

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

High Gear



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The Hayward Rotary Club Cordially invites you to the
**Outstanding Hayward
 Rotarian of the Year
 Awards Luncheon**

Monday, April 21, 2008
\$25.00 per Person



Purchase Tickets Early
 Reserved & Limited Seating
Regular Club Meeting Time
Spouses and Guests Welcomed

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Yes, I (we) will be at the Outstanding Rotarian of the Year Luncheon!

**Return
 RSVP
 Card by:
 April
 15th**

Name _____
 Guest Name(s) _____
 Number of Tickets _____ @ \$25.00 each = Total Enclosed _____
 Payment by _____ Check _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____
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 Signature _____



Mail to: Steve Rubiolo
 20519 Cambridge Ave,
 Hayward, CA 94541
Outstanding Rotarian

**Please make checks
 payable to:**
 Hayward Rotary Club



Monday, April 7, 2008: President Mullins called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM with a full house. **Bob Scheppler** led us in the Pledge; and **Steve Murtaugh** led us in *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *Hello*, accompanied by **Anna Powers** on piano. **Steve Bristow** gave the Thought for the Day, giving tribute to the dancing talents of our very own **Nels Nelson**: When asked, Mikhail Baryshnikov said, "I dance to better myself", while **Nels** replied, "I dance for the pleasure of the women in Rotary".

Jim Wieder introduced our visiting Rotarians: **Bob Goetsch** of Fremont, **Bob Tucknott** of Dublin, and **Harry McMillan** of Hayward/San Lorenzo. We welcomed guests Greg Jones, Hayward City Manager, with **Bill Quirk**, and L. Darryl Gray, Alameda County Assistant Planning Director, with **Ed Bullok**. See the program highlights for the names of the many distinguished guests representing the great community service programs we are honoring today.

New Member Induction: We are pleased to welcome **Dale Vigil**, Superintendent of Hayward Unified School District, into membership today. **Dale** is sponsored by **John Caldwell**. **President Mullins** announced we have inducted a new member each month this Rotary year.



Dale Vigil with John Caldwell

Proposal for Membership: The following person has been proposed for membership to the Hayward Rotary Club. Objections must be made in writing to the Club Secretary within 10 days of this publication. **Greg Jones** - Classification, City Manager - proposed for membership by **Bill Quirk**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS: **President Mullins** announced the upcoming **Board Meeting** this Thursday, April 10, at the HARD Office, 5:30 PM social/6:00 PM business meeting begins. Inform our Club Secretary, **Becky Avelar**, if you are interested in attending – especially you Red Badgers looking to fulfill one of your Blue Badge requirements. There will also be a short Board Meeting directly after today's meeting.

Steve Kautz gave an update on the **District Conference** – beginning this Friday, April 11 – 13. Only on-site registration is being accepted now, and all meals and events (except Friday lunch) are sold out; forums are open to all. It's sure to be a good event! **Tom Gratny** urges us to volunteer for **Let's Go Fishing**, on Thursday, May 15, 7:30 AM, Lake Chabot Park. This is one of the great community programs our Club contributes to, and it benefits roughly 250 handicapped children who otherwise may not have the experience of catching their own fish. Look for the sign-up sheet next week.

Alex "Bubbles" Budde gave a final appeal for advertisements in the **Rowell Ranch Rodeo Program**. This is the Club's primary source of funds for our Community Grants program. We are down \$3,000.00 from last year, and have been given an extension on the printing deadline – so PLEASE contact **Alex** with your ad and/or contribution today. **Mary Caldwell** reminded us that we will have a Rotary information booth at the **Hayward Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Community Showcase** this Wednesday, April 9, 3:00-7:00 PM, Centennial Hall – info and tickets (\$10.00) were available at the meeting – great networking opportunity. **Jim Wieder** reminded us of the **Hayward Economic Summit 2008**, Thursday, April 10, 8:00-11:00 AM, CSU East Bay, with guest speaker Joe Montana – tickets still available.

Ken Meirovitz prompted us to get our RSVP's to **Steve Rubiolo** this week for our annual **Hayward Rotarian of the Year Award Luncheon**, Monday, April 21 (regular meeting place). Ticket price is \$25 – bring a guest to help us celebrate our Club's highest honor.

FINES & FOOLISHNESS: **Tom Gratny**, **Wayne Wright**, and **Nancy Eaton** celebrated their birthdays with \$10 each. **Debby De Angelis** (3 + 3 years) and **Ed Bullok** (15 years) observed their Club anniversaries with \$10 each. **Anna May** and **Joe Abreu** shared the pleasure of being Last in the Door two weeks running, for \$10 each. After today's Program, **Charley Plummer** got us into swing again giving \$20 to Let's Go Fishing, then everyone got in the spirit of giving as we passed the baskets and collected another \$478.30. One of our distinguished guests said she would pay \$10 if we sang the *Whiffenpoof Song*, and **Larry Ratto** paid \$20 for us not to sing it.

Confessions ensued, as **Rob Cook** gave the rest of his fine card for missed meetings, **Chuck Horner** paid \$20 for two recent Chairman posts, **Charley Plummer** paid \$20 for Measure I for public schools (not a political endorsement), and **Andy Krate** paid \$150.30 for an inspiring event he attended recently. **Phyllis Moroney** had a confession on **President Mullins**, but wouldn't divulge the details saying, "It's so bad, it's good" (is your curiosity peaked?).



TODAY'S PROGRAM: *Annual Community Grants Award Luncheon.*

Lisa Rosenblum, Coordinator/Chair of the Community Service Grant Program, introduced today's program, giving tribute to the many wonderful community organizations that joined us – they certainly represent our "service above self" philosophy. This year's emphasis for giving was on community programs focused on children, with a total Club contribution of \$20,000. Each organization had a representative present, and all were grateful for our past and present contributions. They each accepted their checks with a brief explanation of how our grants will help in their efforts. If time had



Community grant award recipients

permitted, we would have enjoyed hearing more. And the winners are... **Chabot College Foundation** - Summer Youth Sports Program - \$1,000 - Roberto Mendez. Grant helps provide free breakfast and lunch to 200 students. **Emergency Shelter Program** - Subsidize the Subsidy Program - \$3,000 - Ralph Johnson. Grant helps support Child Care Center at the shelter for children suffering from domestic violence. **FESCO** - Kids Corner - \$2,000 - Kate Steane. Grant helps provide access to books and activities to promote early childhood education. **HARD/Sulphur Creek Nature Center** - New Fence Project - \$2,000 - Jennifer Koney & Rose Britton. Grant helps expand the barnyard "hands-on" program, benefiting about 9,000 children per year. **Hayward Education Foundation** - Teacher Grants - \$1,500 - Rachel Major. Grant helps provide grants to teachers for Kindergarten through adult educational programs. **Kids Breakfast Club** - Saturday Academy Nutrition Explorers - \$2,000 - Elisa Ramirez. Grant helps educate children on basic nutrition and healthy eating alternatives. **Lets Go Fishing** - Special Kids Day Fishing at Chabot - \$700 PLUS \$478.30 when baskets were passed - Taff Vidales. Grant provides bait and supplies for handicapped children's activity – kids really appreciate it – come and see how your money is being used on May 15th. **Literacy Plus** - Seconds 2 Read - \$2,500 - Cindy Breeden & Jennifer Wu. Grant helps provide a free book (complete with Rotary label) and other goodies to every second grader who participates. **Salvation Army Hayward Citadel** - Scholarships for Summer Camp - \$1,500 - Patty Martinez & Amy Marquez; with special recognition to Mary Beck, Advisory Board President, and Major Patrick Granat by **Nels Nelson**. Grant pays camp registration fee (\$75-\$175 each) for 35 children for 6 week program. **Scholarships Inc.** - Scholarship Awards - \$2,000 - Marilyn Gise. Grant provides 1st year college scholarships to 3 students from each Hayward area high school. The Hayward Rotary has contributed to this program since 1959. **St. Rose Hospital Foundation** - Faces for the Future - \$2,000 - René Macias. Grant supports mentoring program to 200 under-represented kids interested in pursuing health science careers. **President Mullins** concluded by thanking everyone for their great work in the community.

Next Week: Radio Broadcaster,
Joe Ritzo, minor league San Jose Giants.

1:20 PM - Meeting adjourned -
"Rotary Shares – Share it Today".



"It's Round Up Time!"

For the 2008
Rowell Ranch Rodeo
May 17th and 18th

**Remember the Fun!
Remember the Reason!**

And, Remember, We Need You on Both Days - Saturday & Sunday!
Booth and Service Assignments will be sent out to all Club Members.

★ All Absences, Excuses, Changes, "Dramas," or other "Tales of Woe" must be cleared in advance with Ed Mullins and John Caldwell. ★

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- April 14 Joe Ritzo of the San Jose Giants - Introduced by Joel Thornley.
- April 21 Outstanding Hayward Rotarian Luncheon - Introduced by Ken Meirovitz.
- May 5 Bernie Rosner, Retired General Council for Safeway "An Uncommon Friendship"
- Introduced by John Caldwell.
- May 12 No Rotary meeting - Joint meeting with Castro Valley Rotary at willow park.
- May 17-18 Rowell Ranch Rodeo.

Need to find or confirm a Location?

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