, a small California desert town, jumped to Kuwait, and hopped back to California, finally landing right here in Hayward, the perfect town for her husband and herself. She shared her varied life experiences: Learning English by the third grade; meeting internationals while working in p.r. for Kuwait Airways; experiencing different worlds, cultures, and life styles. She tried teaching and found she loved the classes, the students and writing lesson plans.



Marie Elena Rivera

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After being sent back to the USA by the State Department, she returned to college, graduated from CSUEB and remarried. She loves the diversity and small town-within-a-city nature of Hayward. She has decided that it is now time to “give back” and that’s why she’s joining us in Hayward Rotary!

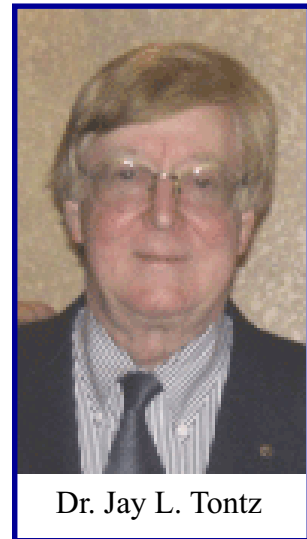


PROGRAM:

Chuck Horner introduced our very own economist, **Dr. Jay L. Tontz**. **Jay** was Dean of The College of Business and Economics for 30 years at CSUEB and is now Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus. He will be teaching at Diablo Valley Community College in San Ramon starting this month. This is the 33rd year that **Jay** has presented his locally famous talk: The U.S. Economy in (2009).

Jay opened with what an “Exciting Time” this is with a new president and team of advisors, a new party in power of both Houses of Congress and an agreement on the withdrawal and end to war in Iraq. He further highlighted the long-term strength of our economic system. **Jay’s** upbeat good news continues to focus on the incredible resilience of our economy and positive institutions we established after the Depression including the FDIC and the Council of Economic Advisors.

“It is an exciting time to be an economist,” says **Jay**, “because students actually want to know about economics!” The key is to recognize the strength and resilience of the US economy. He also quipped that “the party out of power always says that the party in power is doing a lousy job!”



“History is on our side. Recessions tend to push inflation lower. Downturns don’t last forever; it’s when people are most disheartened that rebounds begin,” stated Jay. “When jobless claims come down below 400,000 the recovery is starting. Claims fell last week from 586,000 to 492,000, the largest drop in 16 years.”

Jay’s forecast for 2009:

The economy will turn to positive growth in the second quarter

Real GNP	+ 1.5%	+1-.5%
Unemployment	6.8%	“
Inflation	2.5%	“
Interest Rates		
Long-term	-2.0%	“
Short-term	+1.07%	“

NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2009—David Larwood “Climb Every Mountain” A Rotarian family’s touching personal story of life beyond polio.

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

Jan 12

David Larwood - Climb every Mountain

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