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# The Highlander

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF FOOTHILL-HIGHLANDS



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PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION

### RESPONDING TO CONFLICT

**20,000 people**

are maimed or killed by land mines each year.

TAKE ACTION

Identify triggering or accelerating factors in the conflict and work to mitigate them.



TAKE ACTION  
Offer support to marginalized groups that are at risk of violence or persecution.

**51 million people**

are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution.

TAKE ACTION

Help children who have been orphaned, injured, or traumatized by conflict.

#### TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1 Plan projects to engage all community stakeholders, including women, marginalized populations such as ethnic or religious minorities, and opposing sides in conflicts.
- 2 Understand and respect the laws and customs of all the communities you serve.

**90% of casualties**

in armed conflicts are civilians, at least half are children.



## CALL TO ORDER

**President Gene Long** began the meeting promptly at 12:15 p.m. PP **Bob Spears** served as the Official Greeter. Leading us in the pledge was PP **Marilee Monagan** and PP **Lee Wiggins** provided the invocation. **Richard Hansen** was the note taker.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Visiting today was Rotarian **Howard Stagg** from the Rotary Club of Arden Arcade and our speaker **Randy Alston**, who is President Elect of the Rotary Club of Davis.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### District Conference

**President Gene** encouraged club members to think about attending the District Conference at the Berkeley Marina May 20-22, 2016. He announced the board decided to transfer funds set aside for the President Elect to attend the Rotary International Convention to the account for the District Conference. These funds will be used to help offset some of the cost to attend the Conference. The money will be divided by the number of Rotarians who register for the Conference by 2/29/16.

More information on page 10.

## 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. These items should be given to **Dominic**.

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

The Sponsorship Coordinator is PP **Patrick Magnani**. Sponsorships to date include **Umpqua Bank**, Bronze Sponsor for \$250 and **Hallsten Corporation**, Emerald Sponsor for \$1,500.

At last week's meeting, Event Chair **David Stone** passed out copies of the *Night at the Museum* flyer and sponsorship forms. He encouraged everyone to start contacting restaurants and wineries. *The sooner, the better.* The tickets are printed and **Dominic** will have them at the next meeting.

[www.night-at-the-museum-rotary.org](http://www.night-at-the-museum-rotary.org)

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## E-Waste4Good Program

You can bring anything, anytime to Umpqua Bank or PE **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!

To date, we have received a total of **\$373.62** for our E-waste Project for this fiscal year.

## NATURE ACT PROJECT

Last week PP **Roland Wright** promoted a project initiated by the Interact Club of Woodcreek High School at the Woodcreek Nature Center. He announced his son, **Curtiss**, who is President of the Interact Club wanted to invite our members to participate in this project and to join them in their annual clean-up and revitalization project on **Saturday, February 6th**. This will be an all-day community service event. They have planned work tasks for many individuals and groups; such as, pruning trees, weed eating, painting, drip line repair, general trash pickup, composting and other maintenance items. Please bring your own hand tools, gloves, rakes, shovels, etc. **Location is behind the Woodcreek High School at: 2551 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd., Roseville, CA 95747.**

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact **Roland** as soon as possible.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION MONTH

#### CLUB CALENDAR:

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| FEB. 8   | TBD                                      |
| FEB. 9   | BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING*              |
| FEB. 15  | NO MEETING —OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY |
| FEB. 22  | CLUB-LEVEL DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST       |
| FEB. 29  | TBA                                      |
| APRIL 22 | NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM FUND RAISER          |

\* THE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT JORDAN BACKHAUS' OFFICE AT 5:30 P.M.

#### DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| APRIL 2   | DISTRICT ASSEMBLY  |
| MAY 19-22 | DISTRICT CONFERENCE<br>DOUBLE TREE HOTEL/BERKELEY MARINA |
| JUNE 5    | ROTARY RIVER CATS DAY                                    |

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

**GREETER: DAVID STONE**

**PLEDGE: SAM MORGAN**

**INVOCATION: RICHARD HANSEN**

**NOTE TAKER: RICHARD HANSEN**

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### ANNUAL GIVING/PAUL HARRIS SUSTAINING FELLOWS

We continue in 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 second year in a row.

To date, we have fifteen (15) paid Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows who have banged the gong for \$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).**

## 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.

The contributions from today amounted to \$5.04 bringing our grand total to \$379.37 toward our goal of \$1,000.

Thanks to everyone who donated.

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

## JOKES

Both PP **Bob Spears** and **President Gene** told jokes. Alas, no fine-free pass for either of them.



## 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           | (B)(GRIF)<br>(\$100 Polio +) | PHF      |
| Gene Long Sr.       |                              |          |
| Patrick Magnani     | (B)(GRIF)                    | PHF      |
| Maureen McBride     | (B)(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         | (B)(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.

## FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

**President Gene** fined himself for not keeping an eye on his gavel which disappeared but returned unscathed. He spun the wheel for a \$7.

Fine Master **Maureen McBride** asked if there were any happy thoughts. **President Gene** just renewed his Insurance license this week and decided to ring the Bell for \$100 to the Club.

There were no other recognitions.



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?

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Rotarian **John Hallsten** was transferred back to Sutter because of continuing complications from his recent surgery. As soon as further details are available, we will let you know.

## February Board Meeting

This month's board meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 9th at 5:30 p.m.** at the (STATE FARM) office of **Jordan Backhaus**, 4315 Elkhorn Blvd., Suite B in the Elkhorn Center.

Board meetings are open to all members.

## DISTRICT NEWS

### District Assembly

President Elect **Dominic Mecklenburg** announced District 5180 will host its **Annual Training Assembly** on **Saturday, April 2nd** from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at **Inderkum High School**, 2500 New Market Drive, Sacramento (near Sleep Train Arena.)

Registration is free and is open to all Rotarians especially those who will serve as directors, officers and committee members during the 2016-17 Rotary year.

Registration and coffee will be held from 8:00—8:30 a.m. and the individual training sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided after the morning sessions. The afternoon session will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars and advise **PE Dominic** of your availability.

As soon as the actual class schedule is confirmed, **PE Dominic** will make it available to his team so they can plan accordingly.

Any questions, contact **PE Dominic**.

See attached flyer for additional information.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S MEETING

PP **David Stone** introduced **Randy Alston**, President Elect of the Rotary Club of Davis. Next month **Randy** will celebrated his 29th anniversary with the Rotary Club of Davis. He was born in Toronto, Canada and moved to Sacramento in 1984. **Randy** has been in the financial services industry since 1974. He is currently a registered principal with NPB Financial Group LLC, a financial planning firm. He also owns and operates Arden Tax Service.

**Randy** is Paul Harris Society Member and Major Donor.

**Randy** gave a presentation about his recent trip to Bolivia with Past President **Allan Telford** of Rotary Club of Davis. Past President **Allan** embarked on the trip to inspect the bridges their Rotary club helped to finance. The work was done by **Bridges to Prosperity** at two sites high in the Andes Mountains, a six-hour drive from La Paz.

Bridges to Prosperity is a United States-based nonprofit organization that builds footbridges and trains local people in developing countries to build pedestrian bridges. It was established by a Rotarian in 2001, after he saw a photo in National Geographic Magazine of a broken bridge over the Blue Nile River in Ethiopia, with ten men on either side of the broken span pulling themselves across the chasm by rope. Bridges to Prosperity is now based in the Denver, Colorado area.

Rural community members often live in a walking world. When the rivers swell, walks to school, work or visits to a doctor can become life threatening without a bridge to cross. Those who survive often do not have sufficient infrastructure servicing their communities.

Safe and maintained trails and footbridges are necessary to live healthy and productive lives.



**La Paz**



**Road to Project Site**



### **Valley Where Bridges Are Critical For Rural Communities**

The rainfall in this area runs off the mountains into the valleys below and swells the rivers which can rise 10 to 20 feet and make passage impossible if not for these bridges.

Bridges to Prosperity devises very simple suspension and suspended foot bridges,

supported by towers on each bank, strong cables and chain-link sides buttressed by bars. Pedestrians walk on wooden 2-by-8s laid end to end, which provide a sturdy and stable surface.



**Suspension Foot Bridge**



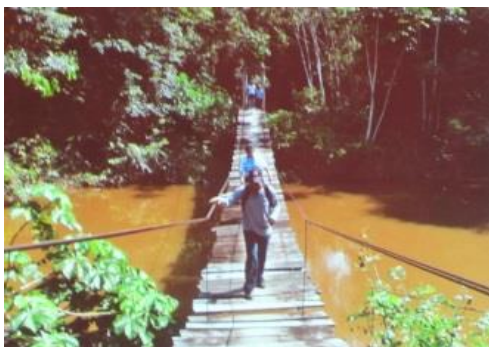
**Another Example of the Bridges Being Constructed to Help Inhabitants Cross the Rivers Created by the Rainfall**







**Suspended Foot Bridge**



**Randy Alston with Construction Team**

**Randy** is visiting other Rotary clubs promoting interest in this project. His Rotary Club is working with their district and locals in Bolivia to maximize the number of bridges they can build.

Currently, Bridges to Prosperity has overseen the building of 19 bridges with the goal of 30.

**Randy** hopes the Rotary Club of Davis can finance an additional two bridges.

Great project!



**President Gene and Randy Alston  
Sporting His *Bridge Builder* T-shirt**

As is our usual custom, **President Gene** presented **Randy** with a gift in gratitude for his informative presentation.

**President Gene** then asked us to stand, raise our glasses and join him in a toast to *Rotary Around the World*.

The meeting was then adjourned.





**DISTRICT 5180**  
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Schedule

Registration & Coffee: 8:00-8:30AM

Assembly: 8:30 AM-2:00PM

Lunch: 12:10 PM

CO-CHAIRPERSONS:  
AG JUDY FOOTE AND AG BRENT HASTEY

## DISTRICT NEWS

# 2016 District Conference "Come Dressed To Play"

Don't  
Miss  
The  
Fun



Where: DoubleTree by Hilton Berkeley, CA

When: Conference May 20-22, 2016

Excursions begin May 19th to 22nd

Registration Fee: \$40 per person

**Limited Event Availability**



No Deposit Refunds After  
July 1, 2015



## Why Attend?

- Enjoy Friendship with Fellow Rotarians
- Explore the Bay Area
- Great Speakers
- Great Entertainment



# 2016 District Conference "Come Dressed To Play" Schedule of Events



## Thursday

Early Bird Self Directed Excursions Oakland A's Game / Shopping / Sake Museum  
Dinner with the Conference Committee

## Friday

Early Bird Morning Excursions Alcatraz / CA Academy of Science / Chinatown Dim Sum Lunch  
Golf Outing

Airtrain Ride to Conference Leaves 9:20am Arrives 10:52am

2:00 pm Opening Session / Business Meeting

6:00pm New Member Reception

7:00pm Hornblower Cruise or Hotel Buffet Dinner

## Saturday

8am Breakfast Session with Keynote Speaker Michael McQueen

10:30am Speech Contest / Youth Program / Thruia Contest

12 noon Lunch Session with Speaker RI Rep / RYE Presentation

2pm Excursions Bike Ride on the Bay Bridge / Disney Museum / Lawrence Hall of Science / Park Fun

7pm Dinner—Entertainment / Presidential Introductions / Awards

Children Program during the Day

## Sunday

8am Brunch Club Awards / Rotarian and Rookie of the Year / RI Rep Farewell

Self Directed Excursion SF Giants Game

*Schedule is subject to change.*



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***The Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands******Presents the Ninth Annual******Night at the Museum******Wine-and-Food Gala******Friday, April 22, 2016******6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.******California State Railroad Museum******125 I Street, Sacramento, CA***

Proceeds benefit local charitable and non-profit causes, including:

- Birth and Beyond • Sacramento Crisis Nursery
- Children's Receiving Home • WIND



Music and Dancing  
Live and Silent Auctions  
Balloon Pop for Special Prizes  
Business Casual Attire  
\$40 per person/\$50 at the door



For sponsorship opportunities and additional information, contact Event Chairperson David Stone at 916-871-4025 or [davidstone@cprstone.com](mailto:davidstone@cprstone.com)

Tickets available online at: [www.night-at-the-museum-rotary.org](http://www.night-at-the-museum-rotary.org)

Club website: [www.foothillhighlandsrotary.org](http://www.foothillhighlandsrotary.org)



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

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Your donation has another great benefit - it is good for the environment. We share your commitment to a cleaner, greener environment - and donating your car ensures it is recycled via many different channels!

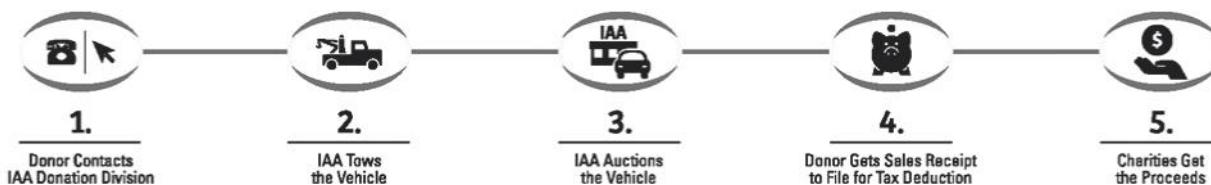
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