



## Weekly Club Bulletin 7/6/26

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**Foothill Highlands**



**Rotary Club**

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**Rotary**  
Club of Foothill-Highlands



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!**

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**Service Above Self**

Mondays at 12:15 p.m.



**2nd Year President, Miguel Benitez, has arrived at the podium. And, so it begins! Good Luck Miguel!!**

**Call to Order**



Miguel sounded the alarm (the bell) and welcomed everyone to our 1st meeting of the new fiscal year, 2026 – 2027. Or, as Dominic chimed in with, **Happy New Year!!!**

Special thanks to our greeter today: Joe, and both the pledge AND the Invocation were done

by Miguel himself! Our note taker today was Dominic.

**WEEKLY CLUB CALENDAR**

- 07/13 "Bulletins in Club Runner" by Dominic (how to)
- 07/20 **11:30 Board Mtg + DG Visit to our club!**
- 07/27 CNH Meeting @ NHRPD (2pm)
- 07/27 Fellowship @Waymaker Brewing -Golf Simulator  
530pm at 10529 Fairway Dr in Roseville  
[RSVP to Roland please]
- 08/03 Jacob Peterson - Big Brother Big Sister of Sac
- 08/10 Katie Hallsten-Sac Zoo
- 08/14 (FRI) = Board Meeting @ Miguel's House
- 08/17 Reg Meeting, Program TBD
- 08/24 Reg Meeting, Program TBD

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](#)

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

*Member Birthdays*

**Roland Wright**  
July 21

**Richard Hansen**  
August 19

**Sam Morgan**  
August 27

*Spouse/Partner Birthdays*

**Diane Wright**  
July 17

*Join Date*

**David Hansen**  
July 1, 2023  
3 years

**Judy Nichols**  
July 1, 2023  
3 years

**Dave Lopez**  
July 8, 2024  
2 years

**Dayme Meyer**  
July 8, 2024  
2 years

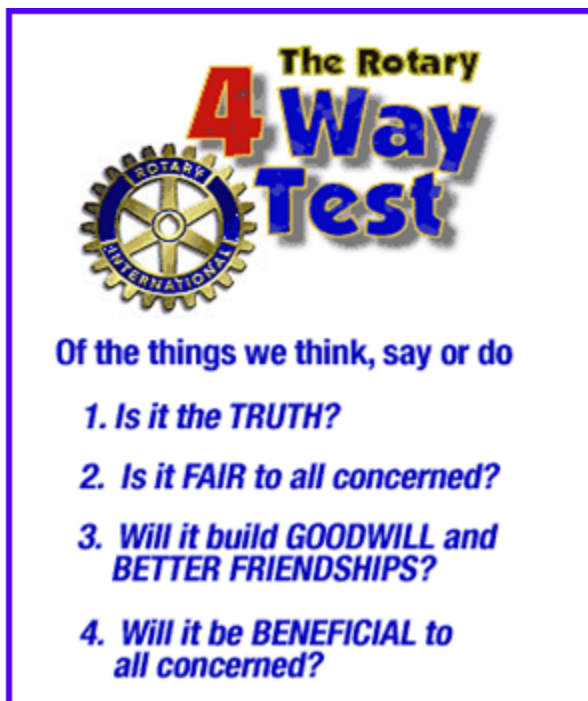
08/27 CNH Meeting @ NHRPD (2pm)  
08/31 DARK / 5th Monday (or Fellowship?)

09/07 DARK / Holiday Week (Labor Day)

10/29 to 11/1 = District Conf & Fdtn Dinner in TAHOE!

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Yes, we had 2! A friend of Roland's from High School, Garth, (ya, you do the math) was visiting from Texas. Also, Michelle Spilman from the Rotary Passport One Club came on opening day to support our club. How cool was that? Thank you Michelle!!



### Announcements

Miguel opened up this segment of the afternoon. He shared that TODAY is National Kissing Day. The practice originated in the UK and was adopted worldwide in the 2000's. The concept is that International Kissing Day came about because many people may have forgotten the simple pleasures associated with kissing for kissing's sake, as opposed to kissing as mere social formality or a prelude to other activities.

Depending on the culture and circumstances, a kiss can express a wide range of emotions, such as love, passion, romance, attraction, affection, respect, a wish for peace or good luck and so many other meanings. I encourage everyone to embrace this tradition today with your loved ones to let them know what they mean to you. (Miguel handed out a set of fun giant lips to everyone in attendance--apparently it's all the rage, as another club capitalized on the keen event too plus went for the photo op). Miguel and Roland were both in attendance. See below...this is 2027 demotion archive worthy...

### Steven Martinez

July 12, 2016  
10 years

### Shirley Smith

July 15, 2015  
11 years

### Janet Fazekas

July 25, 2005  
21 years

### Pat Magnani

July 25, 2011  
15 years

### Roland Wright

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





Miguel concluded his announcements with some key calendar reminders:

- Regular meeting at the Lions Gate on Monday, July 13th
- Board meeting at the Lions Gate on Monday, July 20th at 11:30am followed by our regular meeting at 12:15pm
- Peace committee meeting on Saturday, August 1st at 9am via Zoom
- Foundation / Membership Seminar at Ascension Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 22nd from 8am - 12pm

Dominic had a short list too, in no particular order. First, he confirmed that he'll collect notes from Miguel today and produce the bulletin. Tradition has become that the Past President will do the weekly bulletin but with Pat traveling internationally (Singapore, Japan, etc.) for work and for fun, Dominic will do a couple more until his return and, well, the jetlag wears off. Ha!

With his treasurer hat on, Dominic shared that the tab member invoices for June have gone out and the financials for the upcoming board meeting have been emailed. One additional document, a draft budget for 2026 CNH, will be sent within a few days.

Dominic wanted to brag about his "Rotary week" so he highlighted Sunday was treasurer paperwork night, Monday is the club meeting, Tue will be CNH budget prep, Wed is a motorized wheel chair and scooter pickup (i.e. ADA day) from Judy's BFF of 46 years, Miriam, and her neighbor in Lincoln (with the assist from Roland's trailer), Thur is the quarterly Motor recycling from the Iceman and his HVAC peeps that collect for us (Dominic picks up and recycles at Sims Metals). Friday, he gets to rest. Yay!!



The quarterly recycling run Dominic made. Thanks to the Iceman and his friends for saving those broke ass HVAC motors for our benefit. This haul generated \$274.17, so 3-4 of these in 1 fiscal year can cover 3, maybe 4 vocational scholarship awards!! Wow!!!

## DEMOTION OOPSIE

So, Bob brought it to the club's attention that Judy Nichols was **VERY** upset, and was threatening to end all baked good support indefinitely. Why? It would seem that the last bulletin, a delightful recap of the Demotion Dinner, failed to include the mention of Bob & Judy's custom and epic Rotary musical performance. Yes, they both wrote and performed a masterpiece, the ***Magnani Rotary Love Song***.

It's an annual tradition for a song (no dance) for the outgoing President and Bob on his guitar plus Judy as his vocals co-star never disappoint, and this year..was NO EXCEPTION! Thank you both for an added piece of bonus entertainment that evening. Apologies for the oversight!

## FINES AND RECOGNITIONS



Meeting #1 is in the books! We collected \$38 for Polio Plus today, and for the easy math...we are now 4% of our goal

Joe was certainly back in the saddle to start the year. We had a lot of action today, and some of it has become tradition. 7 people started off Miguel's year with a Gong (which is \$100 to the Rotary International Foundation, and 6 of those 7 rang the Bell too, which is \$100ea to the Club's operating account!

Then, we engaged the wheel for some action! Christian spun the wheel because he rolled in 10 min late, but it landed a on a 2 spot, which is \$2ea from everyone else BUT Christian. Nice! Then, Roland wanted his guest (and high school buddy), Garth to have some fun. So he had Garth spin and it was only a 3 spot, so Roland covered that debt. Joe was feeling generous too, so he asked visiting Passport One President, Michelle Spilman, to spin the wheel on his dime. She rotated the wheel for a 10 spot. Love that teamwork! Brent was so excited he didn't wait for Joe to say it, he just reminded everyone that July 1<sup>st</sup> was his own Rotary anniversary and marched his boots up to the wheel for a Yee-Haw spin, \$9 later...case closed. Happy Anniversary Brent!! Happy Thoughts are fun way to celebrate anything and generate a little club revenue too.



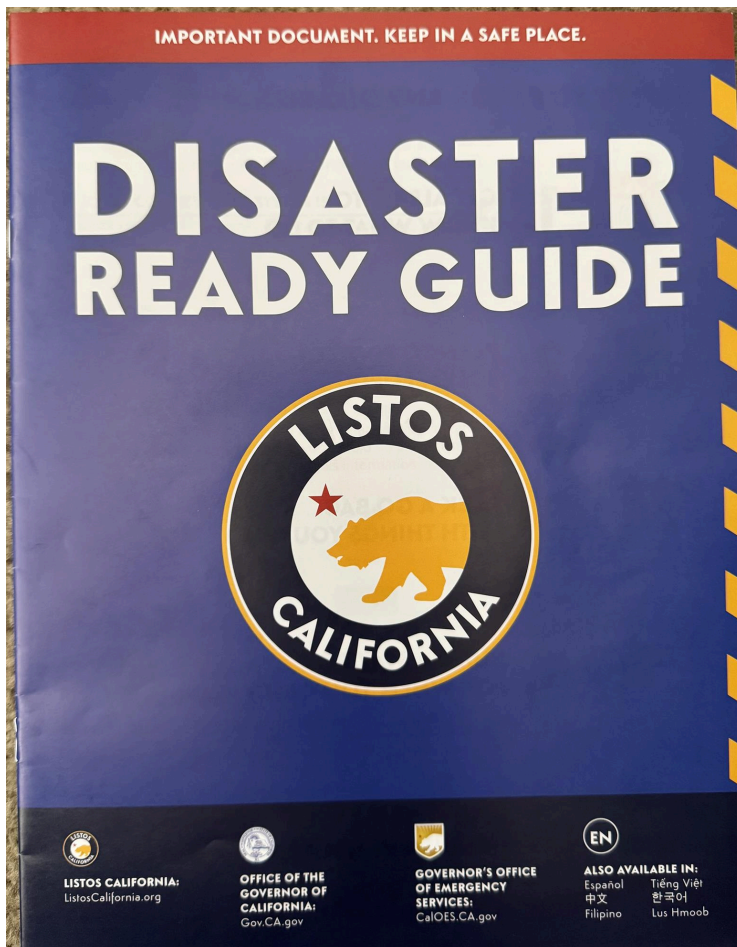
**BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS  
PAUL HARRIS STUFF 2026-2027**

|                     | (B) | (P) | (GRIF) | PHF   | Level |
|---------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|-------|
| Miguel Benitez      | (B) |     | (GRIF) | PHF+3 |       |
| Christian Dumlao    | (B) |     | (GRIF) | PHF   |       |
| Teresa Ferrer       |     |     |        | PHF+1 |       |
| Robert Hale         |     |     |        | PHF+1 |       |
| Richard Hansen      |     |     |        | PHF+8 |       |
| Crystal Harding     |     |     |        | PHF   |       |
| Joe Kaiser          | (B) |     | (GRIF) | PHF+8 |       |
| Julian Love         |     |     |        |       |       |
| Patrick Magnani     |     |     |        | PHF+3 |       |
| Dr. Steven Martinez |     |     |        | PHF   |       |
| Dominic Mecklenburg | (B) |     | (GRIF) | PHF+8 |       |
| Sam Morgan          |     |     |        | PHF+8 |       |
| Brent Seizer        |     |     | (GRIF) | PHF   |       |
| Bob Spears          |     |     | (GRIF) | PHF+3 |       |
| Lee Wiggins         |     |     |        | PHF+7 |       |
| Roland Wright       | (B) |     | (GRIF) | PHF+8 |       |

**Bell Ringer & Gong Bonger Codes:**  
**(B) = Bell Ringer is \$100 to our Club**  
**(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

Amanda Sylva is the Community Engagement Manager for Saint Vincent de Paul's Listos California program, where she leads disaster preparedness outreach and education efforts throughout Alpine, Amador, El Dorado, Placer, and Sacramento Counties. Her work focuses on helping underserved and vulnerable communities, including seniors, rural residents, and individuals with access and functional needs, become more prepared for disasters through workshops, community engagement, and emergency preparedness resource distribution. She also has extensive experience in long term disaster recovery, supporting wildfire and disaster impacted communities throughout California by helping survivors navigate recovery resources and rebuilding efforts. She is passionate about strengthening community resilience and ensuring vulnerable populations are supported before, during, and long after disasters occur.



Amanda also stated that they provide their services for free and can arrange for CPR lessons for groups of people as well.



Miguel thanked Amana and awarded her a souvenir keychain. Amanda conducted a short raffle too where Dominic, Brent and Denise won some cool swag!

We also want to send a shout out to Honorary Rotarian and Sunshine Chair **Judy Nichols** for the baked goods today--the cookies were yummy, and it was especially cool to have the Hershey's "kisses" (so appropriate for today too!). THANK YOU JUDY!!!

### **New Business, Old Business**

Miguel's final thoughts included a comment about CNH - we need to send insurance COI to NHRPD, and Dominic is on top of that. A circulation of both the existing and proposed (new and updated) bylaws will be emailed to all members soon. Note: Anything underlined is a comment, please review closely.

Dominic gave a shout out to Peter Goldsworthy who messaged the club after reading one of our award winning weekly bulletins; Miguel commented in reply that the one he read from our sister club in Swindon was exceptional as well.

Lastly, Miguel closed the session by asking all to raise our glasses and toasting to Rotary around the world! Meeting adjourned: 1:20pm

### **Fellowship**

Did you see the weekly club calendar? Something fun happening on 7/27 in the evening!!



*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].**

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# 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](mailto: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!!!

This email was sent to Richard Hansen by Dominic Mecklenburg

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