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# The Highlander

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF FOOTHILL-HIGHLANDS

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*Happy Holidays*  
*from*  
*The Rotary Club Of*  
*Foothill-Highlands*



## CALL TO ORDER

To jump start the holiday season, instead of our regular meeting at noon, we gathered at the Lions Gate Hotel and Suites for our annual holiday dinner. We started the evening socializing at the lobby bar. **Dominic Mecklenburg** greeted us in Club A by taking our picture in front of the decorated Christmas tree with festive music in the background provided by **Roland Wright**. A BIG thanks to **Dominic** and **Mary Mecklenburg** for providing the table centerpieces which were given out at the end of the evening along with a special bag of treats made by **Mary Mecklenburg** to be enjoyed by all.



## INTRODUCTIONS

Twenty-two Rotarians and guests were in attendance. We began with introductions. Attendees included **Jordan Backhaus**; **Warren Coffeen** and his wife, **Merial**; PP **Joe Kaiser**; **President Gene Long** and his wife, **Kathy**; **Gene Long Sr.** and his wife, **Kathy**; PP **Patrick Magnani** and his wife, **Jennifer**; PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** a.k.a. "Elfie" and his wife, floral designer extraordinaire **Mary Mecklenburg**; PP **Bob Meyer** and his wife, **Dayme**; **Cheryl "Sam" Morgan** and her partner, **Dick Biddle**; 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**.

PP **Roland Wright** served as the note taker and **Dominic** and **Roland** served as the official photographers.

Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the evening an enjoyable one.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **McClellan Holiday Food Baskets -**

The McClellan Park Group needs volunteers this **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** from **4:30 to 6:30** to unload and prep the materials for the assembly of their holiday baskets on Saturday. It's more heavy lifting than wrapping presents. It would be unloading pallets and staging materials on the tables. With everyone pitching in, it will take about an hour and a half.

**Jeff** volunteered four (4) Rotarians and they can accommodate more if we have more who want to help.

**Please let Jeff Donlevy know no later than Thursday (tomorrow) by Noon if you can help.**

### **Optimist Food Baskets**

The Optimists need help putting together their holiday baskets on **December 16<sup>th</sup>** from **4:30 pm – 7 pm** at the Zion Lutheran Church (3644 Bolivar Ave, NH – off I St and Watt between Elkhorn and Don Julio)

Please let **Jeff Donlevy** know if you can help out. This is a great hands-on and joint project between Rotary and the Optimist Club. We are all here to support our community.

### **E-Waste4Good Program**

You can bring anything, anytime to Umpqua Bank or PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** is happy to collect your “electronic junk” on Mondays at our regular meetings. If you would like to schedule a pickup at your home or office location, just let him know!

### **More information on page 9**

To date, we have received a total of **\$319.47** for our E-waste Project for this fiscal year.

### **Night at the Museum**

We have secured the California Railroad Museum for our major fundraiser of the year. Mark your calendars for **Friday, April 22, 2016**.

All members are asked to provide at least **two items** for the **Balloon Pop**. The value of each item should be at least \$20.

Members are also asked to provide **one item** for the **silent auction**.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

#### CLUB CALENDAR:

- DEC. 14 ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION OF 2016-17 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
 DEC. 21 NO MEETING (CHRISTMAS WEEK)  
 DEC. 28 NO MEETING (NEW YEAR'S WEEK)

#### DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

- JAN. 3 DINNER WITH RI PRESIDENT IN SAN JOSE  
 MAY 19-22 DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
 DOUBLE TREE HOTEL/BERKELEY MARINA

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

GREETER: **DOMINIC MECKLENBURG**

PLEDGE: **PATRICK MAGNANI**

INVOCATION: **LEE WIGGINS**

NOTE TAKER: **RICHARD HANSEN**

## DISTRICT NEWS

### SAVE the DATE

**2015-2016 Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran** will be in San Jose, CA on **Sunday, January 3, 2016** for a special dinner with Rotarians from Northern CA. The event will be held at the Doubletree Hotel.

District 5180 has reserved two tables of ten. The dinner is \$80/person.

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN



Our goal this year for Polio giving is \$1,000. We continue to have our **END POLIO NOW** banks on the tables at our weekly meetings.

We ask that you —

**BRING YOUR CHANGE FOR CHANGE.**

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.

To date, we have collected \$303.07 toward our goal of \$1,000.

**REMEMBER:** Anyone who donates \$25 or more gets a special End Polio Now pin.



Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



## ANNUAL GIVING/PAUL HARRIS SUSTAINING FELLOWS

Our Club goal is 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 second year in a row. ***November is the perfect time to become a Sustaining Fellow as it is Rotary Foundation Month.***

To date, we have eleven (13) paid Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows and two (2) additional members who have bonged the gong and pledged \$100. Each paid sustainer has received a special sticker for their badges.

We're on our way to reaching our goal of being a 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Fellow Club.

### ROTARY FOUNDATION BENEFACTORS

#### NAME

Donlevy, Jeff  
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 (has contributed \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund or made provisions in their will of at least \$1,000 benefiting The Rotary Foundation).

## BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jordan Backhaus		PHF
Sonja Cameron	(GRIF)	PHF
Warren Coffeen		PHF+ 1
Jeff Donlevy	(B)	PHF
John Hallsten	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Richard Hansen	(GRIF)	PHF+ 6
Joe Kaiser	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 7
Gordon Lipp	(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Gene Long	(GRIF) (\$100 Polio +)	PHF
Gene Long Sr.		
Patrick Magnani	(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Maureen McBride	(GRIF)	PHF+ 8 +
Dominic Mecklenburg	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 7
Bob Meyer	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Marilee Monagan	(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Sam Morgan	(B)	PHF+ 4
Bob Spears	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
David Stone	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Lee Wiggins	(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Roland Wright	(B)(GRIF)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5

#### *Bell Ringer & Gong Codes:*

(B) = Bell Ringer hi\$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.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S MEETING

7:00-7:30pm: **President Gene** started the meeting on time and led us in the Pledge to our flag. PP **David Stone** provided the Invocation.

PP **Dominic Mecklenburg a.k.a. "Elfie"** called **Sam Morgan** up to the podium to be recognized. Unaware of what she was being recognized for and after a few minutes of **Dominic** playing with different possibilities, which began to worry her, he announced she won first place in selling the most items during our recent **Evergreen Fundraiser**. Great job, **Sam** and **Dick**! Honorable mention was given to **Jeff Donlevy** for evergreen sales as well as he came in a **STRONG** second—one item under **Sam's** total sales. Profit from the campaign this year is estimated at \$612.

A special thanks to all those who purchased items and made this event a success.

PP **Patrick Magnani** announced that dictionaries would be in soon and our scholarship recipients would be coming in to claim their checks over the next several weeks. **Dominic** and **Roland** recognized our servers, **Tracy & Cecilia**, for a great year and presented them each with a gift card in appreciation for all their hard work.

7:30pm: Dinner was served. Special thanks to PP **David Stone** for bringing the wine for our dinner.

8:00pm: **Dominic the Elf** started us off with our traditional gift exchange by passing

around numbered chits and spinning the Rotary wheel to determine who would go first!

8:45pm: **President Gene** called for a toast to "Rotary Around the World"



**Dominic the Elf and PP Bob Spears  
gift exchange**



**Patrick and Roland**

This year's holiday party had the usual white elephant gift exchange, but things got heated somewhere between gift selecting and gift stealing. Nobody takes a gift away from **Roland**, that's for sure. Ouch!





**Warren and Merial Coffeen**



**Gene and Kathy Long Sr.**



**Dominic the Elf with  
Mary's treat**



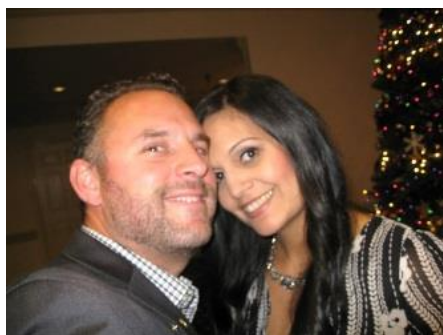
**David and Sharon Stone**



**Diane Wright and Jennifer  
Magnani**



**Joe Kaiser**



**Patrick and Jennifer  
"Selfie"**



**Patrick and Jennifer**



**Lee and Eddie Wiggins**





**President Gene and  
Kathy Long**



**Jordan Backhaus and  
Roland Wright**



**Bob and Dayme Meyer**



**Roland and  
Diane Wright**



**Sam Morgan and  
Dick Biddle**



**Bob Spears**



**Video, David Stone and the Elf  
Gift exchange (Gavel)**  
<https://youtu.be/dZLoorDnQtE>







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### E-WASTE RECYCLING IS HERE!

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THIS IS AN ONGOING PROJECT. CONTACT DOMINIC FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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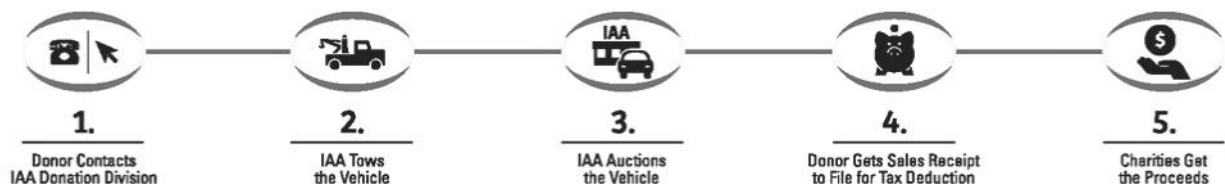
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