

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

# High Gear



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## *"Home For The Holidays"*

**At Stonebrae Country Club**  
 23 Stonebrae Country Club, Hayward, CA 94542

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Black Tie Optional • Dinner & Dancing**  
**\$75.00 each, including Wine at the Table**



**DINNER:**

**Charbroiled Salmon**

**Roast Bistro Fillet Medallions of Beef**

**Vegetarian upon request**

**LAST CALL!!!**

**COCKTAILS: 6:00 PM**  
**No Host Bar**  
**DINNER: 7:00 PM**  
**DANCING To 11:00 PM**



Music by  
**"The Standard Time Quartet"**



*Clip and Return*

**\$75.00** per person prepaid - Please make check payable to **Hayward Rotary Club**.

**Enter Quantity Below**

- Charbroiled Salmon**
- Roast Bistro Fillet Medallions of Beef**
- Vegetarian**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Qty of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$75.00** each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Please**  
**RSVP By**  
**Dec. 5th, 2009**

**Mail to:**

Steve Rubiolo  
 20519 Cambridge Ave.  
 Hayward, CA 94541



# Nels Nelson Celebrates his 90th Birthday



at the restaurant at Wente Winery in Livermore on Sunday



Photo of Nels at age 3



Donna & Nels Nelson

## Happy Birthday Nels!

Greeters – **Heidi Finberg** and **Paul Martin**. Call to Order – **President Elect Dave Elkins** (substituting for **President Rob Cook** who was trapped in Tahoe) – 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of 88<sup>th</sup> Year. Pledge to the Flag – **Rita Shue**. Patriotic Song – **Andy Krake** and **Chuck Horner** – My Country Tis of Thee. Thought for the Day – **Sean Rinehart**. “Perhaps no place in any country is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.” –Lady Bird Johnson. Intro of Visiting Rotarians – **Sean Rinehart**. Steve Murtaugh, retired, from the Oakland Sunrise Rotary Club. Bob Tucknott, an electrical contractor, from the Dublin Rotary Club. Intro of Guests: Darren Vanderddan, guest of **Bill Quirk**. Gerald Best, guest of **Freddye Davis**. Jennifer Koney, guest of **Rita Shue**. The Hello Greeting and Song was led by **Andy Krake** and **Chuck Horner**, with Enthusiasm.

### Announcements/Events

1-Mount Eden High School performed beautiful music for the “Light up the Season.” We look forward to welcoming them to Hayward Rotary in a few weeks. They will also perform on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the All-Saints Church.

2-San Leandro Rotary is hosting a crab feed on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

3-Rotary Youth Exchange – interviews begin on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Anyone interested in nominating a youth for this program should see **President Rob Cook**.

4-The Hayward Rotary Club Holiday Party is December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Stonebrae Country Club! Invitations have been mailed and will also be included in High Gear. You have only one more week to get in your reservations!

*Have you visited our Website lately? [www.haywardrotary.org](http://www.haywardrotary.org)*

5-The Uniendo American Fair will be held in Antigua, Guatemala on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 2nd, 2010. See **President Rob** if you are interested in attending.



6-April 15th 2010 is Let's Go Fishing. The time of the event is expected to be from 8am to 12:30 pm.

7-The Hayward Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Gala is January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, at CSU East Bay. Sheriff Emeritus **Charley Plummer** will be recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award. If anyone is interested in going, **Bill Quirk** has purchased a Rotary Table – please see **Bill**.

8-Tickets Fore Charity will be held April 12-18 at the Stonebrae Golf Course. **Andy Krake** reminded us that for every ticket that is purchased, 100% of the proceeds will come back to the Club. Notably, Jerry Rice will be chair of the event and will be playing as well. Tickets are \$20 a piece.

### Fines & Foolishness

**1-Bob Sakai** was fined for being a proud supporter of the Cal Bears. **Tom Gratny** brought in an article from the Sports Page with the title, "Huskies Deliver Blow to Cal Bears." **Bob** contributed \$10 for his losing team, which inspired **Joe Vilardi** and **Steve Worley** to confess to their support of the Bears. **Joe** and **Steve** also contributed \$10 each.

**2-Mike Mahoney** was fined because the Oregon Ducks will be going to the Rose Bowl. **Mike** tried to pass the Buck to **Pam Russo** and get her to pay a fine, alleging that her daughter once dated an Oregon Duck.

3-Continuing on the Football theme, **Dave Elkins** tried to fine Bob Tucknott for being a Raider fan.

**4-Brian Schott** volunteered to pay some fines for **Dave Elkin's** wedding anniversary because he said he was too cheap to buy him an anniversary present.

**5-Faye Blackman** commemorated her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with a \$100 donation to Rotary.

**6-Nicole Reams** confessed that her birthday was missed and paid a \$20 fine.

**Speaker** – Mendel Stewart – US Fish and Wildlife Service – "The National Wife Refuges of San Francisco and Monterey Bays"



- The National Wildlife Refuge System was started by President Teddy Roosevelt
- The South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project was started in the 1800's.
- In 2003, a major salt pond acquisition occurred for \$100MM. Cargill was the original owner of the salt ponds. Eden Landing, Ravenswood, and Alviso areas were created.
- The goals of the National Refuge are to 1) restore wetlands 2) create flood management and 3) bring back public recreation opportunities
- A goal in the Salt Pond Restoration project is the bring 50% back to tidal action. A longer term goal is the bring 90% to tidal action (tidal marsh) and have 10% in managed ponds.
- One of the biggest obstacles to this project has been flooding.
- The project was started in 2005 – the study done by the Corps of Engineers will be completed in 2014.
- An example of a successful project is the Island Project.

The next meeting will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> with Lyisha Johnson from the Chabot Space and Science Center. The following week, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Ken Rawdon and the Mt. Eden Choir will be here along with **Bob Sakai** who will give us the Community Grant Presentation.

***District website: (copy and paste this link into your web browser)***

**<http://www.rotary5170.org/news/09-10/09-12-OneChild-06.pdf>**



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# Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- December 14    **LYISHA JOHNSON** Chabot Space & Science Center
- December 21    **KEN RAWDON & Mt. Eden Choir & Rotary grants presentation**
- December 28    **DARK - HOLIDAY SEASON**

### Need to find or confirm a Location?

Visit the District 5170 Website @ <http://www.rotary5170.org>



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