

PORTUGUESE CENTENNIAL PARK

Located at the intersection of Foothill Blvd., D Street and First Street in the downtown area of Hayward, California U.S.A.

Dedicated - October 14, 1979

The beauty and grandeur of the Portuguese Centennial Park is due in a large part to the contributions of Hayward's Sister City in Portugal - Faro (in the Algarve region). The following items came from Faro: The small cobblestones of various colors, the monument, the blue and white tiles, the tile map of Portugal, the benches and the light standards. Also, Faro sent two skilled craftsmen to Hayward to help with the building of the park. They stayed in Hayward for several months before returning to Faro. The excellence of their work is demonstrated by the magnificence of the park.

The cost of the park, including land, was approximately \$250,000.00. The financing was provided by donations and the City of Hayward in nearly equal amounts. The donors are listed on the backside of the structure which has the map of Portugal on the frontside (see picture).

A contingent from Faro, Portugal, including the Mayor of Faro, came to Hayward for the park dedication in October of 1979.

Pictures taken by David Billings, a resident of Hayward, California, on April 21, 1989.











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