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THE ROTARY CLUB OF FOOTHILL-HIGHLANDS



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Rotaractors from Sacramento State and Interactors who helped at the 2016 Night at the Museum Fundraiser



There were several Sacramento State Rotaract Volunteers (left side of photo) Those pictured here are as follows:

Back row from the left to right is Andrew Noble, Carina Angel and Lianne Woo. In front row President: Angelina Burkley, Maria Ramos and Vanessa Martinez and in front is Vivian Chu.

Two Interact Volunteers (right)

Curtiss Wright and Nick Mecklenburg





CALL TO ORDER

President Gene Long began the meeting at 12:15 p.m. PP **Maureen McBride** served as our Official Greeter. Leading us in the pledge was **Gordon Lipp** and PP **Lee Wiggins** provided the invocation. **Richard Hansen** was the note taker.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Joining us today were **Bob Barabua** and **Mark Navarrete** from Realty One Group and our speaker, **Jennifer Laam**.

May Board Meeting

This month's board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 10th** at **5:30 p.m.** at the Umpqua Bank in Antelope.

Just a reminder: All members are invited to attend.

Demotion Golf Tournament—Save the Date

PP **Patrick Magnani** announced this year's Demotion Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Friday**, **June 24th** at the **Cherry Island Golf Course** in Elverta. More details to come.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary House

PP Joe Kaiser passed the (Bob Meyer's) hat to collect money to help Rotary House reach their goal of \$7,000 on this year's Big Day of Giving which is Tuesday, May 3rd. Visit www.bigdayofgiving.org for further details. Show support and remember to donate to Rotary House. All this can help us continue offering this valuable service for a child and their family!



Joe collected \$100 from those present at today's meeting.

A BIG thanks to those who participated.

Night at the Museum

PE **Dominic Mecklenburg** reported he had two extra Balloon Pops up for sale. One was purchased by guest **Mark Navarrete** and the other by **President Gene**. **Mark** won a gift certificate to Cupcake Cravings and **President Gene** lucked out with another Ink & Toner Cartridge gift certificate.

This year's net income should be around \$12,400. The shotgun donated by PP **Bob Meyer** sold for \$1,160 in the special

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(ClubRunner)

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raffle held during NATM.

Thanks to **Mark** and **President Gene** for adding to our bottom line.

New Board Retreat



PE **Dominic Mecklenburg**

has rescheduled his new board retreat for **Saturday**, **June 11th** from Noon to 5:00 P.M. The meeting will be

held at his home and spouses/partners are invited to join the group at 5:30 P.M. for fellowship and dinner.

Dominic sent an email to the new board asking for R.S.V.P.s for both the meeting portion as well as the dinner. If you haven't already done so, please let **Dominic** know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

At the start of today's meeting, **President Gene** expressed to **Bob** and **Dayme Meyer** the club's deepest sympathy at the passing of **Dayme's** sister, **Marilyn** in the early hours of today.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Bob** and **Dayme** at this difficult time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

CLUB CALENDAR:

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MAY 9	MEDO ELDIN/SPORTS TECHNOLOGY	
MAY 10	BOARD MEETING	
MAY 16	SHERIFF SCOTT JONES	
MAY 23	TEACHER OF THE YEAR	
MAY 30	DARK-MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	
JUNE 6	PAUL DURENBERGER, PROJECT	
	MANAGER, SACRAMENTO REGIONAL	
	FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER	
JUNE 11	NEW BOARD RETREAT	
JUNE 13	PART 2 "57 YEARS OF ROTARY	
	SERVICE"	
JUNE 20	OPEN	
JUNE 24	DEMOTION GOLF AT CHERRY ISLAND	
	GOLF COURSE	
JUNE 27	DEMOTION DINNER	

DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

MAY 19-22 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

DOUBLE TREE HOTEL/BERKELEY

MARINA

JUNE 5 ROTARY DAT AT RIVER CATS

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

GREETER: DOMINIC MECKLENBURG

PLEDGE: PATRICK MAGNANI

INVOCATION: JORDAN BACKHAUS

NOTE TAKER: RICHARD HANSEN

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.



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



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

Now Campaign

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.

This week the banks yielded \$7. To date, we have collected \$1,056.68 surpassing our goal of \$1,000.

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

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

Fine Master Maureen McBride began by thanking the Rotarians, their friends and family and the Sac State Rotaractors who helped make this year's Night at the Museum a success.

PP David Stone for spearheading the event — getting the entertainment, vendors and several of the sponsorships, orchestrating the auctions and serving as MC.

PE **Dominic Mecklenburg** and **Team Mecklenburg** for orchestrating the successful Balloon Pop, conducting the Raffle for the shotgun and collecting the Silent and Live Auction monies—not to mention providing the speedy financial results.

PP **Roland Wright** and his guests who rendered invaluable help. **Roland** was also instrumental in recruiting the Sac State **Rotaractors** who did an outstanding job providing much needed help with a myriad of tasks.

Mo also thanked Team Mecklenburg, Team Wright and Jordan Backhaus for taking additional photos and video of our event.

Fine Master Mo then called on PP **Joe Kaiser** who joined Rotary 29 years ago this month. **Joe** chose to delay any recognition until next year.

PP **David Stone** will also celebrate a Club Anniversary on May 12th. He has been a Rotarian for 19 years. **David** spun the wheel for \$5.

Mo then asked if anyone had a Happy Thought.



PE Dominic sprang to his feet to share that his son, Nick was recently elected President of the Oakmont High School Interact Club. He is very

proud they will both be serving as President of their respective clubs during the 2016-17 Rotary year. **Dominic** spun the wheel for \$4.

Next, PP **Lee Wiggins** was happy to report that he has transitioned from being an employer to an employee. **Lee** was in a very bad motorcycle accident six years ago and is experiencing residual effects so he's decided to take some much needed time to allow his body to heal and to avoid additional surgeries. He'll still see patients but on a reduced schedule. He is thrilled with the new dentist who will be part of the Walnut-Whitney Dental Practice. **Lee** spun the wheel for \$9.

Mo then shared that she knew PP **Bob Spears** had to be ecstatic with the winning streak his beloved Phillies were enjoying. **Bob** spun the wheel for \$4 but used one of his bijillion fine-free passes to be exempt from paying a fine.



PP Patrick Magnani
has a birthday on
the 25th. While
recognizing Patrick
for his birthday, Mo
reminded the
Rotarians if they
don't want to be
recognized at one of
our weekly

meetings, they need not be posting pictures like the one above on their Facebook pages. **Patrick** and family were in Disneyland recently to celebrate son **Anthony's** sixth birthday. **Patrick** spun the wheel for \$5.

Finally, Fine Master **Mo** will celebrate a birthday on May 22nd. **Mo** spun for \$6.

Best wishes to all our celebrants.



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?



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Sonja Cameron	(GRIF)	PHF
Warren Coffeen	(GRIF)	PHF+ 1
Jeff Donlevy	(B)(GRIF)	PHF
John Hallsten	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Richard Hansen	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 6
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+ 7
Bob Meyer	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Marilee Monagan	(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Sam Morgan	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Bob Spears	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
David Stone	(B)(GRIF)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Lee Wiggins	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Roland Wright	(B)(GRIF)(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

PP Marilee Monagan introduced our speaker, Author Jennifer Laam. It is a pleasure to introduce Jennifer in her second visit to our club. Last summer she spoke to us about writing her first book, "The Secret Daughter of the Tsar" and today she was with us to talk about her newest book, "The Tsarina's Legacy."

Jennifer lives in the Sacramento/Elk Grove area. She earned her undergraduate degree in History and Russian Studies at the University of the Pacific in Stockton and her master's degree in History from Oakland University in Michigan. Jennifer has traveled throughout Europe and Russia and she has a third book forthcoming, entitled, "Lady Pushkin" which should be published in 2018.

Jennifer began by asking the Rotarians to identify photos of famous Russians and then reviewed how she became interest in Russian history.

An overview of "The Tsarina's Legacy." Then...Since the moment he first saw her on the night she seized the throne, Gregory "Grisha" Potemkin has loved Empress Catherine of Russia. Their love was forged first from passion, and then from friendship, as they began a long and prosperous political association. Now older, they treacherous new threats, both from outside of Russia and from those within their intimate circle. Haunted by the horrors of his campaign against the Muslim Turks, Grisha hoped to construct a mosque in the heart of the empire. Unfortunately, Catherine's much younger new lover, the ambitious and charming Platon Zubov, stands in his way. Grisha determines that to preserve Catherine's legacy he must save her from Zubov's dangerous influence and win back her heart.

Now...When she learns she is the heiress to the Romanov throne, Veronica Herrera's life swiftly turns upside down. Even as she gains a noble legacy, she loses everything she once thought important. Heartbroken and seeking purpose, Veronica agrees to accept a ceremonial position as the new tsarina and to act as an advocate to free a Russian artist sentenced to prison for displaying paintings critical of the church and government. For her efforts, she is both celebrated and chastised. As her political role comes under fire, Veronica is forced to decide between the glamorous perks of European royalty and staying true to herself.

In The Tsarina's Legacy, **Jennifer Laam** deftly reveals the compelling connections between Grisha and Veronica as they struggle to make peace with the ghosts of their pasts and help secure a better future for themselves and the country they both love.



The Romanovs



Jennifer Laam "The Tsarina's Legacy" web site

http://jenniferlaam.com/



President Gene and Jennifer Laam

As is our usual custom, **President Gene** presented our speaker with a gift in gratitude of her 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 NEWS

Natomas Rotary Club Annual Wine Adventure

PDG Brian Moore has resurrected his club's



Annual Wine Adventure and is heading to Calaveras County on **Saturday**, **May 14th**. He has tickets available for this wonderful event but they are going fast. As

part of the festivities, **Brian** has arranged for a continental breakfast before boarding the bus and to have a catered lunch with the Rotary Club of Murphys. The bus is scheduled to leave Sacramento around 9 a.m. and return around 6 p.m. The tickets are \$60 each.

If interested in attending this wonderful event, call a Natomas Rotarian at 916-718-8185.

Rotary Day at the River Cats

PP Maureen McBride announced the date has been set for the next *Rotary Day at the River Cats*. The game, between the River Cats and the Albuquerque Isotopes, has been scheduled for **Sunday**, **June 5th at 1:05 P.M.** Ticket prices are \$22 with \$6 going to Polio Plus and \$15 with \$3 going to Polio Plus. If anyone would like to donate tickets for disadvantaged kids, the price is \$10 with \$2 going to Polio.

Mo has been circulating a sign-up sheet and will submit our request for tickets this week. Anyone interested in this fellowship event should contact **Mo** ASAP. For additional info, **see flyer on page 12.**

2016 Night at the Museum

Photo galleries by Roland Wright, Sharon Bias, Dominic Mecklenburg and Jordan Backhaus

For more Photos go to: www.night-at-the-museum-rotary.org

Video by Roland https://youtu.be/dauNTscn7U4



Former Member Gary Hill and wife, Sandy chatting with Dayme Meyer



Curtiss Wright



John Hallsten and Maureen McBride



Entertainment Provided By the Band OFF RAMP



Silent Auction Items



Joe's Crab Shack



Sonja Cameron and Guests



Carvalho Family Winery



Driven Cellars



Hoppy Brewing Co.



Uncle Charlie's Firehouse and Brew



Gene Long, Sr. and Lee Wiggins



Tyler Stone arriving with Silent Auction Items



Dominic Mecklenburg and Joe Kaiser at Balloon Pop Table



Event Chair David Stone



President Gene Long



Welcome Table No.2
Souvenir Wine Glasses, Trays
and Event Programs and Plates
Rotarian Carol Langley
From the Passport Club



Curtiss Wright and Patrick Magnani



Roland, Bob Spears, Chuck McBride and President Gene Long



Honorary Rotarian Sharon Bias



Welcome Table

Volunteers: Gail Kay & Darcie Gerbaud



Curtiss Wright, Rotarian John Hallsten & Diane Wright



Team Mecklenburg Nicholas, Steven and Jeffrey



Mary and Dominic Mecklenburg



Balloon Pop Prize Table



Dominic Mecklenburg with sons Steven, Nicholas and Jeffrey



Christian and Dominic with cards for Shotgun Raffle



Dominic and his mom, JoAnn



Roland Wright & TJ Kay



Craig Colloing-Winner of the Shotgun and Rotarian Bob Meyer who donated it.



Volunteers: Diane Wright & Interactor Curtiss Wright

DISTRICT NEWS







Thursday

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

Friday

Early Bird Morning Excursions Alcetraz / CA Academy of Science / Chinatown Dim Sum Lunch Golf Outling

> Amirak Ride to Conference Leaves 9:20em Antives 10:52am 2:00 pm Opening Session / Business Meeting 6:00pm New Member Reception

7:00pm Hornblower Cruise or Hotel Buffet Dinner

Saturday

Sam Breakfast Session with Keynote Speaker Michael McQueen

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

12 noon Lunch Session with Speaker Rt Rep / RYE Presentation

2pm Excursions Bike Ride on the Bay Bridge / Disney Museum / Lawrence Hall of Science / Park Fun 7pm Dinner—Entertalnment / Presidential Introductions / Awards Children Program during the Day

Sunday

Sam Brunch Club Awards / Rotarian and Rookle of the Year / Ri Rep Farewell
Self Directed Excursion SF Glants Game

Schedule is subject to change.







Sunday, June 5 at 1:05 p.m.

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