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## Rogers Family Company Offers Free Shipping of Its "Fairly Traded" Coffee to Troops

The Lincoln, Calif.-based Rogers Family Company ([www.rogersfamilyco.com](http://www.rogersfamilyco.com)) – a family-owned, nationwide roaster of gourmet coffee - announced it will permanently offer free shipping to troops for online orders of its "Fairly Traded" coffee from families and friends of U.S. military service members.

In June, the Rogers Family Company began a trial "Summer of Free Shipping to Support Our Troops" program in which it paid the freight to any overseas base. The Rogers Family Company (RFC) – which roasts Fairly Traded branded gourmet coffee and tea sold throughout the U.S. and abroad - will offer on a permanent basis free priority-mail shipping for anyone who sends coffee, tea and other gifts to service members with an APO/FPO (military post office) address.

Part of the Rogers Family Co.'s ongoing support for U.S. troops, this program also applies to service members' own coffee or tea orders. The free shipping offer, including coffee gift packages or mugs for birthdays or other special days, applies to any package or item ordered from the Rogers Family Gourmet Coffee & Tea Market ([www.gourmet-coffee.com](http://www.gourmet-coffee.com)) or ([www.rogersfamilyco.com](http://www.rogersfamilyco.com)).

The Rogers Family Company this year is again teaming up with Operation Gratitude- a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that sends care packages to military personnel in hostile zones throughout the world. Rogers Family Coffee Company has been a longtime partner with Operation Gratitude. As in ...

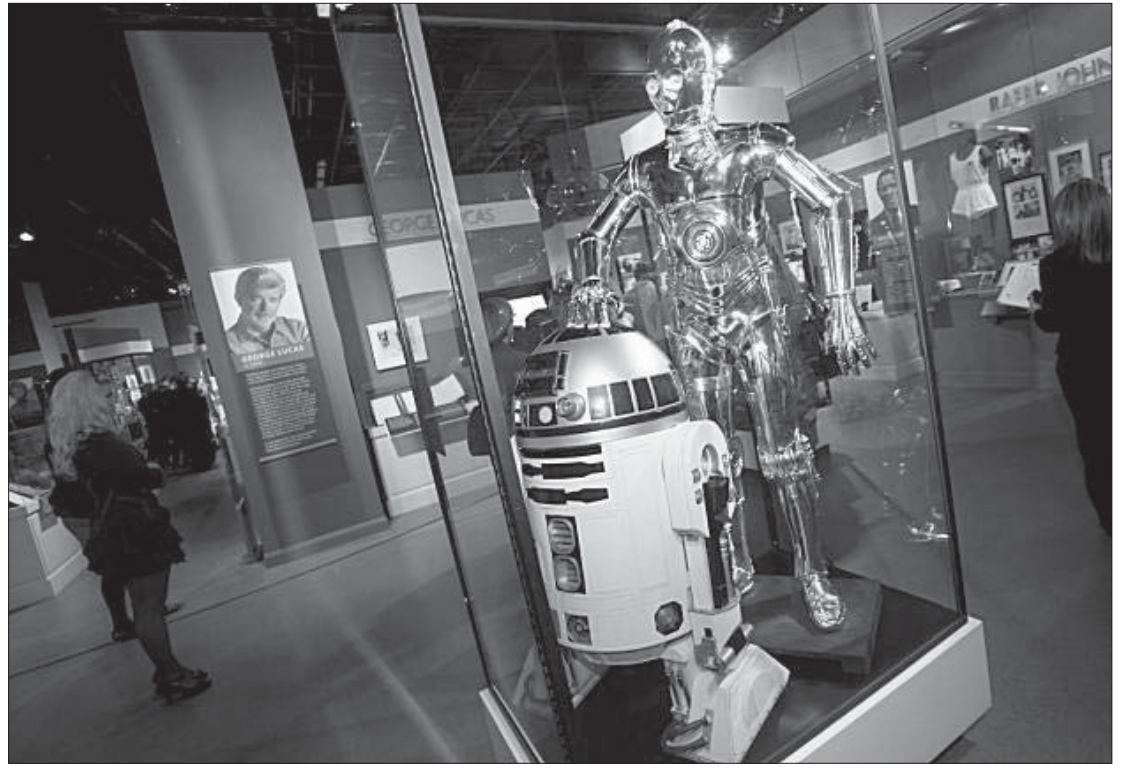
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## 4th Annual California Hall of Fame Inducts 13 New Members

By John Benton  
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Tuesday, December 1st, California's First Lady, Maria Shriver, along with the California Museum, hosted the 4th Annual California Hall of Fame induction ceremony at their location in downtown Sacramento. Thirteen new inductees joined the honored halls of the California Museum as "...legendary people who embody California's innovative spirit and have made their mark on history."

There are now 51 members in this elite group of movers and shakers that have helped California become such an amazing place to call home. Inductees were awarded the California Museum's California Hall of Fame medal, the Spirit of California, designed by Los Angeles artist and '08 inductee, the late Robert Graham, and their accomplishments permanently recorded in the California State Archive. The California Hall of Fame was the culmination of



R2D2 and C3PO from the "Star Wars" movies are part of an exhibit about George Lucas, one of thirteen Californians inducted into the state's Hall of Fame in Sacramento in December. *Courtesy Photo to the Gold Country Times*

efforts between the California Museum and California's First Lady, Maria Shriver. Since 2006, the Hall of Fame has inducted 12 to 13 famous "trailblazers, leaders and legends who have called California home." Among the previous 38 are such inspirational names as Dr. Seuss, Ansel Adams, John

Steinbeck, Amelia Earhart, Walt Disney and Sally Ride. Each member has an area set aside to display artifacts from his or her life. George Lucas' area included such memorable iconic characters R2D2 and C3PO from the Star Wars films as well as Indiana Jones' hat, jacket, and whip. Danielle Steel, best

known for her mainstream drama novels, has a floor to ceiling display of her notable books. Standing along the red carpet, anticipating the entrance of the honorees, the group of media photographers and writers was abuzz. Many locals were on hand to attempt to collect autographs  
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Operation Gratitude thanks Rogers Gourmet Coffee & Tea for their long-time generous support--they have ensured that every Operation Gratitude Care Package sent (430,000 and counting!) has a package of coffee for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines! *Photo courtesy to The Gold Country Times*

## \$19,000 in grants awarded by Calaveras Community Foundation

Ten local groups have been awarded a total of \$19,000 in the first round of 2009 funding by the Calaveras Community Foundation (CCF). The funds will be used for programs focusing on music, youth, adult tutoring, seniors, educational needs and food pantries.

Brent Harrington, president of the Foundation board of directors explained, "We expect to fund additional applicants by the end of the year. CCF is currently in the midst of our annual fund-raising campaign.

Letters were recently sent to Calaveras residents asking for financial support to continue to expand our grants program. We hope the response will enable us to award funding to many more of the 36 applicants."

A total of \$107,000 was requested by 36 grant applicants, according to Kathy Zancanella, chair of the CCF Grants/Scholarships committee. Grants were awarded to Resource Connection, Calaveras Community Band, Faces of Hope Charitable Fund, Mountain Ranch Youth Alliance, Valley Springs Music Festival, San Andreas Community Covenant Church, Calaveras Adult Tutoring, Calaveras County Senior Center, Valley Springs Elementary School and Mokelumne Hill Community Trust.

CCF is the only non-profit organization in the county funding neighborhood and countywide groups that provide a variety of services at the grassroots level. 209-736-1845.

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