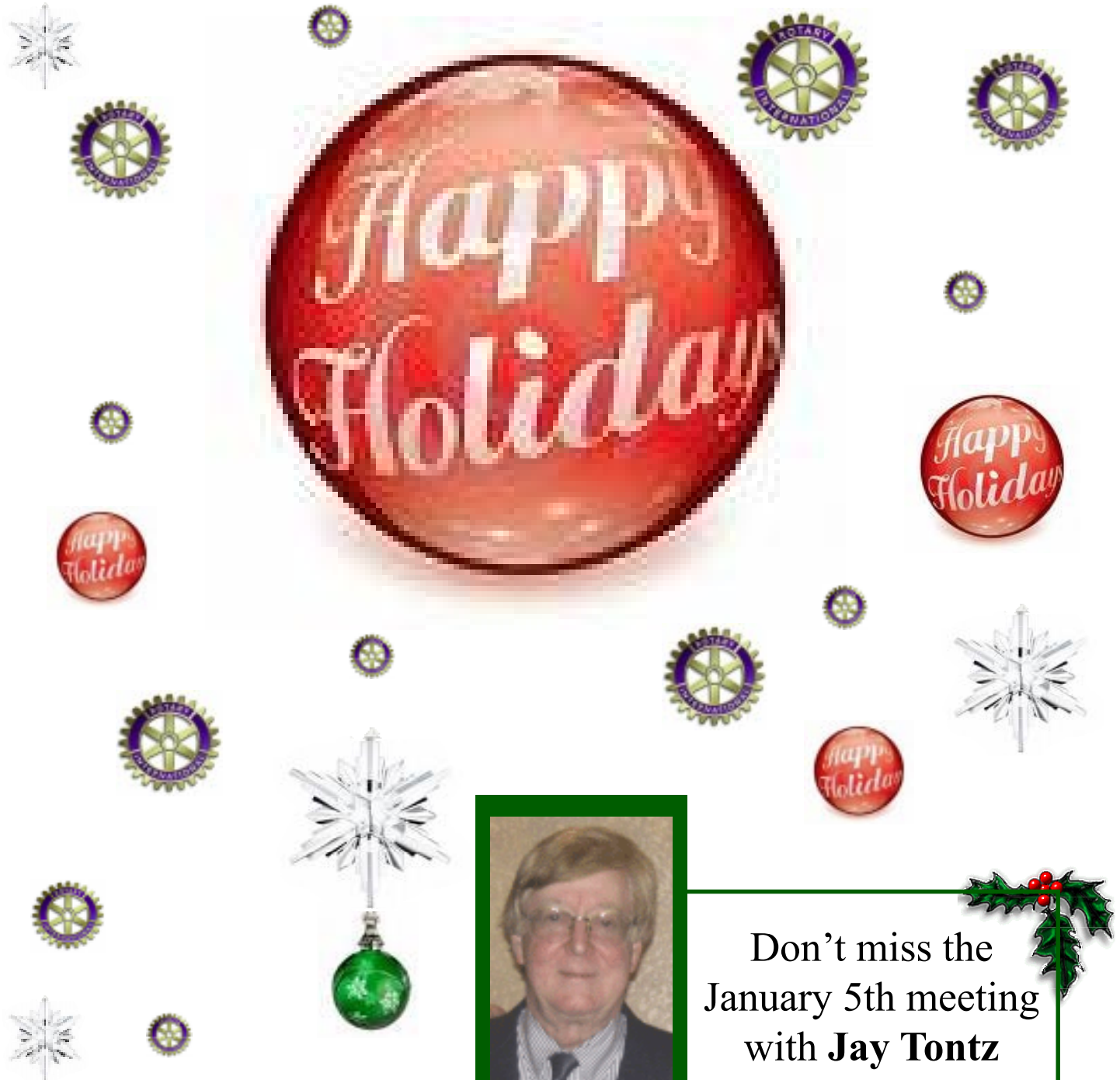


ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

High Gear

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Don't miss the
January 5th meeting
with **Jay Tontz**



President John Caldwell called the meeting to order, reminding us that it was the 24th meeting of our 87th year! The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by **Joel Garcia**. **Phyllis Moroney** led us in a juvenile song: Good Morning To You! Then **George Famous** led us in God Bless America.

Thought for the Day: **Maria Elena Rivera** gave us two: “Making New Year Resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self-assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle.” (Eric Zorn) and “Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.” (Oprah Winfrey). [Well, we got the Thought at the end of the meeting instead of the beginning, but here it is!]

George Pacheco called on us to raise a toast to the “**Mayor of B Street**” **Steve Rubiolo**, who has announced his retirement (though he will work out of home, by appointment).



Steve Rubiolo

Steve was recognized for his 55 years of service to the community of Hayward. **Rita Shue** read the certificate of appreciation, and we stood and toasted **Steve** with eggnog, brandy (the young guests couldn’t have any of that), and water or tea or whatever. **Congratulations Steve, and many, many thanks for all you have done and still do.**

Bill Roberts introduced **Bob Tucknott**, our Visiting Rotarian.

Guests of Rotarians: There were many guests today! **Mona Diamantine** introduced **Interact Club** members: Julie Curson, the club adviser; President Bill Quach, Vice President Manav Shah, and member Michael Warrenburg. (We heard from them later.) **Bob Scheppler** introduced **Leo and Roberta Perry** (always great to see you both). **Mary Caldwell** introduced the visiting student from Thailand, Ice (good to see you again!). **Rick Felson** introduced Rossana Giannecchini, Mohammad Salem, and Joshua Levine (an ecumenical moment!) **Gary Smith** introduced Katie and his son Colton. **Beth Ehrlich** introduced her husband, Ken Smith (welcome again!) (The members of the Mt. Eden Choir were also our guests at lunch.)

John Wilma reminded us that Club elections will be held the week of January 5.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: **President John** announced four proposed resolutions from Rotary International, and asked us to vote on each. 1. Creating a fifth avenue of service, for service to youth (carried). 2. RI not to take on another project like polio plus until that one is finished (carried, two Nos). 3. Public relations to be transferred from RI to the Club level (carried, but not by a lot). 4. RI to assist in the restoration of the Paul Harris home in Chicago as a historical monument (not carried). **President John** will e-mail information about these resolutions for later discussion, but we had been asked to take the vote today.



Chuck Horner asked for donations of computers for his church's project – they refurbish them and give them to those who need them.

April 17-19: District Celebration, Santa Clara Marriott Hotel
Rotarians at Work Day – April 25, 2009
May 21 District Assembly, San Jose Doubletree Hotel
June 21-24, Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, England.

PROGRAM: Today's program was the Mt. Eden High School Choir's Chamber Singers, who for the fourth year performed for us a program of songs for the season. Director Ken Rawdon told us that in 1979, when he was in Tehran with the Up With People group, they performed – just shortly before the Shah was deposed! He told us how music can transform the lives of young people. The choir also participated with the Oakland Symphony and others at the Paramount Theater last week, a great experience for all. (Club members donated \$258.00 to the Choir.)

President John invited **Gary Smith** to the platform, to award a **Paul Harris** fellowship to his son, **Colton**. **Gary** has made multiple Paul Harris awards, and received a five-star sapphire pin – much deserved!

Mona Diamantine told us about the outstanding **Interact Club** at James Logan High School, and introduced **Bill Quach**, the president, who told us about their projects. Their international project is Hydrate, raising money for water filter systems in parts of the world where clean water is hard to come by. To raise funds for the project, the Club made and sold jewelry. The Club also made cards for the Children's Hospital, conducted a canned food drive, and many other local projects for Union City and Hayward. Club members are valuable volunteers at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo. (What a pleasure to meet these young people and learn about their projects!)

President John invited the cooks and servers to come up to receive their Christmas gifts from the Club (many thanks and Happy Holidays!).

President John reminded us that there will be no meeting on December 29, but on January 5, 2009 the speaker will be **Jay Tontz**, who addresses us every year at this time. So come back in two weeks for a great program, good food, great fellowship, and – Let's Have Fun! Meeting adjourned.

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- Dec 29** **No meeting**
- Jan 5** **Jay Tontz - State of the Economy**
- Jan 12** **David Larwood - Climb every Mountain**

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