

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

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Rotary Shares Investing in the Future

**RI and Gates Foundation Together
commit \$200,000,000 to eradicate polio**



Decades ago, polio outbreaks were a constant threat around the world. After the introduction of polio vaccines by Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin and a steadfast immunization effort, these outbreaks became part of history in most of the world. Yet many still live under the threat of polio, which is why Rotary and its global partners are committed to reaching every child with the vaccine and ending this disease worldwide.

Major gains have been made in the global fight against polio:

- In the 1980s, 1,000 children were infected by the disease every day in 125 countries. Today, polio cases have declined by 99 percent, with fewer than two thousand cases reported in 2006.
- Two billion children have been immunized, five million have been spared disability, and over 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.

The Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation a challenge grant of \$100 million, which Rotary will match, dollar for dollar, over three years. This is the largest single grant ever given to a volunteer service organization and represents a tremendous validation of the approach and success of our PolioPlus program. Our individual participation in this effort is crucial to making it a success.

As President Wilf writes,

“In 1985, we promised every child a world free from the threat of polio, and we are almost there. This funding agreement between Rotary and the Gates Foundation is a huge step forward, bringing us ever closer to our goal.

Success is our only option.”



Monday, December 17, 2007. **President Ed** called the meeting to order. **Rita Shue** led the pledge of allegiance. **Norma Rees** led us in America the Beautiful accompanied by our virtuoso pianist **Anna Powers**. **Carrie Alejandre** gave us the Thought for the Day. Our sole visiting Rotarian was **Bob Tucknott**. Guests... **Bill Quirk's** guest - Rick Hart, **Mike Mahoney's** guest - Vesta Moody, **Carrie Alejandre's** husband - Daniel and **Roy Hashimoto's** daughter - Ginger. Also dropping by was Betty Murdock and Gloria Maita.

Events/Announcements

Nels Nelson gave us an update on the Salvation Army annual bell ringing campaign on 12/19 and 12/21. Our location is Safeway on Foothill Blvd. If you cannot make your time slot, be sure to call Nels at (510) 537-4810 so he can contact an alternate. If you wish to make a donation, bring it to the kettle either day and the Rotary Club will get credit toward the Bell Ringing Award.

President Ed presented our lunch servers Gina Kuhn and Erick Talbot a Christmas present and on behalf of the club thanked them for all their hard work.

The "On to Reno" event is on Sunday and Monday, January 13-14, 2008. The price is \$285 and includes a roundtrip train ticket to Reno, hotel room in Reno and dinner on the return trip home. Rotary needs more participants. Please call **Rob Cook** at (510)352-2731 if you are interested or have any questions.



Erick Talbot & Gina Kuhn with President Ed Mullins

George Pacheco announced the funding gap of the Kenya Truck project is gradually closing. There are still some interested donors not yet deciding how much to contribute. Contact George with your 2007 tax deductible donation made payable to the Hayward Rotary Club Foundation.

We have enough volunteers for staffing the Salvation Army dinner for December. However, we will need people for January 27, 2008 (4th Sunday in January) from 4:30-7:30pm. Contact **Kathleen Kearney** at 510-415-2748 if you can volunteer.

Jack Smith is convalescing at the Mayo Clinic and welcomes cards. You can mail your cards to: Jack Smith; Charter House; 211 Second St., NW - Room 372; Rochester MN 55901.

We held our club elections and the results are as follows:

- President (2010-2011) **Dave Elkins**
- Secretary (2008-2009) **Becky Avelar**
- Treasurer (2008-2009) **Patrick Early**
- Directors (2008-2010) **Debby De Angelis, Mona Diamantine, Anna Powers, and Bob Senna.**

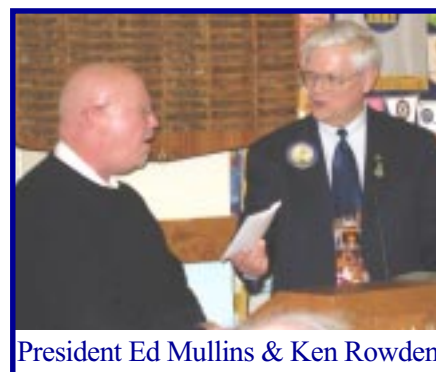
President Ed thanked **Joe Vilardi** and the Nominating Committee to their good work in selecting strong future leaders of our Club.



Program

The Mt. Eden Choir High School Choir, led by Ken Rowden sang to our club. The program included some traditional and non-traditional holiday music. This choir is truly remarkable. The choir has competed in many competitions in the past, including collegiate-level invitational competitions. The group recently won first prize at California's prestigious Golden State Choral Competition. The choir is holding their annual Winter Concert at All Saints Catholic Church this Wednesday (12/19). This may reach you too late, so watch out for next year's concert.

The club passed the basket to show our appreciation and support for this great choir and presented Ken Rowden with \$700.00 collected from members today. Ken was deeply moved and said that the money would go to good use and would go towards scholarships to help pay the way for choir members to go to the upcoming 16th annual spring tour on March 26-31, 2008 in the Los Angeles/Anaheim area.



President Ed Mullins & Ken Rowden

Recognitions

The club was then paid a visit by Santa Claus. Too bad **Brian Schott** had to leave early, he really missed something. If I didn't know better, it sure seemed that Santa had stolen some material from Brian Schott, though. Santa called up **Dave Elkins** (Birthday Boy today), **John Caldwell**, **Norma Rees**, **Ed Bullok**, **Mona Diamantine** and **George Pacheco** (New Year's birthday) to sit on his lap. **Mike Mahoney** and **John Davini** were called up to sit on Santa's lap together. Quote of the day from **John Davini** while sitting on Santa's lap - "I've never been on this end of a lap dance".

Santa had checked his "Naughty List" and picked up fines from **Carrie Alejandre**, **Dennis Butler**, **Rob Cook**, **Roy Hashimoto**, **Kathleen Kearney**, **Don Lazar**, **Don Mai**, **Lisa Rosenblum**, **Rita Shue**, **Jay Tontz**, **Doug Vierra**, visiting Rotarian Bob Tucknott. **Kevin McGary's** birthday fine was paid by **Ed Bullok**. Even **President Ed** got nicked by St. Nick. His "Nice List" must be really short this year.

We will be dark the next two weeks. **President Ed** said, "If you show up at the hall, we won't be here." The next meeting will be our own Jay Tontz presenting his 2008 economic forecast. Bring a guest as this is always an interesting program. **President Ed** wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

BECKY WILL HAVE A NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL TO ENTER HERE.



President Ed Mullins with *Santa*, joined by Dave Elkins and Mona Diamantine

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- Dec 24** **No Meeting – Christmas Eve**
- Dec 31** **No Meeting - New Years Eve**
- Jan 7** **Jay Tontz with the 2008 Economic Forecast**
- Jan 28** **Speech Contest**

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