

# GILLELAND'S ISLANDER



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## Tour of Business

Our first tour of business this year will be Friday, November 3, immediately following the Club meeting (at North Ridge CC), around 9:15AM. We will be touring the San Francisco Bay Coffee in Lincoln. Tim Hayes has arranged this opportunity.

SF Bay Coffee is a family-run company striving to create the perfect cup of coffee while improving the life of every farmer they interact with along the way, breaking the cycle of poverty that exists in coffee communities. Their passion is to build great relationships with farmers, families, and the communities, and continue to improve their social conditions.

There are ten spots for this tour, first come, first served basis. If you want attend, contact Beth Schatz at [BLeonard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BLeonard@sbcglobal.net) ASAP.



## Partners in Leadership Conference

PWR is putting on our 11th annual conference on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 8AM-3:30PM at the CSUS University Union. Save the date and volunteer to be a mentor. Larry Challis and Sandy Thompson are leading this event. They need 30+ mentors for the students 30+ from Encina High School. No preparation needed! Contact Sandy by email [sathomp@outlook.com](mailto:sathomp@outlook.com) or phone (916)-952-2728 to see how you can help. This is a phenomenal experience for everyone.



## SS Point West Voyage Log



The 15th meeting of our 39th term is in the fresh air of the Haggin Oaks Golf Complex for our Putting for Polio events.

Several members join the Polio Plus Society, pledging \$100 per

year to Rotary's Polio Plus campaign until polio is eliminated.

Dominic Porrino leads the festivities. We set up a 9 hole putting contest. The special

putter for Polio Plus had to used for "closest to the pin" on the 9th hole. Russ Prater was closest before Paul Adams

won with a hole-in-one. With Tom Harvey, Drew Houghton and Judge

Dave Abbott in the running for best dressed, Ken and Bar-

bie, aka Tim Hayes and Joanie Mather were the finalists. Joanie

took honors. Ed Schatz won the prize for lowest Score. Everyone had a great

time and Polio Plus

was the big winner for the day.



## Veterans Day 2023

PWR will celebrate Veterans Day at our meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. This year in addition to honoring Point West Rotary members, we want to start a new tradition by also honoring the sons, daughters, spouses, and parents of our members that also served in our military. To do that we would need you to submit a picture of who served along with their name, branch of service, rank and where and when they served. Please plan to attend our Veterans Day meeting as we have lined up an excellent speaker.

Please send your pictures and information to Gary Pevey at [gary@wealthdesigngroup.com](mailto:gary@wealthdesigngroup.com) by November 1st to include them in our presentation. For any questions, call or text Bob Porter or Dave Abbott.



## District 5180 Calendar

Go to <https://rotary5180.org/Events>.

Nov 18 - District 5180 Foundation

Dinner at 5:30 PM - 11:59 PM at the Citrus Heights Community Center.

## PWR Meeting Calendar

Meetings Fridays, 7:30 AM at DPCC\* (+ Zoom)

Oct 27 - Public Image Committee Presentation

Nov 3 - Bill George, Author of the book on Sherm Chavoor.

Nov 10 - Veteran's day. General Alice Astafan (USAF ret.)

\*(unless indicated)

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## Run the Parkway Event



The 2023 "Run the Parkway" event will be held on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, "RAIN OR SHINE." Point West Rotary has assisted with the run by operating one of the event water stops several times in the past. We have again been asked to undertake this roll. 15-20 Point West Rotarians are needed to staff the Ambassador Park water station in Rancho Cordova. Street parking will be available along Ambassador Drive. Approximately 6 volunteers are needed beginning at 7:15 AM to help with setting up the water stop. The remaining volunteer force will need to check in by 8:00 AM. The stop will remain open until sometime between 11:00 AM and Noon. The work is light, consisting mainly of handing runners cups of water and energy bars, as well as cheering them on and providing them moral support for the remainder of the run.

If you are able to volunteer for this event, please email Dan Hall at [dhall@wickland.com](mailto:dhall@wickland.com), or call (916) 978-2460. And remember: "Volunteers are paid in six figures: S-M-I-L-E-S!!!"



HAVE FUN!

## POLIO PLUS UPDATE

From Desirée Wilson

Rotary's fight to eradicate polio is making progress but there is work to do! While two new cases were discovered last month, it brings the total for 2023 to only 9 cases in the world! This is a dramatic decrease from the approximate 350,000 cases occurring every year in the 1980s.

The two cases discovered last month occurred in the only two countries still experiencing polio – Pakistan and Afghanistan. Rotary continues to work through the current conflicts in those countries to immunize children.

Surveillance also plays a pivotal role in ensuring that the world is truly polio-free. Polio is most commonly spread through human waste – entering the body through the mouth (from contaminated food or water), so environmental sampling is important. Also, stool samples are tested and analyzed for the virus to determine if it is polio and determine the origin of the strain. Rotary has provided \$76.5 million over the last 5 years for surveillance efforts.

The European Union (EU) together with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the European Investment Bank recently announced a new financing package of more than \$1 billion to eradicate polio.

Your support of Polio Plus helps fulfill Rotary's promise to the children of the world to eradicate polio...forever! And don't forget that your donation is matched – 2 to 1 – by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation!

## Prospective New Member

Jay Boatwright has applied for membership in Point West Rotary Club. Jay Boatwright moved to California after obtaining his degree in Construction Engineering Management from Oregon State University. He met his life partner, Vicky, while working in San Francisco. They relocated to Sacramento in 1982, where Jay had a successful career in the commercial development and construction industry, retiring as President of Sequoia Pacific Builders at the end of 2020. He is an Eagle Scout. Jay is a Director and the current Board President for the Sacramento Suburban Water District and is on the OSU Alumni Association Board of Directors. He also enjoys brewing beer, occasionally races in the 24 Hours of Lemons, takes trailer trips whenever possible and is a member of the Rotary RV Fellowship.



Jay and Vicky have two grown daughters and are excited to welcome their first grandchild in February. Please welcome Jay to Point West Rotary Club.



For the latest information about Polio Plus, Rotary will be live-streaming a Zoom meeting providing an update on polio on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 7 pm...and it's FREE! Register by clicking on the link below <https://www.discovergates.org/program-type/upcoming-programs/>.