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**Giving Back . . .
Tis the Season**



It may surprise you to learn that three-quarters of all Americans make financial contributions to charities and that charitable giving annually totals nearly a third of a trillion dollars. The spirit that fuels philanthropy is deeply embedded in our culture and continues to grow. It is seen on both national and international levels, as well as here locally in service clubs like the Hayward Rotary.

As the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation looks at further expanding contribution options to our Club members, we would like to provide you two unique opportunities to 'give back' which are available right now.

One such opportunity is through the ***Pension Protection Act*** which allows individuals aged 70 1/2 years or older /to make gifts from their IRAs to qualified charitable organizations without paying any federal income tax on the contribution. Gifts of this nature may total up to \$100,000 and ***must be made no later than December 31, 2007.***

Another option is considering a ***Corporate Matching Gift.*** Many companies have Foundations or programs that encourage corporate matching gifts with their employees. This concept is becoming more and more popular as corporations match their employees dollar-for-dollar in giving to non profit, charitable organizations.

Options such as these don't need to be limited to Rotarians. You may wish to encourage family members and associates in giving to charitable organizations such as the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation.

As the Holiday season and year end approach us, we hope you will take a moment to consider a donation to the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation. If you need any further information on these charitable giving opportunities, please contact Pam Russo or Jim Phillips.

Happy Holidays to you and yours,

The Hayward Rotary Club Foundation Board



President Ed called the meeting to order. **Pat Early** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Lee Tompkins** lead us in song, accompanied by **Anna Powers** on piano **Dave Elkins** gave the Thought of the Day. **Bob Tucknott** was our sole visiting Rotarian. Guests... **Bill Quirk** introduced Ross Dubarry, manager of the Hayward Air Terminal and **Anna May's** guest was Jack Simons, retired banker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New member, **Steve Bristow**, sponsored by **Charley Plummer**, was introduced to the club. Welcome Steve !

Volunteers who helped put up lights for "Light Up the Season" were **President Ed**, **George Pacheco**, son Karl, employee Mario, **Dennis Butler**, **Chuck Horner**, **Larry Ratto**, **Bob Sakai**, **Tommy Trampetti** and **Doug Vieira**. Santa Claus was our very own **Brian Schott**.

The Club's Holiday Party at the Bellevue Club was a huge success enjoyed by all. Party hostesses **Phyllis Moroney** and **Mona Diamantine** did the planning and arranging, **Dave and Leslie Elkins** kept us supplied with plenty of drink tickets, **Steve Rubiolo** did the registration, and **Becky Avelar** did the check-in and ensured the right bills got paid, Sponsoring the band and singer were **Mike Mahoney**, **Ken Meirovitz**, **Laura Swan**, **John Davini**, **Ken Ryken**, and **Bob Scheppler**. Big thanks go to **Donna Martins**, who through her membership at the Bellevue Club, allowed us to use the facility. **Brian Schott** and dance partner **Heidi Finberg** put us to shame with their dance steps.

Nels Nelson gave us an update on the Salvation Army annual bell ringing campaign on 12/19 and 12/21. Contact **Nels** if you can serve as a substitute since backups may be needed just in case. Exact locations will be announced at next week's meeting.

President Ed and **Anna May** informed us about the Wheelchair Foundation which supplies adults, teens and children with wheelchairs throughout the world. **Anna May** made a donation in honor of her customer, Jack Simons. Donations of \$75 will be matched to provide a chair for someone to increase their mobility.

Kenya Truck project still needs more support. **George Pacheco** said that we are still approximately \$6,900 short and we have around 2 weeks to fund the project. Contact **George Pacheco** as soon as possible to make your donation pledge and follow up with you check to the Hayward Rotary Foundation.

Pam Russo reminded us that the last day to bring unwrapped toys for the Salvation Army Toy Drive is next Monday's Rotary meeting on 12/10. Pam, speaking on behalf of the Rotary Club Foundation board of directors, reminded us about a tax law that is scheduled to expire this year that allows you to make a charitable donation directly from your IRA that may be more beneficial for your tax situation. Also the Club Foundation will be promoting a corporate donation matching program. More information on this to follow.

Our Rotary District 5170 still need team leaders for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program. This is a cultural and vocational exchange for business people and professionals from foreign countries. Knowledge of Rotary necessary but no foreign language requirement. Contact Roy Russell, GSE chair at 408-224-4600 or by email at russell3@pacific-water.com if interested.

The deadline for the discounted registration price at the RI Convention in Los Angeles (6/15-6/18/2008) is December 15. Go to www.rotary2008.com for more information.

George Famous announced that the non-profit organization Chime-In is having its 4th annual fundraiser at the Hayward City Hall Rotunda on 12/13 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm. This fundraiser is to support the music programs in the Hayward Schools. RSVP at hpssem@aol.com or call 510-538-6400. Tickets are \$250 each.



RECOGNITIONS

Tyla Edwards, Roger Power and Nels Nelson were recognized for their birthdays and **Nels** celebrated with a donation to the Kenya Truck project. Rotarians present to celebrate their Club anniversaries were **John Wilma** (27 years) and **Don Lazar** (15 years). Wedding anniversaries... **Charley & Norma Plummer** (59 years), **Jim & Kristy Hanson** (38 years) and **Dave & Leslie Elkins** (11 years). **Brian Schott** was nailed for a cell phone infraction. **Ed Bullok** was last Rotarian to arrive.

PROGRAM

Today we had three vocational talks from some of our new Rotarians.

Mary Caldwell, married to John Caldwell, is recently retired after over 25 years in education. Her area of specialization was with gifted children. Over time the programs for gifted children evolved from an elitist approach to bringing out the gifted talents in all students. One of her students crowning achievements was receiving an award for winning a NASA Endeavor space shuttle education competition. She is a past president for Castro Valley Rotary Club and a Past Assistant District Governor.

Rev. Chuck Horner provided some comic relief by fondly remembering his parents as resembling the All in the Family characters, Archie Bunker (his father) and Edith Bunker (his mother) with the rest of his family equally dysfunctional. His passion is with the ministry and in particular working with the minority community having been involved with setting up Spanish, Korean, Pilipino, Chinese and Vietnamese ministries. He is also interested in technology and has volunteered at the Hayward Adult School.

Tyla Edwards is a real estate agent and was born and grew up in the Hayward/Castro Valley area. She shared some warm and interesting memories of her family ranging from her grandparents running a chicken farm in Hayward to her grandmother running bootleg liquor to Alameda during Prohibition. Tyla also reminisced with us her recollections of attending the old Foothill High School in Hayward and when Foothill Blvd. was the place to shop. She also competed in local body building competitions, including the Hayward Zucchini Festival.



Tyla Edwards
Mary Caldwell
Chuck Horner
&
President
Ed Mullins

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- Dec 10 **Dr. Joel Kinnamon, new Chabot College Chancellor will speak about the future direction of Chabot-Los Positas Colleges.**
- Dec 17 **Mt Eden Choir**
- Dec 24 **No Meeting – Christmas Eve**
- Dec 31 **No Meeting - New Years Eve**
- Jan 7 **Jay Tontz with the 2008 Economic Forecast**

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