

ROTARY CLUB OF HAYWARD

High Gear



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The Hayward Rotary Club Cordially Invites You to



Ed Mullin's Demotion Barbecue

Monday Night June 23, 2008
at the "Maita Cull Canyon Hideout"
17031 Cull Canyon Road C.V.



Tickets are \$35.00 Per Person
6:00 to 7:00 PM Happy Hour
7:00 to 8:00 PM Dinner
8:00 Showtime Casual Dress

Yes, I (we) will be at the Ed Mullins Demotion Barbecue

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Hayward Rotary Demotion

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Hayward Rotary Club **June 13th**
RSVP: Steve Rubiolo @ 538-2212



President Ed Mullins called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by **Mark Smetana**, and **Charley Plummer** led us in song Let Me Call You Sweetheart, because Measure I is going to pass! **Ed Bullock** gave us the Thought for the Day, which reminded us never to be picked by traffic police when your spouse is your passenger.

Monica Des Jarlais introduced one visiting Rotarian, our very own Bob Tucknott from Dublin. Guest of Rotarians included Dr. Michael French, and also today's speaker's grandfather Rich Brunelli, her father Bill, and her mother Janelle Brunelli, introduced by **Dale Vigil**.

President Ed awarded a blue badge to a member who has completed all requirements: **Cate Steane**, Executive Director of FESCO. Congratulations and welcome, **Cate!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **President Ed** reminded all Red Badgers to review the requirements and complete them, so they can be awarded their Blue Badges just like **Cate!** It's Ed's very favorite thing to do as Club President. He also told us that **Steve Murtaugh** has made a list of possible new songs to be included in the Song Book: he will poll us by e-mail, and if you want to add something else, here is your chance!

President Ed gave us the Rodeo report: Concession revenue was \$48,500 (same as last year); total profit including ads, booth signs, tips, and Rotarian contributions was \$22,600 (last year's was \$27,200, a \$4600 difference). The reduced profits may be due to the combination of increased prices and not-so-good weather.

Polio Plus: In the push to finish this project, Rotarians are pressing ahead with the \$100 Million Challenge to match the \$100 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The nearly 33,000 Rotary clubs around the world are each being asked to contribute \$1000 annually for three years. Made in January, the \$40 million disbursement is being used by WHO and UNICEF to carry out immunization activities in the four remaining polio-endemic countries – Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan – plus five others where “imported” polio cases have been reported. Surveillance and technical support are also being funded in WHO's African and Eastern Mediterranean regions.

Fines: A special one to **John and Mary Caldwell** for their 45th wedding anniversary. **Phyllis Moroney** offered to be fined for being kissed by **Charley Plummer** (said she is still fanning herself); and **Joe Vilardi** was fined for the 15th anniversary of his marriage to Alice. And those of us who missed a day or two at the Rodeo will get our bills for \$75 a day!

PROGRAM: **John Caldwell** introduced our speaker, Jessica Brunelli. Jessica is a 15-year-old Formula One racecar driver!!! To introduce her talk, she showed a three-minute video about her life and work. She told us that traditionally, the races began with the words: Gentlemen, Start your engines! But now there is a small cadre of women drivers, so the starting announcement is now “Ladies and Gentlemen...”

Jessica is the youngest female in the traditionally male sport. The card she distributed to us shows that she “began her four-wheel motorized career at seven riding and racing on quads. At ten years old she began to race go karts. She earned her first win by her fifth race and she has been hooked on racing ever since.”

At the age of 13 Jessica was one of the youngest drivers in the nation to receive her Road Racing License.

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“She competed in the Skip Barber Regional Championship Series in 2006-2007, where she was named ‘2007 Rookie of the Year.’”



At the Pole-Inwindale Speedway 3/28/2008 Jessica was the youngest Driver in USAC Focus Midget Series to Win Pole Position. Although she has driven several kinds of racecars on different kinds of raceways, her passion is Oval Track Racing.

Jessica is a student at Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward. She told us that she has been racing for six years, but this was her first time at public speaking! She finds the whole thing “just amazing,” no effort to get the car to do what she wants it to do. Her grandfather and her father raced, and as a young child she found watching them pretty boring, but it wasn’t boring any more after she decided to go behind the wheel herself. For her mom, it wasn’t easy watching her only child on the track.

Jessica told us about the different kinds of racing she got into and how each was managed. For example, in the Driver Development Program it was her first time working with a team, and that gave her lots of experience. She also joined the Women Driver Diversity Program, and met women drivers from all over the world, another great experience. Her ambition is to become a professional NASCAR driver (no women do that yet).

She gave us lots of time to ask questions, and of course there were many questions. If you lose traction in a turn, what do you do? (It is automatic, just correct it right away.) Have you ever experienced fear? (Definitely, but only before I get on track – fear of being taken out of the race and having to sit on the sidelines, not fear of being hurt.) What commitment have your parents made? (Dad does all the arrangements, they are 100% committed to her racing experiences. I miss some school activities and it is hard to keep up with my school work, but Mom makes sure that I do.) Have you seen people injured, and do you think about being disfigured? (I don’t like to focus on the negative. If I got hurt I would have no regrets except if I wasn’t able to race any more.)

Who pays the expenses? (I have sponsors and benefactors, but mostly it’s my family.) Do you have a driver’s permit? (No, not until July.) What other activities and sports do you engage in? (Skiing, swimming, boating. Waterskiing – I like the adrenaline, the rush.)

What is the most fun and why? (It’s a hard question – just being behind the wheel of any car. Whatever I am driving is my favorite at the time.) How will you balance career and education? (I will go to college, study engineering or business. You have to be educated to get into NASCAR, because it is very competitive, and being educated gives you an edge.)

What if you break a car? (I have had my share of car damage, but it was the fault of other drivers.) Did you like to watch Demolition Derby? (I don’t like to watch races unless I know the drivers; I would rather be behind the wheel than watch racing on television.)

WHAT A PRESENTATION AND WHAT A SPEAKER!! Jessica wowed the Rotarian audience and we couldn’t get enough of her. We’ll all be following her career, which is bound to be an exciting and successful one. Keep up the good work, Jessica! And kudos to her supportive family.

Next week’s program will be Hayward Rotary 2013 – Looking Back 5 Years. What we do and how we finance it will incorporate the 2008-2009 budget and membership billings. You don’t want to miss this important meeting.

Hayward Rotary Club Calendar

- June 9** **Hayward Rotary 2013 – Looking Back 5 Years**
- June 16** **Israeli Deputy Consul General Ismail Khaldi.
Introduced by John Caldwell**
- June 23** **No Rotary meeting. Rotary Demotion at the Maita Ranch**

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