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Library fetes successful program ³⁵⁰

THE HAYWARD Public Library hosted a celebration and recognition event in June to mark the first successful year of its new after-school homework centers. More than 100 students, parents, volunteer tutors and public officials attended the event.

Among the speakers and attendees were representatives from all levels of government, including Hayward Mayor Mike Sweeney, Jason Overman, district representative of the office of state Sen. Ellen Corbett; Jo Cazenave, district director of the office of Congressman Pete Stark; Hayward City Councilwoman Anna Laveria May; Interim Library Director Sean Reinhart; Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Sheila Jordan; and Homework Center Coordinator Lindsey Vien.

The work of the students, tutors and staff in the program were recognized with speeches, certificates and a plaque. Student users of the centers and their parents also were present to be recognized and to partake of the pizza and cupcakes provided by the Friends of the Hayward Library.

In its first year in operation, 24 trained volunteers assisted an average of 30 students per day four days a week after school at the homework center at the Hayward Main Library. The

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centers at the Main and the Weekes branches also feature a combined 25 laptop computers and unlimited access to live online homework help service Tutor.com.

The Centers are entirely funded by the federal Department of Education through the end of fiscal year 2012.

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The Buon Tempo Italian-American Club will be hosting a communitywide open bocce tournament Aug. 22 at the new Adobe Park bocce courts in Castro Valley. Entries are now being accepted for four-person teams (may be mixed gender). All skill levels are invited. The minimum age for participants is

12 years old. This is an "all-for-fun" event for trophies and ribbons donated by Ray Tai of Engravit Trophies & Awards of Castro Valley.

Entries are already being received from families and groups of friends that have made up teams from various areas of the community, all looking forward to a fun day of bocce and meeting new people. Entry fee is \$40 per team, and the deadline for receipt of entries is Aug. 10. For information and entry forms, contact tournament director Ken Martin at martinken@juno.com or 510-727-9296.

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At a recent meeting, the Hayward Eagles Auxiliary installed its new officers for the coming year. The new board includes President June Kerns, Vice President Sandy Parker, Chaplain Ma-

ria McTavenier, Secretary Glenda Acosta, Treasurer and Conductor Maureen Kislingbury, Inside Guard Mariel LaPlante, Outside Guard Ruby Cabral, Trustees Angie Pena, Gassie Zeltunicin and Margie Hoard, and Past President Jonna Villadsen.

All the ladies are all looking forward to a successful year. Some of the charities they support include the Lew Reed Spinal Cord Fund, the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, battered women shelters, the American Cancer Society, George Mark Children's House and more. The Hayward Lady Eagles have a bingo luncheon the first Monday of every month at the Eagles Hall, 21404 Foothill Blvd. Everyone is always welcome. ³⁵⁰