

Special Edition

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The Redlands Camera Club

Established 1896



Ray Doyle Retires!

Redlands, California, April 1, 1999: After 16 years of service, Ray Doyle retires as club treasurer. His sound fiscal practices enabled the club to invest in all new projection equipment in 1997/98. His wise advice to club presidents and boards of directors leaves a respected legacy which will be greatly missed.

Past Presidents comment

Ray was elected (volunteered) to be club treasurer in 1983, during my first term as club President. We were down to eight active members and were meeting in the cafeteria at Kingsbury Elementary School. It was free and every meeting was kind of a show and tell. Six of those members are still around - Ray, Jess Wall, Gertrude Hodson, Kemper Hindes, Art Miller and myself.

Ray was really a dedicated member and was responsible for keeping the club solvent. However, as near as I can recall, Ray has only shown slides and photos three times during his 16-year membership. They were good photos too! Thanks for all your help, Ray.

Jim Bridges

In the dismal times of reduced membership you were a bright ray of help and encouragement: taking time from your other interests to help in the revitalization of the Redlands Camera Club. Helping invent ways to build a viable club. In this you were unwavering in your intentions to make it happen. On your retirement as club treasurer we thank you, thou good and faithful treasurer.

Jess Wall

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I've known Ray Doyle since I attended my first Redlands Camera Club meeting about 10 years ago. It has indeed been a pleasure to know Ray -- not just because he is a fellow photographer, but because he is a wonderful, pleasant, caring person who adds something worthwhile to everyone he meets.

His sparkle and wit made each club meeting better and livened up some otherwise dull moments. I came into office when the membership and meeting attendance were quite low; Ray was a great help in publicizing the meetings, in attracting new members, and in making everyone feel comfortable. He has contributed greatly to the club during his 16 years of service and we all owe him a real debt of gratitude. Many of the former members send their very best wishes.

Thank you, Ray, for your kindness and for letting us know you,

Ken Jacobs

So, Ray, after 16 years, the Club has finally been able to pry your fingers loose from the purse strings. Year after year you "reluctantly" agreed to serve, but I think we'll find your fingers' impressions permanently imbedded in those strings. Thanks for your good stewardship of the Club's finances, Ray, but it's time to let go and let younger blood have a try at it. Ray, please let go. Ray!

Seriously, Redlands Camera Club members, extend a word of appreciation to Ray for his service to the Club for so many years. He had the help of "Quicken" software and his personal computer, but it took a lot of commitment to enter the data, collect money, dispense payment of bills, and reconcile the monthly statements, all of which he did promptly and accurately. Your check had better be good, because Ray made it a practice to bank it the next day.

Ray, thanks again. I know your database has been essential to the Board of Directors for identifying where the moneys went and what was needed for a Club budget, many years running. Best wishes for many more years of interest in photography.

Edgar (Bud) DeMaris

Ray had had 14 years of experience as Treasurer when I took office. Although we parted friends, it was rough going at times. When I needed a copy of the treasurer's report, he invited me to come take a look at his computer to verify. When I said I needed a copy to duplicate for the board members, he gave me a partial summary. Bud DeMaris kindly offered to get a complete report. Upon finding out that through Ray's careful handling of the funds we had extra money in the treasury, the board decided to buy some new equipment instead of using old or borrowed. During the next 2 years we purchased a new projector and lens, projection table, screen, and carrying cases.

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Ray was very careful when he entered our club money into the ledger. He always called to verify, including one call at 6:00 a.m.

Thanks, Ray, for all your hard work and effort. You served our Club well. We are very grateful.

Nancy Yowell

Other organizations weigh in

My association with Ray Doyle goes back more than ten years, primarily with the Men Only walking group. We've had a lot of fun as daily compatriots, badgering one another and having a lot of laughs. Ray was a member of other organizations, and held office in at least two, the Camera Club and the Round Table. I know him to be a very meticulous, caring person who took any job he contracted to do very seriously and gave it a great deal of personal effort; more than required in some instances.

Neither of us is walking now, due to the ravages of time and the waning of our physical abilities. I see him occasionally for lunch, and we keep in touch, but Ray is a nice guy and deserves any honor one might wish to accord him.

Robert (Bob) Burnham
Men Only Club

Word is out that you are taking your retirement another level higher by giving up your duties with the Camera Club. As you know, we retirees consider retirement a specialized field and it, like many of the others, requires regular additional attention. Otherwise, we lose our proficiency and before we realize it we have been tricked and are back at some task that a non-retiree will do. Congratulations on the firm stand you have taken to uphold the integrity of our chosen specialty -- retirement!

Over the years of your friendship, I have enjoyed our various contacts; they have been both pleasurable and informative. I'm looking forward to their continuation far into the future. Congratulations and best wishes.

Art Burton
Knights of the Round Table

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