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## Member Spotlight Paul Friedrich

Paul Friedrich, has been a member of Point West Rotary (PWR) since 2009. He is a long time resident of the Sacramento area. He attended elementary school in Fair Oaks, High School in Elk Grove, graduated from CSUS with a BS degree in Public Administration and received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

His working career includes 16 years as a Federal Employee assigned to McClellan AFB, 11 years as a Logistics Analyst/Project Manager for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in Arden Arcade and 7 years as a Configuration Engineer/IT Project Manager for Infinite Technologies in El Dorado Hills.

Rotarian Paul has been passionate about public service since his youth and possesses a deep well of community service experience rooted in the Gospel message from Matthew 25 v35-36. He was in student government, a Rotary Group Study Exchange delegate to Seoul Korea, a past president of the Active 20/30 Club of Sacramento, president of the McClellan Golf Association and Del Norte Dolphin Swim Team. He was also a member of the Sacramento Children's Coalition serving as the chair of the Grants Subcommittee

In PWR he has served on the Grant Review Committee, The Foundation Board, Club Board of Directors and Chair of the International Giving Committee. He currently holds a position on the District Designated Funds Committee overseeing the Global Grant process.

Paul, who was ordained a Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento in 2014, is a cradle-Catholic and has served the Diocese in several positions at the parish, deanery and diocesan level. He has recently been appointed the Chair of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission. He has been married to his wife Sharon for 30 years and has two children Leanna 29 and Nicholas 25. He loves attending live theatre, playing a round of golf and reading books about American History.

## Ray Riehle: Antarctica

Ray Riehle, a Rotarian from the Citrus Heights club, spoke to us about his trip to Antarctica in 2003. This involved air travel to Buenos Aires after a stop in Florida, then to the Falkland Islands and finally the Antarctic Peninsula, about 1700 miles from the actual South Pole. When in the Falkland Islands he learned that they still have landmines left over from the Falkland war.

His trip took place during the southern hemisphere's summer months, so he avoided much colder and more severe weather, and he was able to enjoy sunsets lasting several hours, since the sun never really "set" during that season. Ray traveled on an ice breaker ship that had been converted to a passenger ship. He said it wasn't like a "cruise" and he was very seasick! He shared his photographs of icebergs and two species of penguins and the various sea lions and walrus inhabiting the peninsula. He reported that although cute, the penguins are very messy and emit a rather malodorous aura.

Ray showed us impressive photos of huge icebergs and commented that the ocean there is actually below freezing in temperature. He hiked up glaciers that were 50-100 feet high and said the icebergs don't melt they just weather from the winds.

Ray also shared photos of the Argentinian state house in Buenos Aires, which is pink, and the former residence of Evita Peron. He opened his remarks by telling us Antarctica is the highest, driest and coldest continent in the world!

## Putting for Polio At Haggin Oaks

We had about 33 people out for the Putting for Polio event, held at the Haggin Oaks Golf Complex on October 23, 2020. There were 29 participants putting this year. It was great to see so many people in-person and socially distancing as well.

Putting for Polio recap:  
Day of event donations = \$2,400  
Donations mailed = \$2,500  
Donations made directly to R.I. for Polio = \$1,100  
New Polio Plus Society Members = 15

Note: With the District Match and the Gates X2 match = \$24,000+ was contributed to the R.I. Polio Plus Campaign.

The Putting for Polio Contest results were: **Closest to the pin:** Dave Abbott. **Best Dressed:** Drew Houghton. **Lowest Score:** Ross Rushton. **Celebrating his Birthday:** Paul Friedrich.

Thanks to everyone for contributing to this year's Polio Plus campaign and the participants that came out to the Putting for Polio event.

Lori Curry & Dominic Porrino, Co – Chairpersons

**"Because of You"...Richelle Whiteford for leading the Fundraising Committee**

## KEY DATES

**November 6 – Speaker: Sacto. Police Chief, Daniel Hahn**

**November 13 – Speaker: Journalist & Writer: Dan Walters. Also, Veteran's Day recognition**