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# The Highlander

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF FOOTHILL-HIGHLANDS

Chartered March 12, 1959



June 27, 2016

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## President Gene's Demotion



**Is there a close resemblance to a famous TV personality or  
is it my imagination?**

## CALL TO ORDER

Last night we gathered at 6:15 p.m. in the Lobby Bar at the Lions Gate Hotel and Suites for no host cocktails and some good old-fashioned fellowship. President **Gene Long** welcomed everyone as they arrived and around 6:50 P.M. guests were encouraged to move into Club A. Once everyone was seated, **President Gene** brought the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. PP **Bob Spears** led us in the pledge and **Gordon Lipp** provided the invocation. PP **Lee Wiggins** served as the official photographer and PP **Mo** served as the official note taker.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Joining us for tonight's celebration were **Jordan Backhaus; Sonja Cameron; John Hallsten; Joe Kaiser; Gordon and Polly Lipp; President Gene, wife, Kathy and daughters, Courtney and Ashley Long; Gene, Sr. and Kathy Long; Patrick and Jennifer Magnani; Dominic and Mary Mecklenburg; Bob and Dayme Meyer; Marilee Monagan and Brent Seizer; Sam Morgan and Dick Biddle; Dick's sister, Gail Shaffer; Maureen and Chuck McBride; Bob Spears; David and Sharon Stone and his guest, Dr. Popejoy; Lee and Eddie Wiggins and Honorary Member Sharon Bias.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Outstanding Tabs/Invoices

**Treasurer Dominic Mecklenburg** announced several weeks ago that all outstanding tabs/invoices through the present need to be paid before the end of this fiscal year which ends **June 30th**. If you haven't done so already, please send your payments/invoices to **Dominic** as soon as possible so he can reconcile the books.

Invoices for Annual Dues were emailed last week and are payable by July 31, 2016.

June invoices including the Demotion Dinner will be emailed within the next week or so. Please pay them promptly.

Thanks.

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

GREETER: **JORDAN BACKHAUS**

PLEDGE: **LEE WIGGINS**

INVOCATION: **MAUREEN McBRIDE**

NOTE TAKER: **RICHARD HANSEN**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

#### CLUB CALENDAR:

JULY 4	DARK INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 11	CLUB ASSEMBLY
JULY 12	BOARD MEETING
JULY 18	TBA
JULY 25	WALTER DEARMOND AND BRENDA HARDEN/AARP RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

AUG. 15 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

#### DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

JULY 30	YOUTH SERVICES SUMMIT
AUG. 21	DISTRICT-WIDE PICNIC
OCT. 22	DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER

**NO MEETING  
NEXT MONDAY**



**in  
Observance of  
Independence Day**



### July Board Meeting

The July board meeting for the new board will be on **Tuesday, July 12th** at **5:30 p.m.** at the Umpqua Bank in Antelope.

**Just a reminder:** All members are invited to attend.

### President Gene's Demotion Golf Tournament at Cherry Island

#### Awards:



**Most Golf Balls  
in the Sand  
Award—Brent  
Seizer**



**Most Golf Balls  
in the Water  
Award-David  
Stone**



**Closest to the  
Pin  
Sallie Kay and  
Mike Stodgehill**

### Demotion Golf Tournament Results (continued)



#### Longest Drive:

**Brent Seizer and  
Patrick Magnani**



#### Winning Foursome:

**PP Patrick  
Magnani, PP  
Roland  
Wright, Jeff  
Donlevy and  
PE Dominic  
Mecklenburg**

### END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN



**We have reached  
our 2015-16 goal  
of \$1,000 for  
contributions to  
the End Polio Now  
Campaign.**

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.

For year end, we collected \$1,100.13 surpassing our goal of \$1,000.

A **BIG, BIG** thanks to everyone who has donated and helped exceed our goal.





## BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jordan Backhaus	(GRIF)	PHF
Sonja Cameron	(GRIF)	PHF
Warren Coffeen	(GRIF)	PHF+ 1
Jeff Donlevy	(B)(B)(GRIF)	PHF
John Hallsten	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Richard Hansen	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 7
Joe Kaiser	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 7
Gordon Lipp	(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Gene Long	(B)(B)(GRIF) (\$100 Polio +)	PHF
Gene Long Sr.	(GRIF)	
Patrick Magnani	(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Maureen McBride	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 8 +
Dominic Mecklenburg	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 8
Bob Meyer	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Marilee Monagan	(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Sam Morgan	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Bob Spears	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 3
David Stone	(B)(GRIF)(GRIF)	PHF+ 7
Lee Wiggins	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Roland Wright	(B)(GRIF)(GRIF) (GRIF)	PHF+ 6

### *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.

### 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).



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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 the March check for **\$52.76** a total of **\$426.38** for our E-waste Project for this fiscal year. The goal for the year is \$600.

## FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

Due to the nature of this week’s meeting, no fines or recognitions were observed.



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?*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Our annual Demotion Dinner is a great evening of fun and fellowship and this year’s event was no exception.

We had great food and wine; and following dinner service, **President Gene** was escorted from the room by **PP David Stone**.



Does **President Gene** look way too happy????

Upon their departure, **PP Patrick Magnani** readied the room for the Demotion skit and gave those in attendance an overview of the evening’s agenda.





After a ten-minute break, **President Gene** returned to Club Ballroom A for his “Roast.”



In case anyone is wondering about the significance of **President Gene's** costume, he is an Agent for Aflac.



**PP Patrick Magnani** served as the evening's MC and highlighted events which happened throughout the year.

As has been our custom for many, many years, Song Writer and PP **Bob Spears** serenaded **President Gene** with a song written especially for the occasion. The song is one everyone knows with lyrics changed to fit the occasion.



**PP Patrick** then had **PP Dominic Mecklenburg** present a slide show taking us on a journey of **President Gene's** early years to the present. See additional photos at the end of the bulletin.

Throughout the program, every time there was a reference to Aflac, our guests got rambunctious and threw ducks at **President Gene**. They were literally everywhere.



**PP Patrick** did a great job orchestrating the evening and **President Gene** was a good sport about his “roast.”

Following all the frivolity, **PP Patrick** summoned **PP Maureen McBride** to the podium. As Foundation Chair, it was **Mo's** task to talk a little about the importance of ongoing support to The Rotary Foundation and to pay tribute to those members who were Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows. **Mo** was proud of our club for achieving the status of 100% EREY as well as 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows for the second year. As **Mo** called off the names of each member, they came forward to receive a Certificate of Recognition.

Following that presentation was the awarding of new pins for those members who had achieved the next level of recognition. Those multiple PHFs honored were **PP Bob Spears** who became a PHF+3, **PP David Stone** who became a PHF+6, **PP Roland Wright** who became a PHF+6 and Honorary Member **Sharon Bias** who became a PHF+2.

The next recognition was for the club's Paul Harris Fellows' choice for the person they felt most closely exemplified Rotary's motto of “Service Above Self.”

**Mo** stated she has been a Rotarian for 24 years; and in that timeframe, she didn't ever remember the vote producing a tie. But, she added, “there's always a time for firsts, and this year we pay tribute to two outstanding Rotarians.

The first Rotarian she mentioned was **PE Dominic Mecklenburg** who has been a steadfast member of the club since day one. During his nine years in Rotary, he has chaired

a myriad of projects and been the driving force behind many others.

He has always been ready to step in when a projects starts to go sideways to insure that it stays on track—more often than not without being asked.

**Mo** stated that **Dominic** makes a huge difference in our club and referred to him as a Goodwill Ambassador for Rotary.

She called him the consummate Rotarian. The kind of person Founder Paul Harris had in mind when he formed Rotary.

With this recognition, **PE Dominic Mecklenburg** became a PHF+8. Everyone then joined **Mo** in congratulating **Dominic** on this special recognition.

The next honoree was **PP David Stone**. A long-time Rotarian, **David** has played and continues to play a key role in the successes of our club. He has rallied support from the community and encouraged others to open their checkbooks and wallets to help support our annual Night at the Museum Fundraiser.

**David** has served on the board of directors for many years in a variety of positions and has served as President twice.

**Mo** teased **David** that he has such a knack for charming and schmoozing with our restauranteurs and vintners that they willingly provide food and wine for our guests. **David** also secures sponsors for the event as well as secures most of the silent auction items.

For his ongoing and exhaustive efforts



throughout the years, **David** was honored with a PHF+7.

And, wrapping up the evening, **Mo** introduced **President Gene Long** to share his choice for this year's Presidential Paul Harris Fellow.

**President Gene** began by saying it had been his pleasure to serve as President this past year and how proud he was of all our club had accomplished.

He said, "our accomplishments are due to the on-going commitment and hard work of our members—some in the spotlight while others work in the background."

He gave a great deal of thought to his selection for the Presidential PHF and chose **Sam Morgan** for her exhaustive and extensive behind-the-scenes work as the Club Historian.

He said some of his fondest memories from this past year were the programs **Sam** produced about the *Rotary Relics* and *57 Years of Service*. He praised her for the time she has spent combing through boxes and boxes of newspaper clippings, bulletins, board minutes, pictures and such and assembling it all into a living history of our 57 years of service to the community and the world.

**President Gene** told **Sam** she made it possible for new and old members alike to understand and appreciate all the projects and activities our members have been involved with. And, I quote "the work she has done is in a word — PRICELESS."

**Sam's** reaction to the announcement was truly a highlight of the evening for everyone.

This recognition elevated **Sam** to a PHF+5.

To all our honorees, a job well done!



Moving on to the next segment of the program, **President Gene** thanked his board members for their hard work during the year and gave each of them a gift for their efforts.

Following **Mo's** detailed Minute-by-Minute Agenda, **PP Patrick Magnani** presented **President Gene** with all the goodies Presidents are given at the end of their year—Past President plaque, pin and badge.

**Kathy Long** was then asked to come forward to receive a bouquet of flowers from **Jennifer Magnani** as a thank you for her support during the past year.

**President Gene** asked **PE Dominic** to join him at the podium wherein he presented **Dominic** with is President's pin and a new gavel and gave him the opportunity to introduce his board and say a few words.

The evening ended with everyone giving a toast to "Rotary Around the World" and the meeting was adjourned.

**Demotion Dinner Pictures by Official Photographer Lee Wiggins**

Pictures of Table Decorations at the Lions Gate



← Servers **Cecelia** and **Tracy** who take such good care of us throughout the year.

**President Gene's Family**

(L to R) Gene's Wife, Kathy; Daughter Ashley; Gene, Sr.'s wife, Kathy, Gene, Sr. and Daughter Courtney





**President Gene** and wife,  
**Kathy**



Rotarians and their Guests  
enjoying great fellowship



**PP Bob Spears** reviewing the lyrics  
he wrote for the song he sung to President  
Gene



**Jordan Backhaus** receiving his  
Paul Harris Sustaining Member  
Certificate of Recognition

**Those Rotarians and Friends of Rotary Who Reached the Next Level  
of Foundation Giving**



**PP Bob Spears** became  
a PHF +3



**PP and Honorary  
Member Sharon Bias**  
became a PHF+2



**PP David Stone**  
became a PHF=6

**Recipients of the 2015-16 Club Paul Harris Fellow Recognition**



**PE Dominic Mecklenburg** became  
a PHF+8



**PP David Stone** became a PHF+7



**2015-16 Presidential Paul Harris Fellow Recipient—Sam Morgan**

**Sam Morgan** became a PHF+5



**President Gene**  
recognizing some of his  
board members for their  
contributions to the success  
of this year.



**President Gene receiving his Past President's Pin and Plaque**



**Former First Lady of Foothill-Highlands Rotary Club (2013-14) Jennifer Magnani presents Kathy Long with a beautiful bouquet in recognition of her support of President Gene during the past year.**

**As a Final Act of his Presidency Gene Long Bonged the  
Gong one more time for the Rotary Foundation**



**Passing the Torch**



**President Gene** presenting  
**PE Dominic Mecklenburg**  
with his new President's Pin



**President Gene** presents  
**PE Dominic** with his Gavel

**For additional photos of the Demotion Dinner, visit the club website at**  
<http://foothillhighlandsrotary.org/PhotoAlbums/president-gene-long-s-demotion>





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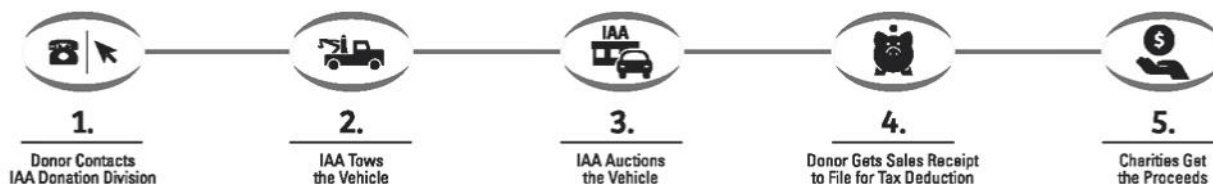
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