Outlook

The Highlander November 2nd 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!

Chartered March 12, 1959
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

Public Image

Call to Order



Welcome to the 11th meeting of the year! Thanks to: Greeter Dominic; Pledge, Birthday Boy Brent; an amazing Invocation: Lee; Note Taker: Pat

WEEKLY CLUB CALENDAR

TODAY: Joe Scheimer, Polio Plus

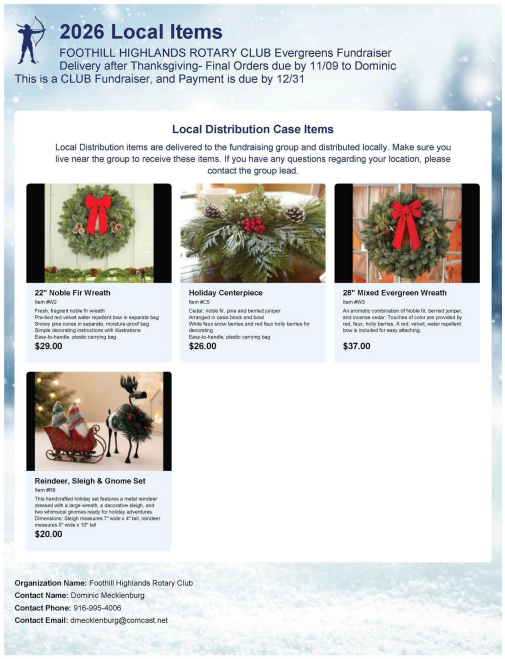
11/09 DARK / Holiday Week (Veteran's Day week)
11/16 Jason Kadah/American Airlines
11/20 BOARD MEETING, date change, 530pm
11/23 DARK / Holiday Week (Turkey Day Week)
11/30 Annual Meeting, 2027-28 Club Elections!

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)

DON'T MISS OUT ON ORDERING YOUR EVERGREENS!! ORDERS DUE 11/9



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

Today we had Kenya Bell w/Black Widow Tattoo Studio and Board Member of the Greater North Sacramento Chamber of Commerce

General Announcements

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- What is a volunteer always running out of? Time.
- Today is national Be the Impact Day. The day encourages individuals to do something good in their local area. Decide how you want to make a difference, whether by volunteering, donating, or initiating a new project to give back. Find a cause you care about and be the change!

Christian Dumlao

Membership
Pat Magnani

Rotary Foundation
Robert Spears

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Brent Seizer
November 3

Denise Hawkes
November 9

Robert Spears
November 12

Julian Love
December 3

Joe Kaiser
December 23

Dominic Mecklenburg
December 31

Join Date

Annie Hallsten Narayan
November 3, 2008
18 years

Robert Hale
November 18, 2019
7 years

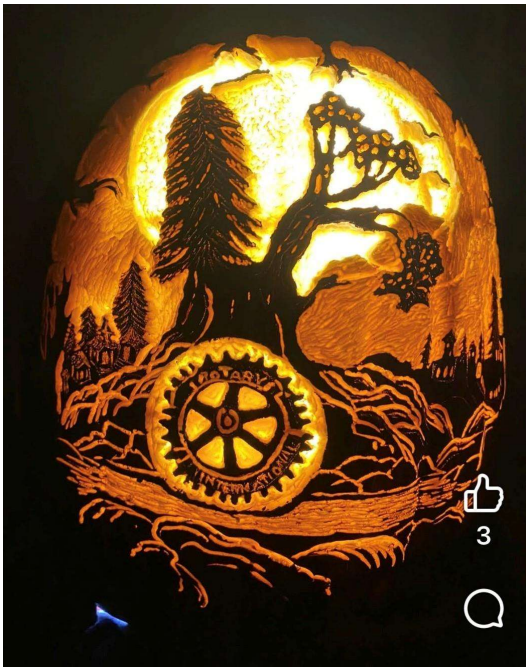
This has been a very busy few weeks since you last put your eyes on the bulletin. Check out the impact and fun FHRC did, and it ranges from clean up projects, a 5180 District conference, two-wheel blessings, paper planes soaring for peace, pumpkin art competition, some club awards and some good fellowship...KINGPIN style! Anytime you readers out there want to come and visit our club...be careful, its addicting and is a lot of fun. Check out *www.foothillhighlandsrotary.org* for more pics...



Julian Love from Twin Rivers wanted to share a flyer for this exciting and upcoming event, THIS FRIDAY. Check it out, TRUSD doing great things for their students!!



District Conference 2027. Check it out, register today and get a cool Brian Gladden look-a-like Rotary hat!!



Pumpkin Carving Contest Winner!! Great job Denise!!



From left to right: Patrick, Denise, Diane, Brent, Roland, Tiffany, Christian, Tonya, Theo, Talea and Miguel



Tiffany and Christian



Group Pic



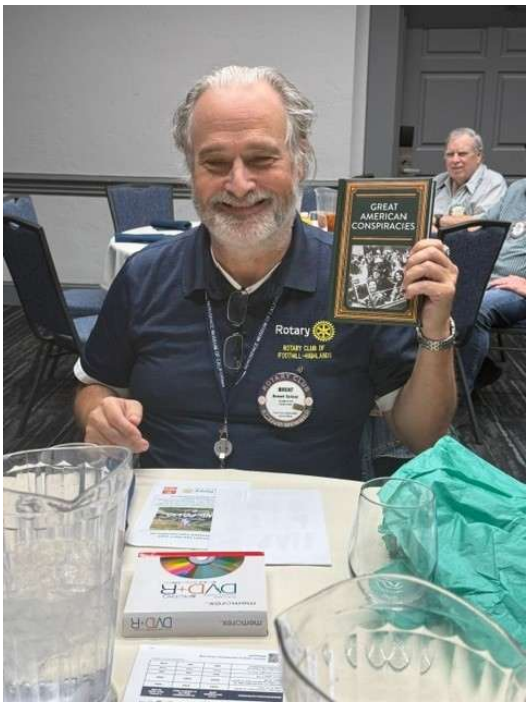
Team Benitez



PE Christian Dumlao and PP Dominic Mecklenburg putting in some yard work and tree trimming a the Rotary House!



Sidewalks cleared, leaves picked up & trees, bushes & vines fully trimmed back!



Brent the Birthday Boy!! Baked goods AND Gifts from Sunshine Mama, Ms. Judy. Yay!!!



Rotaract Recruiting Event at TopGolf



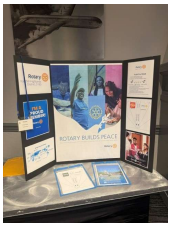
A call came in from a family counselor at Oakmont High School. Rotarians are like retired people with a truck - SOMEONE FINDS YOU!! They had a student that was walking 10 miles per day to school each way, and it took him over an hour. He was often late to class and there was an accommodation made around that piece due to the nature of his problem. He needed "transportation and independence," the counselor said.

Buses don't service his area. The counselor asked if we had any bikes we could donate, he had heard about our estate sale collections and took a chance. The timing was remarkable as Patrick had 3 to donate, and 1 is pictured above. After a few replacement parts and a tune up, we added a helmet and 2 bike cable locks. Dominic delivered it on 10/29 to OHS and the counselor and student were ecstatic. We are are small but mighty, and we make the difference the Foothill Highlands way!!

Other Announcements by Dominic

Joe Kaiser phoned in last week, yikes he has Covid. He's on the mend, staying with his son & family for the moment and during recovery. Wishing you well Joe!!

We have received some estate sale donations recently, some from Lee, many from Jan and a haul scheduled in Granite Bay. That said, our storage units are FULL and we cannot accept any new donations until we have another parking lot sale and/or another round of large items get taken to the auction house. Look for our next sale likely in the spring of 2027!



FHRC at the 5180 DC



Flight for Peace



President Miguel and ADG Roland



The Rotary Foundation

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) (GFHF)	PHF+8
Brent Seizer			(GRIF) (P)	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 Joe Scheimer

Joe Scheimer, Polio Plus. Joe served for 24 years in the United States Air Force and retired as a Colonel. He has 1,005 combat hours directing air strikes in the Vietnam War and was a member of the Ravens, a select group of pilots who flew in the CIA's Secret War in Laos. He joined Rotary in 1996 and was president of the Rotary Club of Rancho Cordova in 2012-13 though now he is a member of the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks and our current District 5180 Polio Plus chair.

Joe started with the history of Polio, and it dates back all the way back to the Egyptian times!

- 1894 Vermont had 134 cases
- 1905 Sweden 1,500
- 1916 New Yor4k reported 27,000 cases of polio
- 1921 President FDR

Joe continued and told us about Dorothy Horstmann.
In 1952 Horstmann's discovery that poliovirus circulates in the blood overturned the dogma that it only traveled directly through nerve and respiratory passages, making effective polio vaccines possible.
She was also the first female tenured professor and endowed chair at the Yale School of Medicine.

Timeline
1953: Jonas Salk: vaccinated himself & family
1954: 1.6 Million children in Canada, Finland and USA
1961: Albert Sabin's live polio oral vaccine approved!
1994: Polio eliminated from the Americas!!

Polio Eradication Initiative
In 1979 RI President Clem Renouf wanted Rotary to do BIGGER international projects.
In Evanston, 3 Rotarians were called to focus on the 3 H's: Health, Hunger & Humanity. Then in 1985 Rotary sets worldwide goal of eliminating polio!! 1985 there were 350,000 cases world wide, almost 1000/day!
By 2019, there were only 176 cases worldwide:
29 cases in Afghanistan and 147 in Pakistan
2023: 12 cases
2024: 54 cases
2025: 52 cases
2026: 49 cases
As we all know that we are "This close", and we are going to stay until the job is done!



BEST ROTARY KOOZIE EVER! Four-Way Beer Test



Joe Scheimer and President Miguel Benitez

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

We passed the carafe on the day corresponding to our weekly program...the collection hauled in 50 bucks today for Polio Plus! Our annual collection is now up to 88% of our annual goal of $1000. Roland learned at the district conference that each club that reaches $1500 receives special recognition. Interesting info, I say we give it a go!!! Bob Deering may have said it best, and I'm paraphrasing...while we may be tired of hearing the

"this close" message, it was and is a commitment that Rotarians made, and so we will see it thru to the finish line!

We had one happy thought today, Birthday Boy Brent was inspired by Joe's Polio presentation, he satisfied his Polio Plus Society annual $100 on the spot! STRONG! Nice job Brent!!



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:

- November Board Mtg DATE CHANGE = 11/20
- 12/14 Holiday Party, RSVP w/meal to Roland
- 12/15 AND 12/16 NHRPD Holiday Parade
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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

Rotary

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: _____

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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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