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# The Highlander



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# Rotary



## Club of Foothill-Highlands

Chartered March 12, 1959  
serving the Greater  
Sacramento Area  
communities of Antelope,  
Elverta, Foothill Farms,  
McClellan, North  
Highlands and Rio Linda



**ESTATE SALE!!! was on Saturday, 4/6, from 8am to 2pm**  
(our signature fundraiser as of late) in the same location: 7921  
Walerga Road in Antelope,



**Clean up crew**

**Miguel, Roland, Dominic, Lee, Steven M,  
Frederick, Christian, Teresa and P Diddy**

## CALL TO ORDER

**President Teresa** tapped the bell at 12:15pm today to start our meeting. We had a smaller crowd in attendance but it had been an action packed Rotary weekend so our small but mighty club was recharging from a few different activities.

Today, our greeter was **Dominic**, the Pledge was provided by **Joe Kaiser** and our Invocation shared by **Lee Wiggins**. **Dominic** was also our note taker, the one man wrecking crew that he is.

### Calander

4/15/24 Regular meeting, speaker  
**Sergeant Samuel Flores, Sherriff  
Office, Youth Services Unit,  
Sacramento County**

4/22/24 Regular meeting, speaker, **Jay  
Boatwright w/Suburban Water  
District**

4/29/24 Regular meeting, speaker **Crystal  
Chavez w/DKS Associates**

Join Zoom Meeting

Occurs Monday from 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM

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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**

**McClellan Park, CA 95652**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Teresa** recognized a few in attendance today. First, there was honorary Rotarian **Brent Seizer**; second, we had our prospective member, **Christian Dumlao** from Guardian Insurance, enjoying his 3rd lunch meeting and visit in addition to working all day Saturday at the Estate Sale!

Moving into general announcements, **Dominic** had a recap of our annual estate sale this weekend. On, Friday 4/5, those present to load the trucks & trailers included: **Dominic, Roland, Patrick, Joe, Christian, Rotaractor Steven M. and Teresa. Miguel** had some work responsibilities so he loaded up the mighty suburban on Thursday to add one more transportation vehicle to our fleet which also included a pair of trucks & box trailers, a giant flatbed trailer, **Joe's** rig, **Christian's** Sequoia and **Teresa's** new ride. We load up on Friday to simply arrive Saturday morning to unload and let the sale begin. Special shout out to the **Hallsten Corporation** for lending the assist on 2 of the much needed trailers!!

On Saturday morning 4/6, it was game day! **Dominic** arrived at 6am to get the signage and flags up. A nostalgic day as the location formerly known as Umpqua Bank where he worked for 17 years will soon become a Wendy's fast food joint in the Antelope community. Yes, we'll need to find a new parking lot for the next sale, TBA sometime in August! We had tremendous support on

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

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Saturday for the sale. We had honorary Rotarians **Jan Fazekas** (veteran cashier), **Judy Nichols** and **Sharon Bias** helping out. **Diane Wright** was there in full support. As mentioned before prospective member **Christian Dumlao** was there with newly minted honorary Rotarian **Dave Lopez**—these guys were there practically all day and using their skillsets to the max to make our event a major success. **Teresa, Patrick, Roland, Miguel, Joe** (who brought the donuts—thank you!!), **Lee** and 2 **Rotaractors: Steven M. and Frederick** were on site to provide assistance. Did I mention **Diane Wright** was there too—she was in full supervisor mode the entire time. I'm fairly sure I have listed everyone, but my sincerest apologies if I have left anyone out. It was an action packed and successful day. We achieved more than twice our goal and that was in large part thanks to a generous donation from **Richard** who was unable to be present AND **Miguel's** online Facebook Marketplace skills where several LARGE pieces of furniture sold to someone who drove down from Chico, CA. same day—that was one of the more magical moments of the day. And, we continue to sell some select items online via Craigslist and Marketplace to enhance the bottom line—these funds will come in handy as we award vocational scholarship to local students, recognize a few Rio Linda High School seniors at an upcoming awards night in early May and provide awards to those at Gateway Community Charter school with perfect attendance this year!! Youth, literacy and education always are our key areas of focus!!

Some calendar items: the next estate sale pickup is on 4/26, time TBD. **Dominic** is leading the charge, and needs help. If you're available to volunteer for a pickup at a 2 bedroom apartment (no stairs) on this date in the Watt/Cottage area, please contact him. **Miguel & Christian** are tentatively attending. These items will be added to our inventory in storage for the next estate sale with a target date in August. The senior awards night for Rio Linda High School again is on 5/7 in the evening.

**Teresa** shared some announcements too. The District 5180 picnic is officially this weekend, 4/13. If you'd like more details and/or would like to attend, please contact Teresa. Side note, the district had 2 picnics planned, but the second event has been cancelled. A reminder for the District Conference coming up in May. Those registered now need to make their meal selection for the Saturday dinner with the R/I guest speaker. A link was sent out via email from **Rob Saxe** on 4/3—check it out, click the link and select your meal choice. There are also events to register for that weekend: a poker tournament and/or a bowling tournament. For those in our club mainly (and select attendees by invitation), there is also a s'mores/fire pit/corn hole/whiskey adventure set to take place in the RV parking lot. Details to follow, but I have a hunch you can find it by locating the rig with the tallest Rotary flag in the parking lot :)

After some lunch and fellowship, our fine master made the rounds. Passing the End Polio Now Carafe, we generated \$6 in revenue. **Bob Spears** was next, he did some “bundling” as he was absent a lapel pin (first time in forever) AND the Phillies won. Fun fact: I think if there is ever a conflict between a Phillies game and a Rotary event, we all know where **Bob** will be...like a good wheel spinner, \$6 was there.

**Miguel** had a happy thought, he wanted us all to celebrate his daughter, **Dasha**, who had a birthday. He proudly spun the wheel. Today's celebration cost \$10. **Joe** then tagged **Miguel** for another event later this month, and rightly so. This is very cool...**Miguel & Tonya** are celebrating 23 years of marriage. Congratulations to them both!! Another wheel spin actually yielded a “2” which meant everyone else pays \$1ea! Cha-ching.

Lastly, **Teresa** left her gavel in the car. **Joe** had her spin the wheel. It landed on a “2” again, which this time around only means **Teresa** pays a \$2 fine. What a bargain!! For fun, **Joe** passed around a sheet to each of us from a calendar that had daily jokes. We all



read one aloud. That was a great afternoon activity. **Teresa** then returned to the podium and with her glass in hand shared a toast to Rotary around the World and the meeting was adjourned!

On Monday, **Judy** sent an extra special batch of baked goodies to the meeting with **Bob Spears**. Yes, there were white chocolate macadamia nut cookies, brownies and some powdered sugar chocolatey things. All super yummy! I wonder what the special treat will be next week in honor of our new member induction for **Christian**? You'll just have to come and see!!

Outside of the regular Monday meeting today, the club would like to recognize and thank **Roland & Diane Wright** who spent some time on Sunday at storage unloading a box trailer and organizing 2 of our storage units. **Miguel** had also been working with a few follow up inquiries for items posted online, and by 6pm Monday night he had successfully sold our last couch in stock for \$100. That in and of itself is pretty fabulous. Monday morning, **Roland** and **Dominic** took the fully loaded **Hallsten** box trailer to storage and unloaded it using their finest Tetris skills. Yes, we have some space for our next pickup! After the Rotary meeting, **Dominic & Roland** decided on a beautiful sunny day to load up the gates and the welder and head over to the **Life Pointe Church** to install the 2 gates that **Roland** custom made for the last piece of our infamous playground project. Pictures below. As you can see **Roland** and actor Liam Neeson (Taken) have something in common—they both have a “special set of skills” when it comes to certain things. **Pastor Hale** was super excited that we got both gates installed and functioning. We are 95% complete—short of some gate hardware (latch) on the smaller gate and some touch up paint, we'll be able to wrap this one up by 4/18 hopefully. This was certainly a Rotary weekend for many, and a brilliant example of some FHRC teamwork across the board. **Thanks everyone!!**

**Photos of Life Pointe Church gate install that Roland custom made for the playground**



Estate Sale Photos

Friday loading for estate sale



Teresa assisting Joe



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Our cashiers



Miguel loading his suburban on Thursday!!





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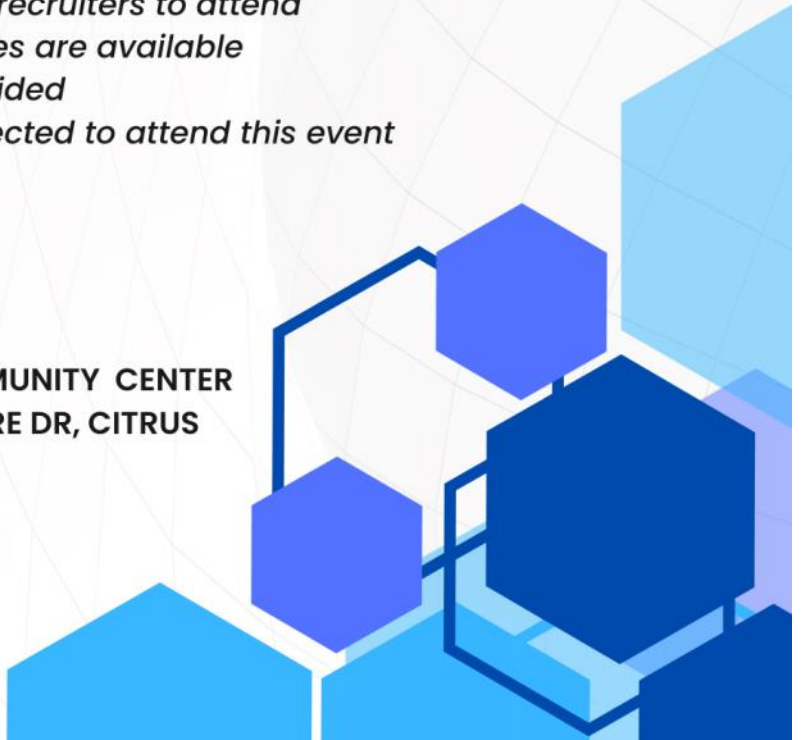
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- 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN

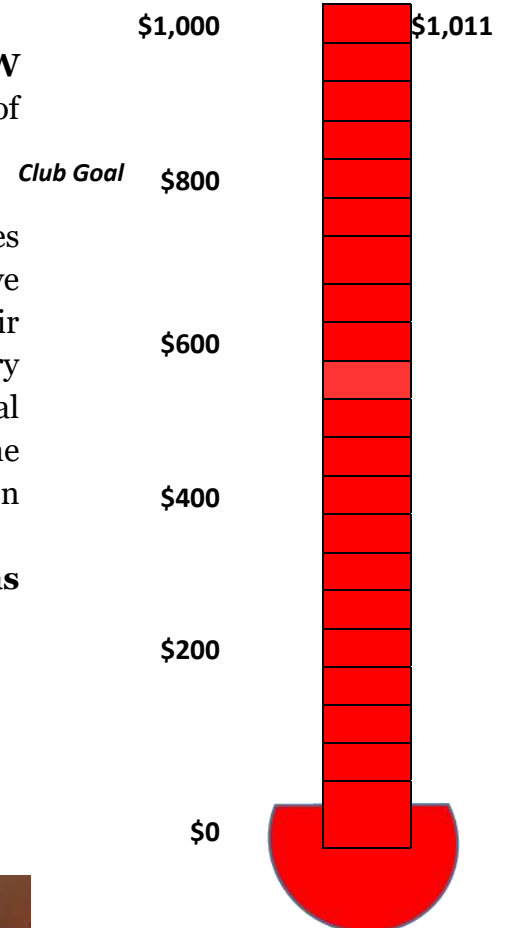


**EVERYONE BRING YOUR POCKET CHANGE — TO AFFECT CHANGE BY ENDING POLIO THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

## Polio Plus

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 \$6.**



### 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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 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) (P)	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

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# 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  
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THIS IS AN ONGOING PROJECT. CONTACT DOMINIC FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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

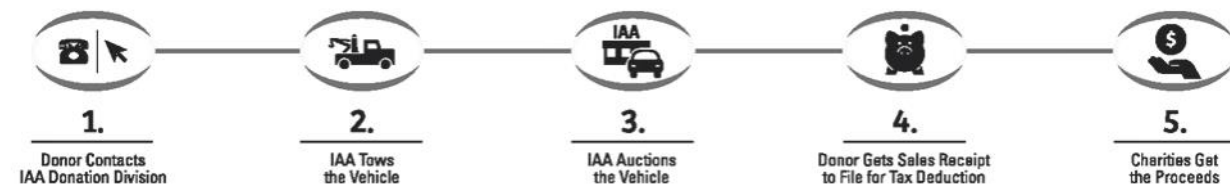
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