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Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands



Chartered March 12, 1959
serving the Greater
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communities of Antelope,
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McClellan, North
Highlands and Rio Linda



Please donate to Oak Park Rotary House on the Big Day of Giving. Rotary House gives hope to families who are overwhelmed with the injury or illness of their child.

*A place to heal
A time to be with family*

Big Day of Giving
MAY 2

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CALL TO ORDER

At 12:15pm, **Teresa** started the club meeting in classic style. **Miguel** led us in the pledge to our flag and **Teresa** called upon **Lee Wiggins** to provide the invocation. **Teresa** was our fabulous greeter today and **Dominic** the note taker. Today's gathering reflected a smaller group. We were down a few peeps today for a variety of reasons. **Brent** had jury duty, **Roland** was on vacation, **Richard** was under the weather and **Bob Spears** was in the hospital with pneumonia to cover a few absences.

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- 4/29/24 Regular meeting, speaker Crystal Chavez w/DKS Associates**
5/6/24 Regular meeting, speaker Dale Klug w/RAO (Retiree Activities Office)
5/13/24 Regular meeting, speaker Theresa Martin w/ Independent Insurance Agent
5/20/24 Regular meeting, speaker April West w/ Sacramento Metropolitan Fire

Join Zoom Meeting
Occurs Monday from 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86245299428?pwd=TWFTUmRrK3ZxcckpuaVh6ZHhyb3JDZz09>

Meeting ID: 862 4529 9428
Passcode: 399637

We meet on Mondays at 12:15 p.m.
Lions Gate Hotel and Suites
McClellan Business Park
3410 Westover Street

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teresa started with general announcements and **Dominic** had his usual list of items and updates, in no particular order. First up, a note for the calendar. There is a celebration of life scheduled for **Bob Meyer** at the Lion's Gate Hotel on Thursday, 5/23 from 2-4pm. There will be appetizers accompanied by some water, tea & coffee. Our host for this event is **Dayme Meyer**, **Bob's** spouse but the MC for the afternoon will be **Dominic** from our Foothill Highlands Rotary Club. If you are planning to attend, it has been asked that you kindly RSVP to either **Dominic** (916-995-4006 / dmecklenburg@comcast.net) or call **Dayme** directly at 916-334-0454. **Dayme** will be calling Rotarians shortly, using our club roster and a list from the reunion mixer that was held in **Miguel's** year.

We will be ordering embroidered FHRC logo'd polo shirts soon. A sign up sheet will be passed around next week, but if you'd like a head start...email **Dominic** your preferred size. Pricing should be in the \$45-50 dollar range approximately. Rio Linda High School has their Senior Awards Night on 5/7. **Dominic** and **Teresa** will be attending and every Rotarian from our club is welcome to attend. Let's show those Lion's Club members what puts the mighty in Small but Mighty!! **Patrick** reminded us that the next meeting for the North Highlands Rec & Park is Monday, 4/29 from 1-2pm.

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DISTRICT 5180 WEBSITE: <http://rotary5180.com>

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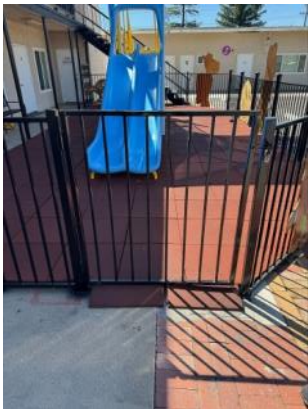
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EIN 68-0392810, PayPal link on Club Website: <http://www.foothillhighlandsrotary.org/>

Lastly, a card was circulating for **Bob Spears** who is at Kaiser in Roseville with Pneumonia. We wish him well and hope to see him soon. As **Judy** said, they'd rather be at a Monday meeting, spinning the wheel and paying a fine. Ha!

Teresa had some announcements too. Paul Harris has a birthday coming up. Hey, the party's at her house!! The Big Day of giving is coming up too. What and when is Big Day of Giving? The Big Day of Giving is an annual 24-hour giving event that unites caring people to raise funds for the nonprofits that strengthen El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, and Yolo counties. The next Big Day of Giving is Thursday, May 2, 2024. The **Rotary House** is an eligible recipient and we encourage everyone to donate if they can. For those that asked, currently there is no known matching available. **Teresa** also reiterated the 4/29 meeting at the North Highlands Community Center with **Sue Frost** as well.

Recently, **Dominic & Roland** checked the final box on the Life Pointe church playground project, meaning that both safety gates have been installed, hinges, latches, some touch up paint and all. Done! Nice to have that project officially complete.



Simultaneous with that action, **Miguel** has been working hard with Facebook marketplace to offload some surplus estate sale items. He handed **Dominic** the sum of \$370 today which represented sales that included a couch, an armoire and a coffee table. We jokingly referred to this mega productive activity as our new partner company, **Benitez Enterprises**. Hey, if it works? Roll with it!!

With some pending collections, this should now push us over **\$2500** for the estate sale month of April.

What's next? We have an estate sale pickup this Friday, 4/26 at 10am. It's off Watt & Arden. We need volunteers to help pick up most of what is left in a 2 bedroom apartment on the ground floor with no stairs. Our favorite kind! Please contact **Dominic** if you can assist. We will haul everything to our storage unit on 32nd street in North Highlands immediately afterwards—2 chances to help, at the site to load or at storage to unload. We appreciate any assistance!!

Next, a word of caution to shout out, keep your eyes & ears peeled. The scammers are out and about. At the district level, fraudsters tried to impersonate our own District Governor using a spoof email in an attempt to work a gift card scam—some of you may have got those emails, steer clear! Separately, there was a woman that tried to contact both **Roland** and **Dominic** to attend one of our weekly meetings and do a flag exchange. It evolved into a lost purse and credit card as the suspect was hoping we'd pay for her hotel room. Wrong! She tried to book a room in red flag city, so we abandoned ship and politely declined the meeting invite. The scam/fraud was ultimately confirmed later by the powers that be in 5180.

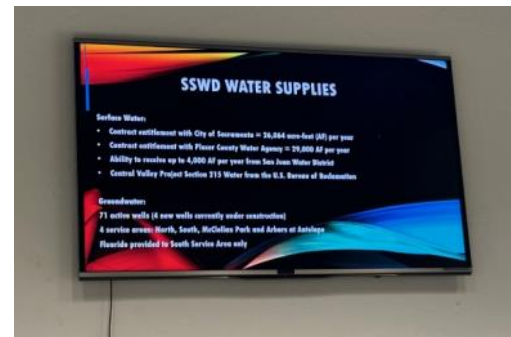
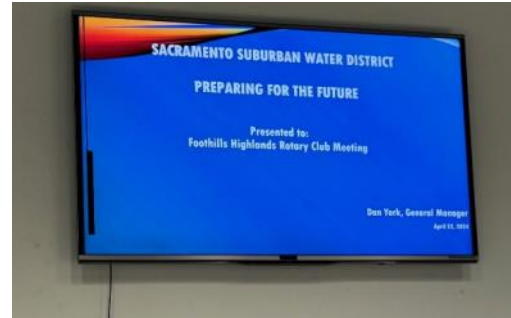
Today's Polio Plus carafe collection was **\$16**. **Joe** did some podium work today, it seems the lucky numbers were 8 and 15 today. First, **Christian** was awarded his new member badge. He gave the wheel a spin for a \$10 fine.



Lee is no longer a resident of Gold River, yes he sold his house in a weekend and for over the asking price, he was happy so he spun for a \$8 fine.

Pat was very excited about his daughter and her volleyball performance, he spun the wheel for a \$15 fine, a number he had predicted for **Lee** but wow that backfired in more ways than one. Instead of bundling, he opted to spin again for a dozen Titleist ProV1 golf balls he jacked from a golf bag during the estate sale. Boom, it landed on \$15 again! Finally, **Christian** had a happy thought to share. He went to an event in Oroville recently and ran into some Rotarians. Of course, **Christian** had his rotary pin on and less than 1 week from being inducted. You can imagine how that conversation went. **Tao**, from the Oroville Rotary club said, "...great, how long have you been in Rotary?" **Christian** said, "About 6 days." Words just can't describe the look on his face. **Christian** spun again for an \$8 fine, and worth every penny!!

We did have a program today. **Jay Boatwright** from the Point West club was a guest in attendance today and introduced our speaker, **Dan York** (General Manager) from the Sacramento Suburban Water District (or SSWD). His topic today: "Preparing for the Future." He covered a variety of sub topics from a full overview of the water district, including water supply and resources plus the conjunctive use program and combination discussions that basically came and went as of 3/26/24. **Dan** also gave us a little history lesson for SSWD, a consolidation and combination in 2002 of two original long standing water districts: Arcade Water District (1954) and Northridge Water District 1956. He also broke down the structure for SSWD, 5 board of directors, 75 employees, 47,000 service connections serving 200,000 people across 36 square miles! His final comment's were about surface and ground water as well as why they consider combinations with other districts.



He took questions at the end and, after a satisfied audience, **Teresa** awarded both **Jay** and **Dan** with a lovely Rotary logo'd canvas bag to add to their collection.

Teresa then closed out the meeting in a traditional fashion with a toast to Rotary around the World.

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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?

END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN

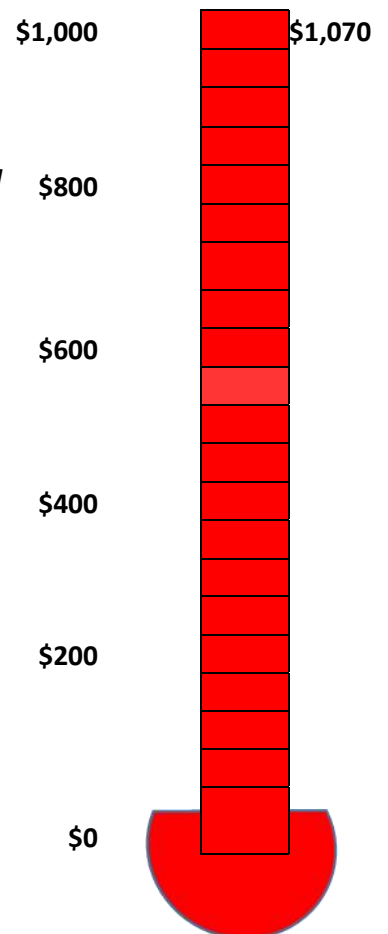


EVERYONE BRING YOUR POCKET CHANGE — TO AFFECT CHANGE BY ENDING POLIO THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

The **END POLIO NOW** campaign is still one of Rotary's top priorities. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have extended their partnership with Rotary during the critical endgame phase of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Todays collection was \$16.

Polio Plus



Ink and Toner Cartridges Mini Fundraiser



PP Dominic is continuing to collect spent ink and toner cartridges as a mini-fundraiser for the club.

IT'S SO EASY TO DO!

Keep a plastic or paper bag by your printer. As you replace the ink or toner cartridges, put the old ones in the bag and bring them to Rotary.



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Hansen, Richard
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 Lipp, Gordon
 Magnani, Patrick
 Mecklenburg, Dominic
 Meyer, Bob
 Morgan, Cheryl (Sam)
 Spears, Robert B.
 Wiggins, Lee N.
 Wright, Roland

A Benefactor is someone who has contributed \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund or made provisions in their will of at least \$1,000 benefiting The RI




In Loving Memory
JOHN HALLSTEN
 1924 - 2019

In honor of the life and memory of John Hallsten, this fund will be used specifically to further Vocational Education. Students in our Rotary service area may apply.

Donate to the Foothill-Highlands Rotary Club, "John Hallsten Vocational Service Fund"

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**BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS
 PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

Miguel Benitez	(B)(GFHF)	PHF+1
Teresa Ferrer	(GRIF+1)	PHF
Robert Hale	(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Richard Hansen	(GRIF)(P)	PHF+ 8
Crystal Harding-Jenkins		
Joe Kaiser	(GRIF)	PHF+ 8
Patrick Magnani	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Dr. Steven Martinez		
Dominic Mecklenburg	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 8
Sam Morgan	(B)(GRIF) (GFHF)(JH)	PHF+ 7
Bob Spears	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Lee Wiggins	(B)(GRIF) (GFHF)	PHF+ 5
Roland Wright	(B)(GRIF+1) (P)	PHF+ 8

Bell Ringer & Gong Codes:

(B) = Bell Ringer, \$100 donation to our Club

(GFHF) = Gong Bongger, \$100 donation to Club Foundation

(GRIF) = Gong Bongger, \$100 donation to Rotary Intentional Foundation

(JH) = A \$100 donation to the John Hallsten Vocational Scholarship Fund

(P)= A \$100 donation to Polio Plus

A Paul Harris Fellow is an individual who contributes \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund or other approved program. Each additional \$1,000 contribution is recognized with a plus and the number.

Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands



FOOTHILL FARMS - ANTELOPE - MCCLELLAN PARK - RIO LINDA - ELVERTA - NORTH HIGHLANDS

Rotary Club **Vocational Scholarship Award** Application 2024

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email _____

Current School: _____

Current Class Level: _____ Target Graduation Date: _____

GPA: _____ Student related to a Rotarian: Yes ___ No ___ Explain: _____

Minimum one page essay is required on what Community Service means to you. Please reference our Rotary Theme "Service Above Self" please attach essay to this application when submitted.

Intended college, university or trade school: _____

Intended Vocation and career goal: _____

List any Community Service hours: _____

Have you been an active member in one of the following? Check any that may apply:

RYLA: Interact: Rotaract: RYE:

Have you volunteered and worked at Community Service Events? _____

If Yes, Please Explain: _____

Would you attend our Rotary Club weekly lunch meeting as a guest speaker? _____

Intangibles, e.g. this student has overcome a hardship: _____

Note: Award recipients will be contacted and notified
Return to: Roland Wright @ Rwright@hallsten.com (916) 417-1426



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Schedule your FREE pick up by visiting www.eWaste4good.com

Fill in your information and within a few days a dispatcher will contact you to schedule an at home or office pickup date. Then, your electronics will be picked up, recycled and the proceeds will be donated to the organization of choice. You can also call eWaste4good at 800-317-3112



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- Telephones
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- Mice
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- Household Phones
- Medical Equipment
- Video Games
- Computers
- Calculators
- Cell Phones
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THIS IS AN ONGOING PROJECT. CONTACT DOMINIC FOR MORE INFORMATION.

You can also call eWaste-4good at 800-317-3112 and tell them proceeds are to go to The Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands.

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The process of donating your vehicle is quick and easy - simply call 800-240-0160 or visit us online at foothillhighlandsrotary.org. Better yet, towing is free and scheduled for your convenience.

Not every "vehicle" is a car - but every vehicle, in any condition, can be donated!

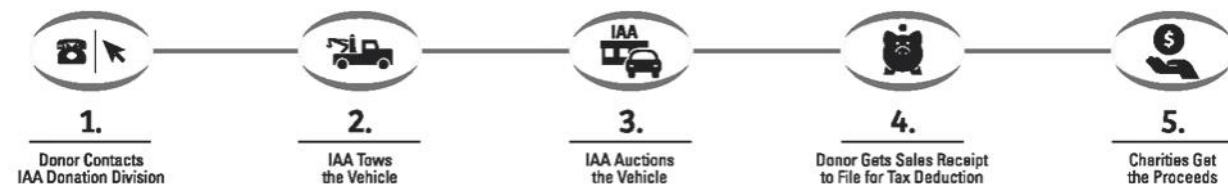
Call Dominic at 916-995-4006 E-mail dmecklenburg@comcast.net

Not every "vehicle" is a car, but every donation helps!

We accept every type of vehicle, including:

- Cars
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- Boats
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- Personal watercraft
- Heavy equipment

The process is easy. Here's how it works:



- Tax deductible
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