



The Highlander October 5th

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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



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Executives & Directors

President
[Miguel Benitez](#)

Secretary
[Christian Dumlao](#)

Public Image

Christian Dumlao

Rotary Foundation
Robert Spears

Member Birthdays

Denise Hawkes
November 9

Anniversaries

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



Welcome to the 9th meeting of the year! Thanks to: Greeter Pat; Pledge, Denise; Invocation: Lee Wiggins; Note Taker: Pat

TODAY: Matty Hyatt w/California Business Alliance

10/12 DARK / Holiday Week (Labor Day)
10/19 Karen Cendro -Rotary Foundation/Legacy Giving
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

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

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Magdalena T. Gonzalez visited our club and gave us an update on her education background and how she is running for office for Los Rios Trustee - Area 1. We also had **Olivia Hawkes**, the newest Rotaract President!! **Kenya Bell**, owner of Black Widow and recipient of the Community Rockstar award was in attendance as well!! One final shout out, **Angee Phraxayavong-Briones**, Principal at CCCS school joined for today's meeting too!

General Announcements

Just once, it would be nice to be called "Sir" without also hearing "...we need to ask you to leave."

- Today is National Do Something Nice day. It encourages people to break out of their busy routines and perform small, intentional acts of kindness for strangers, loved ones, or themselves. Some simple Ways to Celebrate might be to pay for the order of the person standing behind you in line, write an uplifting or appreciative sticky note for a coworker, family member, or neighbor, offer a genuine, kind remark to someone you encounter during your day, assist a neighbor with carrying groceries, or let someone merge ahead of you in traffic, or send a thoughtful text message to a friend you haven't spoken to in a while.

Celebrate North Highlands was an amazing event!!!! Thank you to all who could attend and participate in the success! Please visit : <https://celebratenorthhighlands.com> and check out all the pictures and next years date!



Judy, Kathryn,
Brent, Bob



Tiffany, Diane,
Jen



Dominic, Tonya,
Denise, Roland,
Olivia, Miguel

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS



We collected \$19 quiet dollars today for Polio and are currently 49% of our annual goal. We are ready to end polio NOW!

President Miguel Spun a "2" after he went to AFTERSHOCK!!! and we all felt the aftermath of the \$2 collection....

Lee Wiggins had a happy thought, and he wanted to celebrate his vacation to Europe. He was able to visit Poland for a week and other northern European countries and cities like Copenhagen, parts of the old USSR and see lots of history! He was not able to attend "Celebrate North Highlands" because he was with family, mainly hanging out with his Grandson! Lee rang the bell!

PE Christian: Spun for the the 49ers win "4"
IPP Patrick: Spun for the 49ers win "7"



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 Today's Meeting with Matty Hyatt

Matty Hyatt's interest in law, public policy, and civil liberties grew out of a lifelong fascination with how institutions shape people's lives. Over time, that interest evolved into a career focused on legislative advocacy, public affairs, entrepreneurship, and policy analysis.

Based in Sacramento, California, Hyatt works at the intersection of law, public policy, business advocacy, civil liberties, and emerging technology. His work is driven by a belief that good policy should be practical, evidence-based, and grounded in respect for individual rights and human dignity.

He has spent years studying how laws are made, how organizations influence public policy, and how social institutions affect the lives of ordinary people. Whether working with legislators, advocacy organizations, business leaders, or community stakeholders, his goal is to help bridge the gap between complex public policy challenges and practical solutions.

Matty reviewed the definition of lobbying: The act of trying to influence policy decisions, laws or regulations made by government officials, legislators or regulatory agencies.

The main types of lobbying are "**Direct Lobbying**" Face-to-face, calling, emailing, and social media. "**Grassroots**" lobbying is getting the general public or community together and expressing their opinions. "**Regulatory Advocacy**" Focusing on influencing the rules, guidelines, and implementation policies created by government agencies in the executive branch rather than the legislative branch.

Matty spoke to us about the importance of small businesses in California and how we have a small business crisis! Matty talked to us about how he is focusing on helping lower the LLC tax.

We thanked Matty and all gave a toast to Rotary around the world!



1-800-GOT-JUNK?

FREE PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM

Now Enrolling Sacramento-Area Businesses

The Flexible Film Recycling Alliance (FFRA) in partnership with 1-800-GOT-JUNK? is launching a limited pilot program to help businesses recycle plastic film generated through everyday operations at no cost to participating businesses.

WHAT MATERIALS ARE ACCEPTED?	HOW IT WORKS	WHY PARTICIPATE?
- Stretch wrap - Shrink wrap - Pallet wrap - Polyethylene overwrap - Bubble wrap - Shipping air pillows - Dry cleaning bags - Plastic grocery bags - Newspaper bags - Appliance wrap - Furniture wrap	- Receive a free Rack of Pick for several operations - Collect eligible plastic film during normal operations - Sign Packaging handles pickup and recycling - Receive reporting on the material collected and recycled	- Reduce waste and disposal costs - Demonstrate Sustainability leadership - Support California's circular economy legislation - Help demonstrate scalable solutions for flexible film recycling - Participate in a program helping shape the future of plastic film recovery

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES RECEIVE

- Free collection equipment
- Free pickup and recycling
- Potential disposal cost savings
- Recycling and diversion reporting
- Simple implementation with minimal staff time

LIMITED PILOT ENROLLMENT
(July 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026 but may be continued)
Participation is limited to a select number of Sacramento-area businesses during the pilot phase. Enrollment will be first-come, first-served basis.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?
Info@stewardshipfoundation.org

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>

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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