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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year
And Season's Greetings to All



Front Row: PP **Bob Meyer**, **Eddie Wiggins** and PP **Maureen McBride**.

2nd Row: **Brent Seizer**, **Kathy Long**, PP **Lee Wiggins**, **Sharon Stone**, PP **David Stone**, **Marty** and PP **Joe Kaiser**.

Next Row: **Mary Mecklenburg**, **Jennifer Magnani**, PP **Patrick Magnani**, **Diane Wright**, **Sam Morgan**, **Nick Mecklenburg** and PP **Bob Spears**.

Last Row: **President Dominic**, IPP **Gene Long**, **Annie Hallsten**, **John Hallsten**, PP **Roland Wright**, **Dick Biddle**, **Jordan Backhaus** and **Gail Shafer**.

CALL TO ORDER

We were dark at noon in anticipation of our annual holiday party which began with no host cocktails at 6:15 p.m. in the Lobby Bar at the Lions Gate Hotel and Suites. As guests arrived, Photographer Extraordinaire **Lee Wiggins** took pictures of them (see a sampling on pages 9 and 10) posed in front of the Christmas tree in Club Ballroom A. **President Dominic Mecklenburg** called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and thanked **PE Roland Wright** for serving as Greeter. PP **David Stone** led us in the pledge and PP **Lee Wiggins** (substituting for PP Bob Meyer) provided the invocation.

PP **Maureen McBride** was the note take and PP **Lee Wiggins** was our Official Photographer.

Special entertainment was provided by **Nick Mecklenburg**, President of the Interact Club at Oakmont High School and son to **President Dominic** and **First Lady Mary**.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Twenty six Rotarians and guests were in attendance for the festivities. Attendees included **Jordan Backhaus**; **John Hallsten** along with “favorite” granddaughter—former member and PP **Annie Hallsten**; PP **Joe Kaiser** and his guest, **Marty**; IPP **Gene Long** and his wife, **Kathy**; PP **Patrick Magnani** and his wife, **Jennifer**; **President Dominic** along with

wife, **Mary** and son, **Nick**; PP **Bob Meyer**; **Cheryl Anne “Sam” Morgan**, her partner, **Dick Biddle** and sister-in-law **Gail Shafer**; PP **Maureen McBride** along with hubby, Rotarian **Chuck McBride** from the Rotary Club of Carmichael; Honorary Member **Brent Seizer**; PP **Bob Spears**; PP **David Stone** and his wife, **Sharon**; PP **Lee Wiggins** and his wife, **Eddie**; and PP **Roland Wright** and his wife, **Diane**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVERGREEN FUNDRAISER

President Dominic was excited to announce the evergreen fundraiser was a “sell out” thanks in part to last minute efforts on the part of Past Presidents **Patrick Magnani**, **Bob Meyer**, and **Roland Wright** at last Thursday’s Lunch Bunch.



Items purchased by Rotarians, their neighbors, friends and family were delivered by **President Dominic** and PP **Maureen McBride** last week.

Thanks to everyone who supported this effort.

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ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE



Please Don't Forget Us

We joined forces with the local community to collect diapers for families in need during this holiday season. **Today was the last day to bring donations.** These diapers will be distributed by the Antelope Upper Room Ministries on Saturday, December 17th.

E-Waste4Good Program

Just a reminder! **President Dominic** has advised the club will no longer get credit for large appliances, i.e. refrigerators, washers/dryers, stoves, etc. donated to our e-Waste4Good program. They will still pick them up but we will not receive any compensation. If it has a cord and can fit in your trunk, it's good to go and we get \$\$\$.

TVs are still OK but need the name, address and telephone number of the donor on a sticker attached to the TV.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our **Annual Meeting** to elect officers and directors for the 2017-18 Rotary Year will take place on **Monday, December 19th**. **PE Roland Wright** is looking for volunteers to accept various unfilled positions. Please give serious thought to lending a hand during his year as our President.

USED/BROKEN EYEGLASS JOINT ROTARY/LIONS CLUB PROJECT



We are partnering with the Antelope Lions Club to collect used/broken eyeglasses.

At our weekly meetings, we have a **BIG BOX** at the front of our meeting room for Rotarians to deposit their unwanted glasses.

ROTARY BENCH/Dictionary PROJECT

On **Monday, December 12th** at **12:15 p.m.**, we will gather at **Freedom Park** at the edge of



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McClellan Business Park (adjacent to the CA Aerospace Museum) to dedicate our new Rotary bench donated to the North Highlands

Parks and Recreation District. Kudos to **PP Roland Wright** who arranged the purchase of the bench and **PP David Stone** for the beautiful plaque which will be affixed to the bench.

PP Roland Wright circulated a sign-up sheet for those wishing to partake of a pre-ordered box lunch. If you haven't signed up, please call **Roland** ASAP to reserve your lunch.

Following the dedication, those who are available will head to F.C. Joyce, CCAA and Hillsdale Elementary Schools to distribute dictionaries to all third-grade students at those schools.

This is such a great project. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Night at the Museum Fundraiser

IT'S OFFICIAL—MARK YOUR CALENDARS



President Dominic announced last week our **NATM fundraiser** will be held on **Friday, April 28th**. He was excited to tell us we are back at the **California Automobile Museum**.

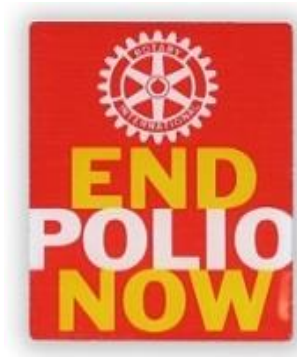
We were reminded this is a great time of year to solicit sponsorships as businesses are preparing their budgets for the new year.

If you got any unwanted gifts during the Gift Exchange at tonight's dinner, remember we can always use them for the Balloon Pop or the Estate Sale which will be held in the spring following NATM.

Tickets and flyers for the event will be available after the holiday break.

FOUNDATION NEWS

END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN



EVERYONE BRING YOUR POCKET CHANGE — TO AFFECT CHANGE BY ENDING POLIO THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

The **END POLIO NOW** campaign is one of Rotary International's top priorities this year. Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have extended their partnership during the critical endgame phase of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Thanks to this partnership our contributions are matched two for one—\$25 becomes \$75.

ANNUAL GIVING/PAUL HARRIS SUSTAINING FELLOWS

We continue our goal to have **Every Rotarian** contribute at least **\$100** to **The Rotary Foundation** and strive to achieve the status of 100% EREY and 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows for the third year in a row.



ROTARY FOUNDATION BENEFACTORS

NAME

Hallsten, John
 Hansen, Richard
 Kaiser, Joe
 Lipp, Gordon
 Long, Gene
 Magnani, Patrick
 McBride, Maureen
 Mecklenburg, Dominic
 Meyer, Bob
 Monagan, Marilee
 Morgan, Cheryl (Sam)
 Spears, Robert B.
 Stone, David M.
 Wiggins, Lee N.
 Wright, Roland

A Benefactor is someone who has contributed \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund or made provisions in their will of at least \$1,000 benefiting The W Foundation.

BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jordan Backhaus	(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Sonja Cameron		PHF
John Hallsten	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Richard Hansen	(B) (GRIF)	PHF+ 7
Joe Kaiser	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF+ 8
Gordon Lipp	(GRIF)	PHF+ 3
Gene Long	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+1
Gene Long Sr.		
Patrick Magnani	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF+1
Dr. Steven Martinez		
Maureen McBride	(B) (GRIF)	PHF+ 8
Dominic Mecklenburg	(GRIFx2)	PHF+ 8
Bob Meyer	(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Marilee Monagan	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Sam Morgan	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 6
Gerred Popejoy	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF
Bob Spears	(GRIFx2)	PHF+ 3
David Stone	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF+ 8
Lee Wiggins	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Roland Wright	(Bx2)(GRIFx2)	PHF+ 6

Bell Ringer & Gong Codes:

(B) = Bell Ringer chi\$100 to Club

(GFHF) = Gonger \$100 to Club Foundation

(GRIF) = Gonger \$100 to RI Foundation

(RIF) = \$100 to Rotary Foundation

A Paul Harris Fellow is an individual who contributes \$1,000 to the Rotary International Annual Program Fund or other approved programs. Each additional \$1,000 contribution is recognized with a plus and the number.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

President Dominic made a special presentation to our regular servers **Tracy** and **Cecelia** who take care of our regular Monday lunches and special evening events throughout the year.

He presented each of them with a thank you card and gift for the holidays.

They do such a great job for us and have our routine down to a science, i.e. leaving the room during the speaker's presentation. We are very fortunate to have them.

Fellowship Activity

PP **Marilee Monagan**, **Brent Seizer**, PP **Maureen McBride**, PP **Chuck McBride** and **President Dominic Mecklenburg** and **three family members** attended Sunday afternoon's fellowship activity at Memorial Auditorium.

The program was a holiday concert hosted by the U.S.A.F. Band of the Golden West. In a word, the concert was GREAT. Hopefully, next year more Rotarians will be able to attend this wonderful event.

Afterward, **Marilee**, **Brent**, **Mo** and **Chuck** met Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Carmichael for dinner at a local restaurant.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

GREETER: N/A

PLEDGE: N/A

INVOCATION: N/A

NOTE TAKER: **MAUREEN MCBRIDE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

DEC. 12	ROTARY BENCH DEDICATION AT FREEDOM PARK AND DICTIONARY DISTRIBUTION
DEC. 19	ANNUAL MEETING—ELECTION OF 2017-18 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
DEC. 26	NO MEETING-CHRISTMAS WEEK
JAN. 2	NO MEETING-NEW YEAR'S WEEK
JAN. 9	ROSEVILLE TELEPHONE MUSEUM TOUR
JAN. 16	NO MEETING IN OBLIVION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY
JAN. 23	CATHERINE SURVILLAS – KENYA PROJECT
JAN. 30	JOY SMILEY AND RON LINTHICUM/ SACRAMENTO COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
FEB. 6	CLUB-LEVEL DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST

DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

MAY 5-7	DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN SANTA CLARA
MAY 20	RI PRESIDENT JOHN GERM DINNER SACRAMENTO (EXCLUSIVE D5180 PRESALE UNTIL 1/1/17)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Standing in for **President Dominic** was our new Elf **Patrick Magnani**. Prior to the gift exchange, attendees chose a number to determine in what order they would be called upon to choose a gift. **Patrick** had PP **Bob Meyer** spin the wheel which landed on four which gave **Elf Patrick** a starting point for the game.



Elf Patrick started by explaining that a gift is chosen, stolen and finally retired.



The person with the number four was **Jennifer Magnani**. She chose a cheese

board.

Patrick was next and chose a fishing pole looking BBQ lighter.

Next was **Kathy Long** who chose wine, wine glasses and some Godiva chocolates.

Mo chose a fragrant candle in a glass container.

Eddie Wiggins chose a snowman figurine.

John Hallsten got a 5" x7" picture frame.



IPP Gene Long chose a Mr. Coffee

Chuck McBride got a gadget which changed the sound of his voice. That probably went to our Estate Sale.

Bob Meyer got a watch.

Brent Seizer stole Kathy Long's wine gift.

Kathy Long seeking revenge stole Eddie Wiggins' Snowman.



Eddie went back to the gift table and chose a package with Christmas stockings.

Joe Kaiser's guest, **Marty** chose a package with three sets of action figures which she explained would be great for her grandsons.

Mary Mecklenburg stole Kathy Long's snowman which she originally stole from Eddie Wiggins.

It was **Kathy's** turn again and she stole the wine back from **Brent** which rendered that gift "retired."



Brent was up again; and this time after carefully inspecting the assortment of packages on the gift table, chose a rice cooker.



David Stone was up next. He chose a gift package with an assortment of treats which included cook-

ies and chocolate.

Annie Hallsten inspected several of the gifts already chosen and decided to go to the gift table where she chose a BBQ Lighter.

I missed who stole the rice cooker from **Brent**. I spotted him again at the gift table—this time he chose a battery operated wine bottle opener which he didn't have very long.

Sam Morgan followed Brent and took the wine bottle opener from him.

Brent then chose a set of coffee mugs.

Bob Meyer stole the coffee mugs from Brent.

For the fifth time, which had to be a record, **Brent** got to choose another gift. This time it was a calendar/FM Radio. Not really sure what that was as I didn't see it up close.

President Dominic was up next. He chose a bag which at first appeared to have nothing in it; but with Brent to the rescue, there was a Barnes and Noble gift card at the bottom of the bag.

Sharon Stone chose a colorful bowl. She appeared to be really happy with her selection.

Jordan Backhaus stole David Stone's sweet treats package.

There was a lot of commotion going on so I couldn't tell with any accuracy but it appeared David stole Sharon bowl.

Jordan wound up going home with a Christmas Tree shaped candle set.

Lee Wiggins chose a Fritz and Floyd holiday dish.

Back to square one. **Nick Mecklenburg** chose a two-pack lantern set.

Diane Wright stole Bob Meyer's watch.

Bob Meyer not wishing to make any enemies went back to the gift table and chose a set of knives.

Bob didn't have them long as **Joe Kaiser** stole them. Bob then got to choose another gift. This time he wasn't so lucky—his package contained Christmas-themed underwear.

There being no additional numbers and all the gifts accounted for, **President Dominic** called the meeting back to order.

Before adjourning the meeting, **President Dominic** recognized the following individuals for their help in orchestrating tonight's event: **Lee Wiggins** (serving as photographer), **David Stone** (selecting the wine for dinner); **Patrick Magnani** (serving as Elf) and **Nick Mecklenburg** (providing entertainment.)

Not to be forgotten for their usual behind the scenes and off the radar efforts thanks to PE **Roland Wright** (liaison with the Lions Gate — no small task) and PP **Maureen McBride** (chief cook and bottle washer.)

President Dominic wished everyone a happy holiday season and asked us to join him in a toast to *Rotary Around the World*.

At the conclusion of the evening, we gathered in front of the Christmas Tree for our annual holiday picture which was taken by **Chuck McBride**.

2016 Holiday



Mary and Dominic Mecklenburg



Diane and Roland Wright



Patrick and Jen Magnani



Gene and Kathy Long



Sharon and David Stone



Sam Morgan, Dick Biddle and Gail Shafer



**Honorary Member
Brent Seizer**



Eddie and Lee Wiggins



Bob Meyer



John Hallsten and Annie Hallsten



Bob Spears



Jordan Backhaus

2016 Holiday Party



Joe Kaiser and guest, Marty



Nick Mecklenburg



**Chuck and
Maureen MbBride**



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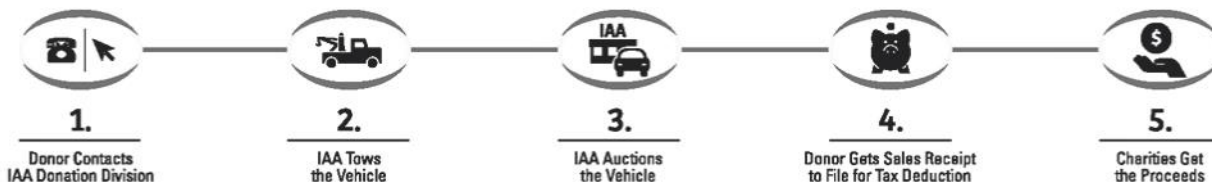
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