







Foothill Highlands Rotary Club Bulletin 6-1-2026

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Club Information

Welcome to our Club!



Service Above Self



Media Day at Freedom Park was a huge success! Look at the great turnout!

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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Bob Spears celebrates **50 YEARS** with **STATE FARM!** What an amazing accomplishment. The entire club is equally excited because he's opted to donate \$1/year to our club in an enormous "Happy Thought" for the achievement. Congrats Bob!!

Call to Order

Today's meeting started on time, after a pledge to our flag and an invocation provided by Teresa, we were underway. As usual, first up President Pat reminded us all about the 4 Way Test.

Well, our last meeting was May 18th and in these last two weeks a LOT has gone down with our club! Like

Webmaster
[Richard Hansen](#)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Dave Lopez
 May 4

Pat Magnani
 May 25

Robert Hale
 June 16

Lee Wiggins
 June 22

Anniversaries

Robert Hale
Janice Hale
 June 22

Join Date

Joe Kaiser
 May 1, 1986
 40 years

Maria Teresa Ferrer
 June 30, 1998
 28 years



what you ask?

- Perfect Attendance
- A Media Day & BBQ
- Demotion Planning Meeting
- Estate Sale
- Club meetings
- Demotion Golf Friday!
(well, that's coming up!)



Patrick and our guest speaker today, Nathan.


WEEKLY CLUB CALENDAR

06/05 Demotion GOLF (Roseville)
06/08 Amanda Sylva - Society of St. Vincent de Paul
06/13 to 6/17 = International Conference in Taipei
06/15 **DARK**, Holiday Week (Juneteenth)
06/22 Edwin Gomez - Educator, Weave, Inc.
06/29 Demotion Dinner @ Lion's Gate Hotel

07/06 Regular Club Meeting, Pgm TBA
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07/20 **11:30 Board Mtg + DG Visit to our club!**

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests



Of the things we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

Announcements

President Patrick opened it up for announcements and Dominic had a list, in no particular order: Judy has a friend in Lincoln that has another motorized wheel chair for donation--off it will go to the auction house in July. It is newer and nicer than the one she donated recently plus has an extra battery and accessories! Let's hope that brings in the big bucks for our Club Foundation!

Camp RYLA is coming up, and our camper, Owen Briggs, is scheduled to attend week #1, which runs June 14-19th. Very exciting and hopefully we'll get the post camp recap shortly thereafter in person!



Our Estate Sale was a productive one in that we emptied some space in storage, got rid of many large items and generated a few dollars for our future service projects in the community. Total net revenue that day was \$802. A huge thank you to all who attended, especially those that are regulars. Special shout out to our honorary Rotarians: Jan Fazekas, rockstar cashier, and Dave Lopez, who joined Dominic at 630am for all the initial setup. He also made a cooler full of breakfast burritos for the early birds--who knew he had that *Liam Neeson* set of special skills (Dominic did). We even had 2 Rotaractors (Steven Mecklenburg & Frederick Ha)

spend the day with us assisting in all ways Estate Sale which we greatly appreciated!

Miguel had an extra duty too, Grillmaster, and that was a delicious bonus to many as he cooked us all lunch; lastly, if there was an energizer bunny award for the day, it was Christian who was a blur as he was hustling all over the place. I'm certain we're missing additional recognition for others and my apologies for that--it was a team effort and it was ALL greatly appreciated! Thanks everyone!!!!



Have you ever heard of Perfect Attendance? Besides Bob Spears in Rotary for better than 3+ decades at one point, it's rare. So, to inspire an achievement like this our club sponsors a program at Gateway Community Charter school and it is VERY popular. Every year, those students that reach the mark, perfect attendance, are shuttled off to a day of fun, food and games at John's Incredible Pizza in Roseville. This year, Dominic & Christian (above) met 57 students and 4 chaperones on site to share some congratulatory words to those kiddoes (and to pay the bill, Ha!). It was a magical time for them and a moment we're very proud of as this program continues to show signs of immense progress!



This truly was a Rotary weekend! Before the Estate Sale on Saturday, we had some action on Friday, lots of it. First, it was our Media Day at Freedom Park. Thousands (well, lots of people) gathered for the community celebration and recognition around our efforts at the park, installing the Bocce Ball Court, adding picnic tables, benches, BBQ's, custom ground cover, a scoreboard and signage and more. We BBQ'd for the public and it was a great day. Senator Ashby was there and representatives from Josh Hoover's office presented our club with a certificate of acknowledgment as well.



Later, after the shindig, some of us popped over to our storage units and loaded up 4 trucks and trailers ahead of the estate sale. As usual, there was tremendous support from the **Hallsten Corporation**. Denise and her daughter, Olivia, were critical extra hands as well as drivers for the additional rigs. While Roland was down and out with his damaged hand, this was essential extra muscle and support that was much needed. Dominic, Patrick, Christian and Rotaractor Steven joined in as well.

Finally, one last Rotary deal for the day. In the evening, Dominic, Christian, Teresa and Roland (by zoom) found themselves at the home of Miguel and Tonya Benitez to

coordinate plans ahead of the 6/29 Demotion Dinner (insert evil laughter here). Yes, it will be a fun and festive evening of fellowship and more. This highly anticipated event even has the attraction of Patrick's parents who will be in attendance to watch the show. The Demotion Dinner will be at Lion's Gate at 7pm (with No-Host cocktails starting at 6:15pm). RSVP by 6/24 to Roland Wright and include your meal choice (beef, salmon or vegetarian).



Vocational Minute



Today's Vocational Minute was provided by Teresa Bustos! Here's a brief recap of what she told us in just over a minute:

Teresa earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Management and an Associate in Secretarial Education. After college, she started as an Account Executive at a freight forwarding company. After 3 years, she learned the ins and outs of the business. She then resigned and secured her own business license to open a freight forwarding company running the office from her parent's home at first.

She met many exporters and foreign buyers. After about 2 years, she met a Swedish buyer at one of her client's offices. He convinced her to form a corporation for a freight forwarding and export business. She exported seafood to Asian countries, including live crabs and live adult and baby eel to Hong Kong and Japan. Her work took her across Asia, the US and Europe.

At the same time, she served as Vocational Director for the Rotary Club of Southeast, Philippines, dedicating many hours to community service and volunteer work.

She was proud to share her efforts were recognized with the "Best Rotarian of the Year "award for three consecutive years: 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Teresa was also doing church volunteer work, organizing free masses & weddings for unwed couples and free baptisms and confirmations for people living in squatter areas in the Philippines. Teresa comes from a family of 9, 8 girls and 1 brother. She helped her parents by giving them monthly allowance and she put 3 of her sisters through college; they earned degrees in nursing and pharmacy. Today they're thriving in Ireland, Colorado and Saudi Arabia.

During a vacation in Virginia Beach while she was still single, she met her husband . They had a civil wedding in Reno , Nevada, followed by a church wedding in the Philippines. While living in Virginia Beach, she joined the Rotary Club Chesapeake, Virginia . They had weekly meetings with a buffet lunch at the Holiday Inn. I also attended the Rotary International Convention in Chicago, Illinois in 2005 and Los Angeles in 2008.

After living in Virginia Beach, they moved temporarily to the Philippines for 10 years. Teresa continued her Rotarian work and church volunteer efforts, including feeding street children and other programs mostly in the squatter areas of Metro Manila .

After 10 years in the Philippines, they decided to buy a house in California, where they live now. Today Teresa and her husband call California home. While she hasn't worked professionally here in the US, Teresa carries a lifelong passion and commitment to the community and to providing service. Service has always been her #1 passion.

Teresa continues volunteering at St. Lawrence Church in North Highlands - assisting in funeral mass and consoling families, singing as a choir member and serving as coordinator for the Divine Mercy Ministry.

She also assists Filipino Senior's by driving them to pick-up medicines, taking them to the food bank to get their food, bringing them to doctor appointments and helping them apply for government & medical benefits,

*and EBT. Wow, and you think you know somebody...
that is the beauty of the vocational minute!!*

Fun Stuff

Judy got a new dog, Snickerdoodle!! That's just such an ironic name for our master baker's new pet, don't you think?? Ha!!!

Here they are (below) "just chilling" and it's a good thing she has a new friend--our sunshine lady took a rough and tumble recently down some stairs. Judy only broke 2 vertebrae--she's getting along fine with the help of some Tylenol and a medieval brace as she calls it. (Maybe she needs some of her own whiskey fudge, 2 pieces, twice a day for 10+ days! Ha!!). Well, she's now in the broken bones club with Roland and Joe!

Judy still found time to send cookies to this meeting if you can believe that!!! The white chocolate macadamia and those super yummy almond joy coconut things--our speaker today, Nathan, just could not get enough. That was too funny!! THANK YOU Judy for the treats and we all wish you the best and GET WELL SOON!!



Note: Judy is not the one with the gray hair--that's the dog, fyi. You can see where that might get confusing...

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS



Queue the music, "It's the Final Countdown..."

We passed the carafe to support our End Polio Now campaign and the collection captured \$7.00

We had some happy thoughts today. You read earlier about Mr. Bob Spears and his 50 bucks for 50 years at State Farm. That was STRONG!!!

Lee & Susan Wiggins also returned from a cruise to London and much, much more. They toured many sites, a memorial and a cemetery. It was a lovely trip. Lee was also sad he missed the estate sale (and feeling guilty), so he "bundled" that all together into one giant GONG to our Club's Foundation (\$100). Yay!

Finally, Miguel had LOTS to share, and rightly so. He and Tonya have recently returned from an exciting RV Fellowship adventure in Redding. He played a delightful video and shared a picture collage from their trip. Miguel was the "Wagon Master" which simply means he ran point on the trip for the whole group. That sounds VERY presidential. It was an amazing time!! He spun the wheel and that generated a \$5 donation to our club!



Media Day and the BBQ was a huge hit!



Teresa and Uncle Jessie hanging out. Just kidding, that's Brent :)



Patrick and Miguel were amazing on the BBQ



BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS STUFF

Miguel Benitez	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+3
Christian Dumlao	(P)(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Teresa Ferrer	(GRIF)	PHF+1
Robert Hale	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+1
Richard Hansen	(B) (GRIF)	PHF+ 8
Crystal Harding	(GRIF)	PHF
Joe Kaiser	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 8
Julian Love		
Patrick Magnani	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+3
Dr. Steven Martinez	(GRIF)	PHF
Dominic Mecklenburg	(P)(B)(PHS)	PHF+ 8
Sam Morgan	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+8
Brent Seizer	(P)(GRIF)	PHF
Bob Spears	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 3
Lee Wiggins	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 7
Roland Wright	(Bx2)(GRIFx4)	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

Today's presenter was Nathan Serfin with the Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review Team. Nathan Serafin is a master's student in Urban Planning at UCLA. He was raised in Garden Grove, California and acquired a degree in Society &

Environment from UC Berkeley. He is interested in applying sustainability, safety, and equity for marginalized communities towards his emphasis in transportation. He talked about the upcoming projects in the county and how we can become community advisors. They are creating a "Blueprint for Belonging" Some of the responsibilities include:

- Participate in a CAC meeting
- Assist with outreach
- Engage in the Community for inclusive feedback
- Engage in idea exchanges

He was very informative and did a great job on educating our club on becoming a community advisor For more info, contact Patrick and he'll send you a flyer with a QR code!

Nathan got a cool speaker gift from Pat, posed for the photo op and boom that brought us to the end of our meeting. Pat raised a glass, spoke his usual closing words and hit the bell to end the meeting!

Fellowship



2026 Parking Lot Estate Sale



Miguel and Teresa... supervising



Rockstar Cashier, Jan Fazekas



Rotaract Volunteers: Frederick & Steven



The parking lot estate sale had a little bit of everything! Everyone's junk is someone else's treasure



Need one of these? Know someone who does? Well, we got one! It's in our storage unit in North Highlands and we'd love to find it a new home! Dimensions are approximately: 75" x 18" and 64" tall. There is a light in each upper compartment (3 total) and for the right price we can even assist with a local curbside delivery should it be nearby. Interested? Make us an offer!! Contact Miguel at 530-979-6744 or Roland at 916-417-1426 to coordinate an appointment to see and/or purchase! (Dust is included no charge!)



The BIG excitement for the day was the giant KABOOM that we heard when some lady crashed her caddy SUV into the side of Bel Air. Yup, a mere inches away from the Propane cage as you can see. It could have been a lot worse. Nobody was injured. Another case of the accelerator mistaken for the brake. Yikes!!! We knew one thing right away...she wasn't coming to the estate sale!!



Demotion Golf is set! 11am tee time @ Woodcreek Oaks in Roseville. Dominic, Roland, Patrick and Miguel will tee off at 11am, and Christian will join on the turn or in the bar, pending his work schedule. Join us for a post event debrief pitcher at Legends (the bar) afterwards or wait in suspense until the Demotion Dinner for the wild stories and results!!



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**

Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands

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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 be a **Vocational Scholarship Award Application 2021**! Have a great day everyone!!!

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Email _____ Rotary Club of Foothill Highlands

Current School: _____ P.O. Box 6
North Highlands, CA 95660-0006

Current Class Level: _____ United States of America Target Graduation Date: _____

GPA: _____ Student related to a _____ 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. © ClubRunner 2002—2026. All rights reserved.

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

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