



The Highlander 8/24/2026

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To all members (current, former & honorary); speakers, community members and friends and family associated with our Rotary Club. This bulletin has been made just for you. We hope you enjoy!!
Reminder, you're always welcome to join us for lunch on Mondays or attend any of our community service projects!

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Serving the Greater Sacramento Area communities of Antelope, Elverta, Foothill Farms, McClellan, North Highlands and Rio Linda

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Club Information

Welcome to our Club!



Service Above Self

Mondays at 12:15 p.m.



We had a great program today, Ginger Buan, representing our favorite bank, Columbia Bank (Formally Umpqua Bank).

Call to Order



Welcome to the 5th meeting of the year! Thanks to: Greeter: Dominic, Pledge: Miguel Benitez Invocation: Pat, Note Taker: Dominic

WEEKLY CLUB CALENDAR

Today: Ginger Buan, Community Mngr, Columbia Bank
08/31 CNH Meeting @ NHRPD (2pm)
08/31 Evening Fellowship/Fun @ Hard Times Billiards

09/07 DARK / Holiday Week (Labor Day)
09/11 (FRI) = Board Meeting @ Miguel's House
09/14 Shawn Ayers w/Sac Cty DA = "Real Estate Fraud"
09/21 Heidi Sanborn (CNH sponsor) Clean Recycling
09/26 **CELEBRATE NORTH HIGHLANDS!!**
09/28 = **DARK** after CNH!

Lions Gate Hotel at McClellan Park
3410 Westover Street
North Highlands (McClellan),
CA 95652
United States of America

Mondays at 12:15 PM



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Executives & Directors

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[Miguel Benitez](#)

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Richard Hansen
August 19

Sam Morgan
August 27

Dayme Meyer
September 12

Miguel Benitez
September 23

Spouse/Partner Birthdays

Jenn Magnani
September 2

Mary Mecklenburg
September 4

Join Date

Roland Wright

10/05 Matty Hyatt w/California Business Alliance
 10/09 (FRI) = Board Meeting @ Miguel's House
 10/12 DARK / Holiday Week (Labor Day)

10/30 to 11/1 = District Conf & Fdtn Dinner in TAHOE!



32 days until our big event!

<https://celebratenorthhighlands.com/>

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

No visiting Rotarians today except our speaker who is actively looking for a Rotary Club!

General Announcements

Joke of the Day: What do you do in a knife fight with a clown.....Go for the JUGGLER (hahahahaha)!!

Today is national Knife Day and it celebrates the enduring utility and craftsmanship of knives every August 24th. From ancient flint to modern steel, knives are essential tools for cooking, crafting and countless daily tasks. Sharpen your skills, explore new designs, and join fellow enthusiasts in accepting this fundamental instrument. Not only did our President show us his little utility knife, he uses daily, but he showed us his wife's Katana blade that was about 30 inches and very sharp!! The purple handled Katana blade was protected by a black scabbard or saya. He passed the Katana Blade around to the club so we could all see the impressive steel. FYI, this is not the only blade they own!

August 7, 2008
 18 years

Brent Seizer
 August 13, 2013
 13 years

Miguel Benitez
 August 13, 2020
 6 years

Lee Wiggins
 August 24, 1984
 42 years

Mo McBride
 August 24, 1992
 34 years

Robert Spears
 September 21, 1981
 45 years

Dominic had some announcements. The Holiday Evergreens fundraiser is coming soon. Dominic just got the materials in the mail. A date for the calendar is the only worthy mention for today, orders will be DUE by November 9th with deliveries again the week after Turkey Day! Second, Dayme says hi, she gets the bulletin via US MAIL—it always makes her smile. Keep them coming, she said, and tell Pat to make them funnier. Ha! (I heard he will do his best)

D5180 Training, Membership and Foundation

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS



We collected \$39 for the End Polio Now push, placing us at 14% of our annual goal.

Sargeant at Arms report by Joe Kaiser.

Happy thoughts included: Pat spun the wheel for Madeline’s first day back in college, \$3, and he will go and watch her first game on Wednesday night! Dominic spun for Steven’s 1st day back at CSUMB in his last official year!! \$4

Brent spun to participate, landed on a “2” which meant \$2/ea, and he showed his enthusiasm and gladly collected his winnings for the club which generated a total of \$20. Christian spun for \$8 (FOMO). Joe had people spin for him, first to acknowledge his special cutting board from Pat (board member gift from his year), \$2 and then again for being gone so long, \$9. Roland was happy to see Pat’s socks matched his tie, so he spun just for fun, \$15. A good day for club revenue!



**BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS
PAUL HARRIS STUFF 2026-2027**

	(B)	(P)	(GRIF)	PHF Level
Miguel Benitez	(Bx2)		(GRIF)	PHF+3
Christian Dumlao	(B)		(GRIF)	PHF

Teresa Ferrer		(GRIF)	PHF+1
Robert Hale		(GRIF)	PHF+1
Richard Hansen		(GRIF)	PHF+8
Crystal Harding		(GRIF)	PHF
Denise Hawkes		(GRIF)	
Joe Kaiser	(B)	(GRIF)	PHF+8
Julian Love			
Patrick Magnani		(GRIF)	PHF+3
Dr. Steven Martinez			PHF
Dominic Mecklenburg	(B)	(GRIF)	PHF+8 PHS
Sam Morgan	(B)	(GRIF)	PHF+8 (GFHF)
Brent Seizer		(GRIF)	PHF
Bob Spears		(GRIF)	PHF+3
Lee Wiggins		(GRIF)	PHF+7
Roland Wright	(B)	(GRIFx2)	PHF+8

Bell Ringer & Gong Bonger Codes:

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

(P) = \$100 donated to Polio Plus

(GFHF) = Gong \$100 to Club Foundation

(GRIF) = Gong \$100 to RI Foundation

(PHS) = Paul Harris Society \$1000 to RI Fdtn

Highlights of Todays Meeting

Our speaker today was Ginger from Columbia Bank! **Ginger Buan** is a banking leader with more than 20 years of experience in financial services and business relationship management. Currently serving as a **Community Manager at Columbia Bank**, Ginger leads branch operations, sales performance, client relationship development, and associate growth while maintaining a strong commitment to operational excellence and exceptional client service.

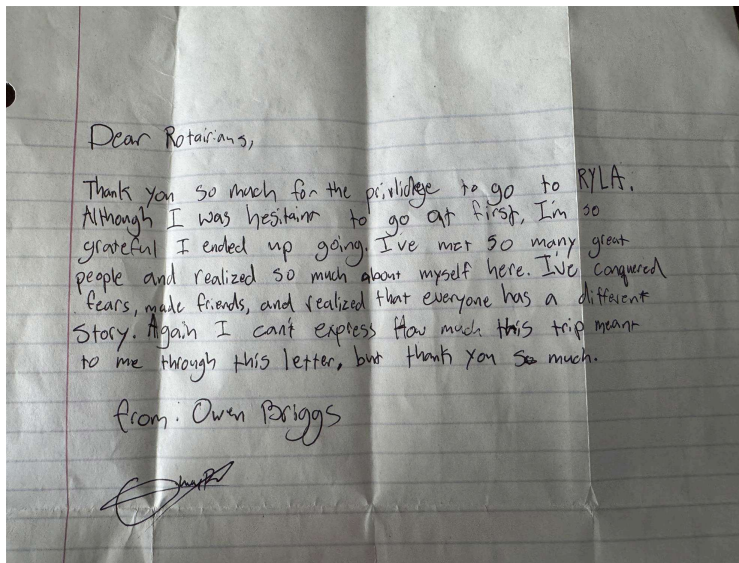
Throughout her career, Ginger has built a reputation for developing high-performing teams, mentoring emerging leaders, and creating meaningful connections within the communities she serves. Her leadership philosophy centers on integrity, accountability, collaboration, and helping both clients and associates achieve their goals. Based in the Sacramento region, Ginger is actively involved in community engagement, business networking, and supporting local business owners through financial education and tailored banking solutions. She is passionate about helping businesses grow by connecting them with resources such as business lending, treasury management services, merchant solutions, and deposit strategies.

As a leader, Ginger values trust-based relationships, continuous learning, and professional development. She regularly participates in leadership programs and enjoys

sharing insights on team engagement, community involvement, client experience, and personal growth. Her ability to balance operational excellence with relationship-building has contributed to sustained success throughout her banking career. When working with clients, colleagues, and community partners, Ginger is known for her positive attitude, collaborative approach, and unwavering commitment to helping others succeed.



Thank you to Judy for the cookies and moose farts today! Where are those yummy snicker bite cookies, oh those had us drooling last week!! Yummy!!



Our most recent RYLA camper, **Owen Briggs**, wrote a letter to the club while at camp, an annual tradition for most campers. See his thoughtful remarks above!

New Business, Old Business

Miguel shared some calendar reminders before we closed:

- Fellowship
8/31 @ Hard times
10/26 @ Lucky Strikes in Rocklin

8/31 next CNH mtg @ NHRPD at 2pm
10/25 Octoberfest (mentioned by Samantha Davidson)



In Loving Memory
JOHN HALLSTEN
1924 - 2019

**Donate to the Foothill-Highlands Rotary
Club "John Hallsten Vocational Service Fund"**
A non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.
EIN 68-0392810

**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].

Mail checks to:
Foothill-Highlands Rotary Club
P. O. Box 6

North Highlands, CA 95660-0006

ZOOM Meetings

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86245299428?
pwd=TWFTUmRrK3ZxckpuaVh6ZHhyb3JDZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86245299428?pwd=TWFTUmRrK3ZxckpuaVh6ZHhyb3JDZz09)

Meeting ID: 862 4529 9428

Passcode: 399637

Reminder! We have a Car Donation Program!



They'll take any type of vehicle, pink slip or not, keys or not. The Vehicle Donation Program is easy!! Call them at 1-855-550-4483, tell them you donating to the **Rotary Club of Foothill Highlands** and they'll take care of the rest! Drive it in, or have it picked up (towed)—they can do it all. Side note, they take more than vehicles. Yes, boats, planes, generators, and more!!

Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands



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

Rotary Club **Vocational Scholarship Award** Application 2021

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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Thanks for reading our Club Bulletin this week! The transition from Microsoft Publisher into Club Runner for our Bulletin production will continue to evolve. If you see something missing or that you would like to add or change, we welcome feedback. It will slowly but surely come together! Have a great day everyone!!!

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