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Time for some Halloween Fun! Submit pics to Dominic

Call to Order



Welcome to the 9th meeting of the year! Thanks to: Greeter Miguel; Pledge, Bob Spears; Invocation: Lee Wiggins; Note Taker: Dominic

WEEKLY CLUB CALENDAR

Today: Heidi Sanborn (CNH sponsor) Clean Recycling
09/26 **CELEBRATE NORTH HIGHLANDS!!**
09/28 = **DARK** after CNH!

10/05 Matty Hyatt w/California Business Alliance
10/09 (FRI) = Board Meeting @ Miguel's House
10/12 DARK / Holiday Week (Labor Day)
10/19 Karen Cendro -Rotary Foundation/Legacy Giving
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

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
[Christian Dumlao](#)

Membership
[Pat Magnani](#)

Rotary Foundation
[Robert Spears](#)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Dayme Meyer
September 12

Miguel Benitez
September 23

Spouse/Partner Birthdays

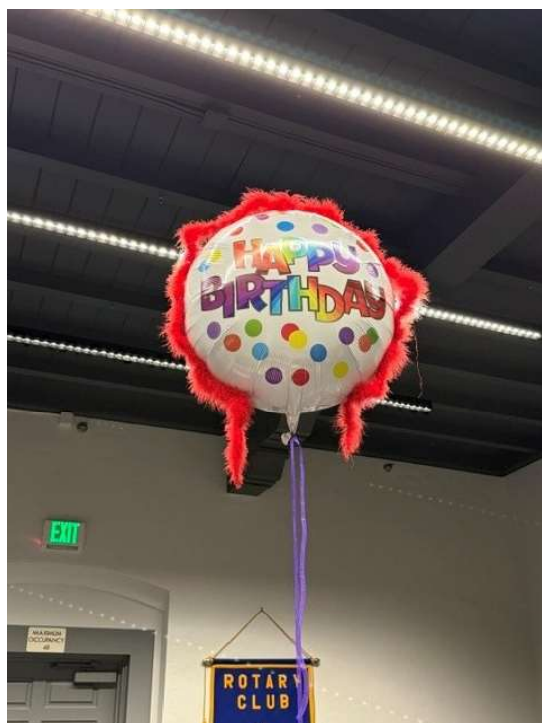
Jenn Magnani
September 2

Mary Mecklenburg



Rotary 
Club of Foothill-Highlands

5 days until our big event!
<https://celebratenorthhighlands.com/>



We celebrated our PRESIDENT today as his birthday is on Wednesday September 23!!

September 4

Anniversaries

Dominic Mecklenburg
Mary Mecklenburg
October 2

Roland Wright
Diane Wright
October 10

Pat Magnani
Jenn Magnani
October 18

Join Date

Robert Spears
September 21, 1981
45 years

Dominic Mecklenburg
October 29, 2007
19 years



Thank you Connie for the Bday treat!



RYLA 2027

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Sue Hayes visited our club today and gave an update on Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening (RYLA). She talked to us about the program and showed a video on how impactful this award can be to the future leaders of America! Foothill Highlands is no stranger to RYLA and have been major supporters for multiple decades!! A top 5 club favorite program during the year is to hear the RYLA recipient reflect on their experience they had and how it has already changed their life!!

General Announcements

"My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner. So I took the battery out of the smoke detector." Miguel's Joke for the Week...HAHAHAHA pretty funny (hopefully his wife doesn't read this bulletin).

Today is the International Day of Peace. Rotary takes a special interest in this day, as building peace is one of our core areas of focus. The ways we can take action to advance peace in the world include taking part in service projects that foster community well being, attending a positive peace workshop that builds understanding and skills, participating in friendship exchanges or intercountry committees, supporting Rotary Peace Fellows and global grant or district

scholars or joining a rotary fellowship or Rotary Action Group or facilitating young leaders programs.

The Holiday Evergreens fundraiser is coming soon!! Please see Dominic for your holiday decor, you will not want to miss out. See below for some great pics! Easy to order, but remember the orders are DUE by November 9th with deliveries again the week after Turkey Day!

Note: The Gnome Reindeer set will be available to order now due to popular demand!!

What kind of wreaths do fish hang on their doors...
Coral Wreath (This is 100% a Patrick Dad Joke).

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 #K101 Tobias fir, douglas cedar, holly and holly berries. Delicate, glittered chevroned tree bough (bowl style may vary). Poly bag wrapped to retain moisture. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. \$48.00	Western Cedar Gift Garlands Item #K102 Two elegant live first garlands made of fragrant, fresh-cut western cedar. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. Please include gift message. \$59.00
Gift Centerpiece Item #K103 Cedar, robin fir, pine and holly centerpiece. Arranged in an oval black and gold. Flamingo, white, black and red holly berries. Approximately 12" in diameter. Available 12" standard, 22" available. \$48.00	Holiday Gift Door Swag Item #K104 This elegant holiday door swag is made entirely of holly fir, an evergreen exclusive to the Pacific Northwest, the door swag is complemented by warm white pine cones and a chevroned tree bough (bowl style may vary). Approximately 30" x 18". \$49.00
28" Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath Item #K105 Ornate, most dramatic mixed evergreen wreath with holly. Or holly berries, cedar, juniper and blue misty berries. The best red and gold wreath for (bowl style may vary). Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. \$56.00	Rustic Pine Cone Gift Basket Item #K106 A rustic yellow basket filled with an assortment of apple, pear, nut, and dried cranberry pine cones, season. Approximately 12" in diameter and 12" deep. \$45.00
Evergreen Gift Set Item #K107 One 22" Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath with chevroned tree bough (bowl style may vary). Two elegant live first order garlands. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. \$64.00	Gift Reindeer, Sleigh & Gnome Set Item #K108 This handcrafted holiday set features a metal reindeer dressed with a large wreath, a decorative sleigh, and two whimsical gnomes. Perfect for holiday celebrations. Christmas, sleigh measures 17" wide x 4" tall, reindeer measures 17" wide x 10" tall. \$59.00

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

2026 Local Items
FOOTHILL HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB Evergreens Fundraiser
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 #K101 Fresh, fragrant noble fir wreath. Potted and watered weekly to ensure freshness. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. Please include gift message. \$29.00	Holiday Centerpiece Item #K102 Cedar, robin fir, pine and holly centerpiece. Arranged in an oval black and gold. Flamingo, white, black and red holly berries. Approximately 12" in diameter. Available 12" standard, 22" available. \$26.00	28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath Item #K105 An ornate combination of noble fir, holly, cedar, and holly berries. Features of evergreen are provided by the local group. A red, white, water-resistant tree is included for easy display. \$37.00
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Organization Name: Foothill Highlands Rotary Club
Contact Name: Dominic Meckenburg
Contact Phone: 916-995-4006
Contact Email: dmeckenburg@comcast.net

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



45 Years!!



Bob and Judy celebrating Bob's 45 years



Judy made Bob Ring the Bell, and Miguel helped out

AEROSPACE MUSEUM
OF CALIFORNIA

WE CAN DO IT Together!

INSPIRING GIRLS. EMPOWERING FUTURES.
Celebrating women in STEAM and the limitless possibilities ahead.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
A DAY OF DISCOVERY & INSPIRATION.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
7th and 8th grade girls interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math

SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 11TH Visit your School Counselor for more details!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Table Talks & Panel Discussion**
with inspiring women in STEAM careers.
- Hands-On STEAM Activities**
Interactive demonstrations and challenges.
- Career Path Information**
explore opportunities and connect with mentors
- Interactive Scavenger Hunts**
discover the museum in a new way

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT PARTNERS

INTERESTED IN BEING A STEAM ROLE MODEL?
Connect with us at advancement@aerospacemuseum.org

Smithsonian Affiliate 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan, CA 95652 916.643.3192 aerospacemuseum.org

Julian had a few announcements today, first the flyer above for the STEAM event on 9/24, and he also gave a shout out for the upcoming CTE Expo (flyer coming next bulletin)--both are 2 amazing events for Twin Rivers!!

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS



We collected \$8 quiet dollars today for Polio and are currently 46% of our annual goal. We are motoring along nicely.

Happy thoughts today: IPP PAT yelled GO NINERS!!



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
Sam Morgan	(B)		(GRIF)	PHS
			(GFHF)	PHF+8
Brent Seizer			(GRIF)	PHF

Bob Spears	(B)	(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 with Heidi Sanborn



Heidi is a nationally recognized leader in recycling, environmental policy, and the emerging circular economy. She is the founding CEO of the National Stewardship Action Council and the Stewardship Action Foundation, and she is also a co-founder of the California Product Stewardship Council. With more than 35 years of experience in environmental policy and recycling, Heidi has played a significant role in developing and advancing California's producer-responsibility and recycling policies. Her work has helped lead to landmark legislation addressing everything from paint and pharmaceuticals to batteries, carpet, packaging, and other hard-to-manage products. Heidi has advised governments and organizations throughout the country and has been a featured speaker internationally. Her expertise has also earned recognition from organizations ranging from the National Recycling Coalition to the Sacramento Business Journal. And we're especially pleased to have someone with such strong local ties. Heidi serves as an elected member of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Board of Directors, where she continues to apply her sustainability expertise to our region's energy and environmental future. Heidi holds degrees from UC Davis and the University of Southern California and has dedicated her career to finding practical, effective ways to create a more sustainable future.

Today, Heidi gave a great presentation to our club. She went over SMUD's community engagement and the Zero carbon plan progress and update. Community, they have 600+ nonprofit events sponsorships annually. Promote customer benefits of

their programs and services and support regional economic development. They support local events, like Celebrate North Highlands, Act on Kindness, World Relief, Salvation Army, Aerospace Museum, Twin Rivers School District and much more.

The Zero Carbon Plan was designed to be a flexible pathway, without compromising the guardrails of affordability and reliability. SUMD makes it a priority to evaluate emerging clean technologies. They use Calpine Sutter carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) project. The facility is an existing 550-megawatt natural gas combined-cycle power plant located near Yuba City, California. The capture goal is to designed to achieve a **95%** carbon dioxide (CO₂) capture efficiency, preventing up to **1.75 million metric tons** of CO₂ emissions annually!

Heidi is also very passionate about recycling clear plastic! The Flexible Film Recycling Alliance (FFRA) is in partnership with 1-800-GOT-JUNK and they are launching a limited pilot program to help businesses recycle plastic film generated through everyday operations at no cost to the participating business. This is a great way to get some of this plastic out of the landfills and able to be reused. Please see the flyer below for more details. Heidi answered some questions and finished her presentation.

Lastly, our club would like to personally thank Heidi for her generous donation to Celebrate North Highlands! We thanked Heidi for her time, presented her with a token from Rotary for her travels, and then toasted 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 • 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 in Rack (or several depending on business needs) • Collect eligible plastic film during normal operations • Sign Packaging handles pickup and recycling • Receive reporting on the materials 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 on a first-come, first-served basis.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?
info@stewardshipfoundation.org



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 Oktoberfest (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!!!