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President Rich's Demotion

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2014-15 President
Rich Ryan Presents Official Gavel To
2015-16 President
Gene Long

CALL TO ORDER

Tonight was a very special meeting. It was **President Rich's** Demotion Dinner at the **Lions Gate Hotel and Suites**. The evening's festivities began at 6:15 P.M. with no host cocktails in the Lobby Lounge.

PE **Gene Long** and IPP **Patrick Magnani** took turns welcoming everyone as they arrived at the Lions Gate. Around 6:50 P.M. guests in the Lounge were encouraged to move into Club A. Once everyone was seated, **President Rich Ryan** brought the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. IPP **Patrick Magnani** led us in the pledge and PP **Lee Wiggins** provided the invocation. **Lee** also served as the official photographer and **Mo** served as the unofficial note taker.

ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Joining us for tonight's celebration were **Jordan Backhaus; Sonja Cameron; Jeff and Nicole Donlevy; John Hallsten; Joe Kaiser; Gordon and Polly Lipp; Gene 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; President Rich and Melinda Ryan; Bob Spears; David and Sharon Stone; and Lee and Eddie Wiggins.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outstanding Tabs/Invoices

PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** announced several weeks ago that all outstanding tabs/invoices through May 31st 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 to **Dominic** as soon as possible so he can reconcile the books.

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

President Rich's Demotion Golf Tournament

See photos in last week's Bulletin.



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Foundation News:



**END POLIO NOW
CONGRATULATIONS
Foothill-Highlands
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Our final total for Polio Giving this year was \$1,130.09.

Outstanding!!!!!! Thanks to everyone who participated in this challenge. You did a great job.

E-Waste4Good Program

PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** announced the last pickup for this quarter will be next week. You can bring anything, anytime to Umpqua Bank or he 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!

Total E-waste revenue for this fiscal year is **\$652.68**. Well done!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS CLUB CALENDAR:

JULY 6	BILL TOBIN, NUCLEAR POWER
JULY 13	TBA
JULY 14	BOARD MEETING/PLANNING SESSION LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED
JULY 20	LUNCH AT THE COFFEE HANGAR CAFÉ, 5411 LUCE AVENUE
JULY 27	CLUB ASSEMBLY
AUG. 31	DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT
SEPT. 14	DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNE MARIE SCHUBERT

DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

JULY 25	FOUNDATION, YOUTH SERVICES AND LITERACY SEMINAR
AUG. 24	6TH ANNUAL ROTARY DISTRICT 5180 GOVERNOR'S CUP
SEPT. 19	FOUNDATION SEMINAR
NOV. 7	DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER
MAY 19-22	DISTRICT CONFERENCE, BERKELEY TREE HOTEL



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?

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015

GREETER: GENE LONG

PLEDGE: MAUREEN MCBRIDE

INVOCATION: BOB SPEARS

NOTE TAKER: RICHARD HANSEN

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

Due to the nature of tonight's meeting, there were no fines levied. Everyone was there to have a good time and to celebrate the end of another successful year for the Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands.

Estate Sale 2015-2016

PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** traveled to San Jose on Sunday to collect a truck and trailer load of furniture donated by his family for the next Estate Sale. This was one of many trips to the Bay Area as he is collecting items from two houses and one large garage/shop to add to the club's stash of items for the next Estate Sale.

On Sunday and in incredible heat, PP **Patrick Magnani** and his brother-in-law met **Dominic** at the club's storage unit in North Highlands just before they closed to unload all the treasures!!



BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jordan Backhaus	(GRIF)	PHF
Sonja Cameron	(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Warren Coffeen	(GRIF)	PHF+ 1
Jeff Donlevy	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF
John Hallsten	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Richard Hansen	(B)(GRIF) (\$100 Polio +)	PHF+ 6
Joe Kaiser	(GRIFx3)	PHF+ 7
Gordon Lipp	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Gene Long	(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Patrick Magnani	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF
Maureen McBride	(B)(GRIFx2) (\$125 Polio+)	PHF+ 8 +
Dominic Mecklenburg	(GRIFx2) (\$25 Polio +)	PHF+ 7
Bob Meyer	(GRIF) (\$25 Polio+)	PHF+ 4
Marilee Monagan	(B)(GRIF) (\$50 Polio +)	PHF+ 2
Gary Monk	(B) (GRIF) (\$100 Polio+)	
Sam Morgan	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Richard Ryan	(B)(GRIF x3)	PHF
Bob Spears	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
David Stone	(B)(GRIF) (\$25 Polio+)	PHF+ 5
Lee Wiggins	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Roland Wright	(B)(GRIF x4) (\$100 Polio+)	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 PROGRAM

Following dinner, President **Rich Ryan** was led from the room by PE **Gene Long**. While they were gone, IPP **Patrick Magnani** gave an overview of the evening's program and invited guests to "freshen up" before we reconvened.

When **President Rich** returned, he was dressed as a Gnome. There's a story behind that which we'll get to shortly.



At the end of each Rotary year, it has been the club's tradition to "roast" the outgoing President with a great deal of levity concerning some highlights of his/her year.

The first group to poke fun at **President Rich** included IPP **Patrick Magnani**, North Highlands Jubilee Chairman **Jeff Donlevy**, PE **Gene Long** and PP **Bob Spears**. During the planning stages of last October's North Highlands Jubilee, it appeared a member of the North Highlands Vision Task Force took it upon himself to hire entertainment for the event without consulting the event chairman which resulted in his hiring family "inappropriate" groups. One of the punk rock stars hired for the event; and subsequently, asked not to participate was *Richard the Rock Star*. The first spoof centered around him.



Bob Spears as Robbie the Rock Star
(Names Were Changed to Protect the Perpetrator)

The second group reenacted the Annual Holiday Gift Exchange MC'd by **Elf Dominic Mecklenburg**. For the past three years, there appeared a trio of Gnomes which were coveted by our esteemed President. Try as he may, he never secured the Gnomes for his garden. They were always stolen by someone else. Tonight was no exception. **President Rich** ended up with a pair of false teeth.

The individuals participating in the gift exchange were Past Presidents **Dominic Mecklenburg**, **Marilee Monagan**, **Maureen McBride** and **Lee Wiggins** as well as **President Rich**.

The third and final skit was orchestrated by Past President **David Stone**. This focused on the sometimes odd gifts given to our weekly speakers. It was suggested that being fiscally responsible **President Rich** gathered up all the left-over speaker gifts from previous years and attempted to get rid of them.

Thanks to IPP **Patrick Magnani** and his committee who helped in the planning and

orchestration of the night's events.

All in all—a lot of laughs as we took a look back on this past year.

The Rotary Foundation Recognitions

Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows

Following all the fun and frivolity, **President Rich** along with **Rotary Foundation Chair Maureen McBride** got down to some serious business. They recognized this year's Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows—those members who contributed at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation. This year The Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands attained the status of a 100% EREY as well as a 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Fellow Club.

They thanked everyone for their generous support of The Rotary Foundation and each Paul Harris Sustaining Fellow received a Certificate of Recognition.

New Club Member Paul Harris Fellows

Foundation Chair **Maureen McBride** next recognized **Jordan Backhaus** as a Paul Harris Fellow. **Jordan** was presented with two emblems of a Paul Harris Fellow—a Certificate and lapel pin. **Mo** encouraged **Jordan** to display the certificate in a prominent place in his office and to wear the pin as symbols of his support of the great things we do around the globe as members of Rotary.



Foundation Chair **Maureen McBride**,
President Rich and **Jordan Backhaus**

Multiple Paul Harris Fellow

With additional contributions to The Rotary Foundation reaching the next \$1,000-level, The Foundation celebrates these milestones by adding another gem stone to a Paul Harris Fellow's pin. This past year PP **Dominic Mecklenburg's** contributions reached the PHF+5 level meaning between \$5,000 and \$5,999.99 has been contributed by him or in his name to The Rotary Foundation. **Dominic** received a new Paul Harris pin with five-sapphires.

Special Presentation

There are occasions when a Rotarian wishes to pay tribute to a friend, family member, business associate or fellow Rotarian in a special way for their support and for being an important part of their life.

PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** honored his wife, **Mary** for the extraordinary way in which she has influenced his life and for all the understanding and support she has exhibited, when Rotary has taken over his life, by naming her a Paul Harris Fellow.



PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** pinning **Mary**

Congratulations to **Jordan** and **Mary** on their recognition as Paul Harris Fellows and to **Dominic** on his milestone of becoming a Multiple Paul Harris Fellows with five sapphires.

Club Recognition

Each year the club's Paul Harris Fellows are asked to choose an individual who, in their opinion, exemplifies the true meaning of Rotary—*Service Above Self*.

Mo asked a rhetorical question. What are the characteristics of that special Rotarian? It's someone who steps up to the plate when a need arises before being asked and does so without regard to receiving accolades for their efforts. Their work ethic is exceptional and their positive attitude infectious. This year the Paul Harris Fellows of the club selected PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** as that special Rotarian and to be the recipient of this year's Club Paul Harris Fellow Award.



Foundation Chair **Maureen McBride** pinning
PP **Dominic Mecklenburg**

Congratulations to **Dominic** on this very special and well-deserved recognition.

Presidential Paul Harris Fellow

Rounding out the Foundation Awards for the evening was the Presidential Paul Harris. The award is given by the sitting President. The recipient is a member who, in the President's assessment, has done the most to foster the ideals of Rotary and to help the President and club accomplish their respective goals for the year. **President Rich Ryan** chose PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** as the recipient of the Presidential Paul Harris Fellow Award. **Dominic** is now a Paul Harris Fellow + 7 and his new Paul Harris Fellow Pin has two rubies. Congratulations again to **Dominic** for these well-deserved recognitions.

Other Recognitions

As the evening progressed, **President Rich** recognized his board of directors for their service during the year. Those individuals included: **Gene Long**, President Elect; **Patrick Magnani**, Immediate Past President; **Marilee Monagan**, Secretary; **Dominic Mecklenburg**, Treasurer, Evergreen and E-Waste Fundraisers, etc., etc.; **Maureen McBride**, Vice President

and Rotary Foundation Chair; **Roland Wright**, Club Administration Director, **Jeff Donlevy**, Community Service Director; **Bob Meyer**, International Service Director; **Bob Spears**, Vocational Service Director; **Gene Long**, Youth Services Director; **David Stone**, Sergeant-at-Arms and NATM Chair; **Cheryl Anne Morgan**, Club Historian and **Richard Hansen**, Media Mogul.



President **Gene Long** and
IPP **Rich Ryan**



Following the recognitions, **IPP Patrick Magnani** took control of the podium and presented **President Rich** with the three traditional symbols signifying the end of one's presidency—Past President's Pin, Plaque and Past President's Badge.



Special Dessert
Inscription thanking
President Rich for a great
year



President Rich and **First Lady Melinda Ryan** asked **Kathy Long** to join them at the podium for a special presentation to thank her for her support of **Gene** and Rotary.



Centerpieces Handcrafted by
PP **Maureen McBride**

More Demotion Photos by Lee Wiggins on the web site at:

www.foothillhighlandsrotary.org/PhotoAlbums/demotion-2015-pres-rich



IPP **Patrick Magnani** pinning
Rich Ryan with his Past
President's Pin



President Rich
and **Melinda Ryan**



Robbie the Rock Star Skit
PE **Gene Long**, IPP **Patrick** and
President Rich



PP **Marilee Monagan** and
Brent Seizer



PP **Lee** and **Eddie Wiggins**



Dayme and
PP **Bob Meyer**



PP **Joe Kaiser**



Jen and
IPP **Patrick Magnani**



Sharon and
PP **David Stone**



Sonja Cameron

President Rich's Demotion (continued)



Jordan Backhaus



**Polly and
Gordon Lipp**



Jeff and Nicole Donlevy



**Gail Shaffer, Dick Biddle and
Sam Morgan**



**PP Maureen and
Chuck McBride**

U.S.G.A. Senior Open Del Paso Country Club

Our concession stand sold eight kegs of beer in four hours thanks to **Joe's** expertise on the tap. He changed a keg tap so quick someone asked him if he went to Chico State for college. Great time supporting First Tee of Sacramento.



Great day at the USGA Senior Open at
Del Paso Country Club
Jeff Donlevy and Joe Kaiser



The USGA Senior Open Trophy was mistakenly awarded to **Joe Kaiser**. He walked away with the trophy and everyone is now looking it.



It's 8am. Where else do you think **Joe** would be volunteering? At USGA Sr. Open



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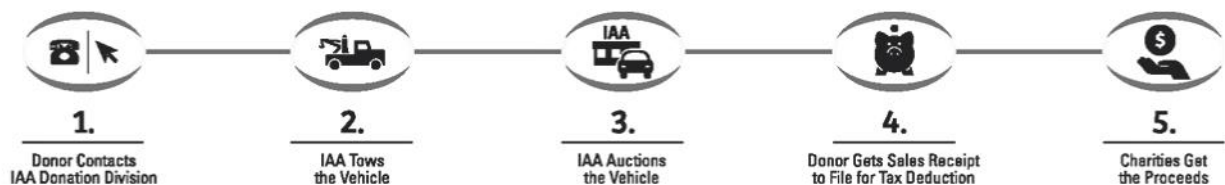
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