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ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

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*Wishing Everyone*



*Happy Holidays  
&  
Happy New Year*



*See You in 2010*





Today's **Greeters** were **Ed Mullins** and **Tom Gratny**. **President Rob Cook** called the meeting to order, reminding us that it was the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of our 88<sup>th</sup> year! The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands. He wished us all **Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy Kwanzaa!** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by **Past President John Caldwell** – good to see you, **John!** **Andy Krake** and **Chuck Horner** led us in God Bless America. The Thought for the Day was given by **Don Mai**: *Music draws upon our emotions and thoughts and evokes physical sensations through memory and imagination.* - Rabbi Robert Freedman.

**President Rob** welcomed a most welcome holiday event: Ken Rawdon and the Mt. Eden Choir! The wonderful young singers gave us Winter Wonderland, the Wassail Song, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, O Tannenbaum, and many other favorites including their signature number – A Holly Jolly Christmas!

**President Rob** passed the baskets for the Choir, and took in almost \$800.! Conductor Ken Rawdon took the podium, and told us how much he appreciates us all and especially his great singers. He reminded us that we hear a lot about the bad, but please remember the GOOD too! (The Choir had a write-up in the *Oakland Tribune* - way to go, singers!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **President Rob** reminded us about Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 17 and 18, and asked those who have already rung the bell to stand. – over \$8000 has been raised!

He reminded us that the Hayward Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Gala will be on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at CSU East Bay. The event will recognize one of our own, Sheriff Emeritus **Charley Plummer**, who will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Rotary International Convention will be June 20-23, 2010, in Montreal, Canada.

**Past President John Caldwell** told us about a former Afghan exchange resident in the **Caldwell** home, who is now back in Afghanistan but has had a hard time with health issues and other things. She very much wants to return to the US with a scholarship to continue her education, and any Club member with any ideas, please contact **John**.

**President Rob** invited Nicky, Marie, and Betty, our lunch servers, to be recognized and thanked for all their cheerful service, and receive a Hayward Rotary Club holiday gift. The caterer-in-chief, **Bob**, took the podium to thank us all – and give his own check to the Hayward Rotary Foundation.

**President Rob** invited **Past President Bob Sakai** to the podium to announce the Club's Community Grants Program awards. The Board, urged by **Del Della Dora**, raised the awards total this year to \$30,000, in recognition of the increased need in the Hayward Community.

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**Bob** told us that the Board received many excellent proposals.

Be A Mentor, Inc, was awarded \$2500 for Mentoring Hayward's At-Risk Youth, and the award was received by Jerry Metzker and our own **Bob Goetsch**.



The Boy Scouts of America – Tres Ranchos District was awarded \$2000 for Scouting for Multicultural Markets, received by our own **Heidi Finberg**.

The Emergency Shelter Program, Inc., was awarded \$2000 for Subsidize the Subsidy, accepted by Ralph Johnson.

The Family Emergency Shelter Coalition was awarded \$3000 for the PEACH Curriculum, and accepted by our own **Cate Steane** (who will tell us more about the project when her laryngitis is gone).

The Hayward Education Foundation was awarded \$1000 for its Named Grants Project, accepted by Paul Hodges.

The Kids' Breakfast Club was awarded \$3000 for the Healthy Neighborhoods, Healthy Kids project, accepted by Mark Salinas.

Let's Go Fishing was awarded \$1000 for the Lake Chabot Special Kids Day, accepted by Taff Vidales.

Literacy Plus/Hayward Public Library was awarded \$2,500 for the Seconds 2 Read project, accepted by Cynthia Breeden-Johnson.

Scholarships Inc. was awarded \$2000 for Scholarship Awards, accepted by Heidi Louwaert.

The St. Rose Hospital Foundation was awarded \$3000 for the Higher Education Tour project on health careers, and was accepted by Cindy Cruz and Rene Macias.

The Salvation Army was awarded \$1,500 for Summer Camp Scholarships, accepted by our own **Kevin Hanson**.

The Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center was awarded \$3000 for the Pediatric Dental program, accepted by Jack Luomanen.

The YMCA of the East Bay – Eden Area Branch was awarded \$1000 for the Eden Area YMCA Day Camp, accepted by Jessica Mendoza.

Each person who accepted an award on behalf of his or her group told us about their special project, and how much it means, especially in these days when government resources are scarce, to be remembered by the Hayward Rotary Club so they can help so many families and children in need.

**Pam Russo** gave special thanks to **Bob Sakai** for his hard work in getting all this together.

**President Rob** wished us all a very happy holiday season, and reminded us that there will be **no meeting on December 28. See you January 4<sup>th</sup>!**

***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 28     **DARK - HOLIDAY SEASON**
- January 4         **Jay Tontz State of the Economy. Jay has been giving us this annual report and prediction since 1976**  
**2010**
- January 11        **Chris Andrews Director, Steinhart Aquarium, California Academy of Sciences**
- January 18        **DARK - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday**

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