

The Highlander October 19th 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.
Lions Gate Hotel at McClellan
Park
3410 Westover Street
North Highlands (McClellan),
CA 95652
United States of America

Mondays at 12:15 PM

[District Site](#) [Venue Map](#)

Executives & Directors

President
[Miguel Benitez](#)

Secretary
[Christian Dumlao](#)

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PDG Bob Deering and PP Dominic Mecklenburg

Call to Order



Welcome to the 10th meeting of the year! Thanks to: Greeter Dominic; Pledge, Lee; an amazing Invocation: Bob; Note Taker: Pat

WEEKLY CLUB CALENDAR

10/23 (FRI) = Board Meeting @ Miguel's House
 10/26 FELLOWSHIP @ Lucky Strikes in Rocklin, 530pm
 10/30 to 11/1 = District Conf & Fdtn Dinner in TAHOE!

11/02 Joe Scheimer, Polio Plus
 11/09 DARK / Holiday Week (Veteran's Day week)
 11/13 BOARD MEETING, 530pm, location TBA
 11/16 Jason Kadah/American Airlines
 11/23 DARK / Holiday Week (Turkey Day Week)
 11/30 Annual Meeting, 2027-28 Club Elections!

12/07 Gregg Fishman w/Sacramento RT
 12/11 BOARD MEETING
 12/14 Annual Club Holiday Party (Dinner)
 12/21 DARK / Holiday Week (Xmas)
 12/28 DARK / Holiday Week (Dominic's Birthday)

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Membership
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Rotary Foundation
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Brent Seizer
 November 3

Denise Hawkes
 November 9

Robert Spears
 November 12

Anniversaries

Dominic Mecklenburg
Mary Mecklenburg
 October 2

Roland Wright
Diane Wright
 October 10

Pat Magnani
Jenn Magnani
 October 18

Join Date

Dominic Mecklenburg
 October 29, 2007
 19 years

Annie Hallsten Narayan
 November 3, 2008
 18 years

Robert Hale
 November 18, 2019
 7 years



2026 Direct Delivery Items

FOOTHILL HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB Evergreens Fundraiser
Delivery after Thanksgiving- Final Orders due by 11/09 to Dominic
This is a CLUB Fundraiser, and Payment is due by 12/31

Direct Delivery Items

Share the joy of the season with the purchase of a direct delivery item. These items are delivered fresh from the Pacific Northwest directly to your door and make wonderful gifts for friends, family, and clients. (Within the contiguous US). Direct Delivery items are shipped individually and start arriving the week of Thanksgiving. Arrival is guaranteed no later than 2 weeks after Thanksgiving Day.



22\" Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath

Item #W022

Nature's finest evergreen, holly, and berry branches are hand-cut and tied into a beautiful wreath. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$48.00



Western Cedar Gift Garland

Item #W020

Two strings of two garlands made of fragrant, hand-cut western cedar. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$59.00



Gift Centerpiece

Item #W023

Center table centerpiece featuring a variety of berries, pine cones, and a small evergreen. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$48.00



Holiday Gift Door Swag

Item #W021

This fragrant holiday swag is made entirely of holly, fir, and pine. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$49.00



28\" Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath

Item #W028

Our largest evergreen mixed evergreen wreath with holly, fir, and pine. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$56.00



Rustic Pine Cone Gift Basket

Item #W026

A rustic pine cone gift basket with an assortment of large, medium, and small evergreen pine cones. Basket guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$45.00



Evergreen Gift Set

Item #W024

Our 22\" Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath with checked box bow. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$64.00



Gift Reindeer, Sleigh & Gnome Set

Item #W025

This handcrafted holiday set features a metal reindeer dressed with a large wreath, a decorative sleigh, and two whimsical gnomes. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$39.00

Organization Name: FOOTHILL HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB
Contact Name: DOMINIC MECKLENBURG
Contact Phone: 916-995-4006
Contact Email: dmecklenburg@comcast.net



2026 Local Items

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Delivery after Thanksgiving- Final Orders due by 11/09 to Dominic
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Local Distribution Case Items

Local Distribution items are delivered to the fundraising group and distributed locally. Make sure you live near the group to receive these items. If you have any questions regarding your location, please contact the group lead.



22\" Noble Fir Wreath

Item #W022

Fresh, fragrant noble fir wreath. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$29.00



Holiday Centerpiece

Item #W023

Center table centerpiece featuring a variety of berries, pine cones, and a small evergreen. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$26.00



28\" Mixed Evergreen Wreath

Item #W028

Our largest evergreen mixed evergreen wreath with holly, fir, and pine. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$37.00



Reindeer, Sleigh & Gnome Set

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This handcrafted holiday set features a metal reindeer dressed with a large wreath, a decorative sleigh, and two whimsical gnomes. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

\$20.00

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Items shipped across the USA (no PO BOX); price includes FedEx shipping! Orders & addresses due by 11/9

Items delivered to Dominic and handed out locally. Orders due by 11/9

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

No visiting Rotarians this week, but we did receive some great news that one of our big community impact and Rotary supporters, recently moved to Southern California and joined the Rotary Club of Murieta CA. Congrats Emily Briggs, and welcome to the Rotary family!

General Announcements

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- If Caitlyn Jenner was a superhero, what team would she be on? The Ex-Men.
- Someone donates a kidney, and they are hailed as a hero. Donate five though, and they'll be arrested.

Today is Heroes and Forefathers Day. One of the ten nationally recognized heroes is Hamilton Lavity Stoutt, one of the founding members of the Rotary Club of Tortola (in the virgin islands). He was recognized as a national hero because he is widely considered the "architect of the modern British Virgin Islands." Serving as the territory's first Chief Minister when the position was created in 1967, he went on to lead the government for a total of 16 years across five terms, dedicating 38 unbroken years to public service until his death in 1995.

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Today we had an amazing introduction from PP Dominic Mecklenburg! Here at the Rotary Club of Foothill Highlands we always have GREAT speakers and today...WAS NO EXCEPTION!

Today we had to opportunity to hear from PDG & Foundation Master Bob Deering, a retired CPA who began his career in Sacramento in 1973 and became a partner in his firm in 1979. Bob helped establish the AutoCPA Group, a national organization advocating for tax and accounting policies in the automotive industry, and served as its chairman 1995-96. He also served as treasurer for his church.

A dedicated Rotarian since 1985, Bob served as president of the Rotary Club of East Sacramento in 1996-97 and later as District Governor for 5180 in 2012-13. He has received numerous honors for his service, including the club's Lifetime Achievement Award, and is, as you all know, a major supporter of The Rotary Foundation.

Bob has held numerous district and zone leadership roles, including District Treasurer, Assistant Governor and Zone Chief Financial Officer. He has also championed initiatives addressing human trafficking awareness and education, raising nearly a half million dollars and educating more than 50,000 students. Through his continued leadership, training, and mentorship, Bob remains committed to strengthening Rotary clubs and supporting our local communities. Here to make his foundation vision our reality. Put your hands together for PDG Bob Deering.

What Rotary International has done to Eradicate Polio

REDUCED INCIDENCE

Since its first vaccination campaign in 1979, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9%

IMMUNIZED BILLIONS

Rotary helped immunize over 2.5 billion children in 122 countries

FOSTERED COLLABORATION

Founded PolioPlus in 1985 and helped form Global Polio Eradication Initiative

RAISED MONEY

Rotarians contributed more than \$1.8 billion to polio eradication and surveillance efforts

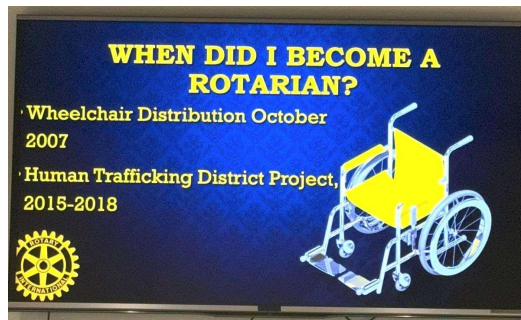
Again, great introduction by Dominic!

Bob started to talk about what it is to be a Rotarian, and this is really the 4 way test. It comes down to morals and integrity.

He went over some aspects on what Rotary has to offer and one is that we are the only Non-Profit service organization to recognize vocational services. Ethics are a major part of who and what we are as Rotarians, and we have the ability to use your vocation in the development of service.

Rotary can be a lot of things to a lot of different people. Sometimes we catch ourselves going through the motions of life, not realizing the impact we have on others in the world. Bob told us a story about a time he was on an international trip in Machu Pichu, Peru and was helping other Rotarians give out wheelchairs. Going through the motions of handing them out as they had a certain amount to distribute. Not life changing for Bob but knowing there was an impact to someone who couldn't walk. One of the last ones he was distributing to was a family, the recipient hugged Bob around his waste, sitting in the wheelchair, crying and saying thank you! Bob was honored, but when he heard the person say "this will be the first time in my life I will not be carried outside to see the stars!" and "I will be able to move around my house without being carried by someone." THIS was the moment Bob became a ROTARIAN! Sometimes we don't see the impact we make until we hear it loud and clear. Bob heard it loud and clear and has been supporting Rotary ever since.

We thanked Bob and gave him a unique Rotary logo'd umbrella as was seasonally appropriate!! And, it was some Rotary swag he didn't own yet.



In the absence of an Estate Sale, our inventory has been piling up. We have 3 full storage containers and no date set. At this time, we are not able to pick up any additional donations. However, we were approached by a few local schools that had families in need due to a house fire and a mother that had to exit an abusive home. Dominic and Miguel delivered this couch locally to a family in need recently. Sometimes it's not about the revenue but connecting resources with those in need, and on this day it felt VERY good to be the hero.



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	(B)		(GRIF)	PHF+3
Lee Wiggins	(B)		(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 with Bob Deering

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS



We collected \$38 BIG dollars today for Polio and are currently 52% of our annual goal. We are ready to end polio NOW!

We had one happy thought today, Roland having returned from a fabulous trip across the globe (Italy, Switzerland, etc.), some of it was for work and some was for fun. But, for the 19 days away from 34th street, he smashed that Gong for \$100 to the R/I Foundation!!



Here's the flyer from the Heidi Sanborn initiative (SMUD)



Thank you Judy for the tasty treats today! A cookie a day keeps the sadness away. An entire jar a day brings it back. :/

New Business, Old Business

Miguel shared some calendar reminders before we closed:

- Fellowship

10/25 Octoberfest (mentioned by Samantha Davidson)

10/26 @ Lucky Strikes in Rocklin



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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