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and Rio Linda



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

May 2025

Check out all the action that our Small but Mighty Club has been doing these past few weeks! Review the club calendar too so you're in the know and can see where to be and when! Thank you everyone!!!

CALL TO ORDER

Today's meeting wraps up in person action for our club for the month of May! Please check out the calendar section below as our time at Lion's Gate is thin the next several weeks. Our next club meeting in person is on 6/23, a dinner meeting, for Dominic's demotion!! Yes, we are surrounded by some fellowship activities you'll read about here later plus three holidays near a Monday meeting date to which we elect to go dark (no meeting).

Calendar

5/20/25 530pm Board Meeting @Lee's House
 5/26/25 DARK—No Meeting (Memorial Day)
 6/2/25 Bocce Scoreboard Cutting @ Hallsten
 6/9/25 Fellowship Event—TBA (Safetyville?)
 6/16/25 DARK—No Meeting (Juneteenth Holiday)
 6/20-6/22 = Demotion Golf in South Lake Tahoe!
 6/23/25 DEMOTION DINNER @ Lion's Gate!
 6/30/25 DARK—No Meeting (4th of July week)

Join Zoom Meeting
 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dominic was our greeter today, Miguel handled the pledge and Patrick gave a nice invocation after about 3 minutes notice! Great job everyone! We then moved into announcements, and there were several. In no particular order...

First, we are supporting a Spring Dance Recital for some young performers by providing healthy snacks for parents and children at the 5/28 evening event at NHRPD. Thanks to Roland, Brent and Dominic who seem to all shop at Costco, and others who gave Roland cash for the remaining items needed! He'll deliver to the location the morning of the event!

Right behind this one is our annual support to Gateway Community Charters school. We fund their "perfect attendance" program each year and that is the very same day! A bus load of students that achieved this

We meet on Mondays at 12:15 p.m.
Lions Gate Hotel and Suites
McClellan Business Park
3410 Westover Street

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DISTRICT 5180 WEBSITE: <http://rotary5180.com>

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remarkable status will enjoy an afternoon of fun & food—Roland & Christian will meet the bus and share words of encouragement and praise before they head off to the arcade for too much fun!!

Roland has been working hard over the last several days submitting and polishing the district grant paperwork (we have to get our money back!). It seems like we have our ducks in a row and, based on the reduced expenses, we will realize a 2:1 match on our spending after all. Fabulous!! We're just waiting for final approval and those magic words...the check is in the mail!

An automatic piggyback to that conversation was the reminder that the master plan for the district grant in Patrick's year must be turned in **by 5/30**. Details coming on that soon. Wheels are in motion!

Patrick's year will see an increase in annual club dues to \$300. That is payable in one lump sum or in semi-annual installments, if desired. This is to offset club expenses and other costs in this nutty price environment.

Our latest estate sale has come and gone. Yes, the weekend of 5/10 was amazing in many ways. (Some pics on future page). On Friday afternoon we loaded 2 box trailers, a 30ft flatbed, a 16ft flatbed (and the trucks attached), a suburban and a highlander (and other vehicles I'm probably forgetting), we hauled it all out Saturday morning for an action packed day of selling! Lots of THANKS to share, sure hope I captured everyone. Put your hands together for Dominic, Roland, Patrick, Miguel, Christian,

Brent, Diane, Debbie, Easten, Steven, Frederick, Jan Fazekas, Sharon Bias and Dave Lopez. Our success was only as good as it was because of the awesome teamwork of all these individuals!!

Our club was able to thin our inventory out significantly and generate about \$2918 in revenue. Additionally, Miguel has some of the larger, nicer items on Facebook Marketplace and the following day he sold a beautiful cedar chest/trunk for \$75. Further, once Miguel shared with the buyer what our organization does and how we impact the community as a small but mighty unit, the buyer quite generously doubled his payment to \$150!! Looks like Miguel's Rotary elevator speech is **STRONG!**

Bob gave us an update on Judy. She had x-rays recently, signs of new bone growth exist which was a positive sign. She's making her way along the road back to good. Of course we got tasty treats today, white chocolate macadamia nut and almond joy cookies—Bob disclosed about the secret compartment too in the Tupperware per Judy's requirement. Ha! And, we call these right handed cookies... you know, since she was baking with one arm. Many thanks Judy!!

The club shared condolences with Joe—his brother Charles passed away recently. Joe and his son went to Ohio and they were able to say good bye before he passed. A sympathy card was sent from the club too.

Our monthly North Highlands Roundtable

(Celebrate North Highlands) meeting happens immediately following today's club meeting. As usual, it was at NHRPD at 2pm, the next one being 6/30, same place and time. This will be the final date of Dominic's term both for hosting club meetings, CNH meetings and for crafting such fine bulletins. The baton passes to Patrick as our club reasoned that the agenda is the best template for note taking and hence the club president would make the best bulletin co-editor with Richard. After many, many bulletins, it is with the utmost respect and admiration that I say Richard made this look soooooo easy. Wow. Soon we'll see how many big words Patrick knows...Ha!!!

Some notes on the calendar front. Roland passed around a demotion dinner sign up sheet. It will be held at the Lion's Gate Hotel on 6/23, Monday night. Usual drill. Contact Roland to RSVP and to provide your meal selection (beef, salmon, vegetarian). The evening of 5/20 is our May Board Meeting for the club—it will be held at the home of Lee & Susan Wiggins in Lincoln, CA. They are serving a sausage lasagna with salad and bread in their NEW house!! Those planning to attend should bring a side and a beverage to share. Contact Lee (or Dominic) for address or directions.

Next week, 5/26, NO MEETING. We are dark for Memorial Day weekend. The following week, 6/2, NOT at Lion's Gate, rather we'll meet at Hallsten Corporation at 12:15 (regular time). They have a new plasma machine and Roland is offering a tour and demo as the scoreboard for the Bocce Ball court is made. Pretty cool, you

don't want to miss it. Continuing along to 6/9, this will be a fellowship event. Tentatively, we are planning to meet at Freedom Park for actual Bocce Ball. Stay tuned for more details soon, but save the date!! Later that evening, at Safetyville on Bradshaw Road, will be the district awards for 5180 clubs from 6-8pm. This is a FREE event and they will have food too. See flyer later in this bulletin! Consider coming to see what accolades Foothill Highlands will receive!

6/16, dark again, NO MEETING in recognition of Juneteeth (hey, take the deal, it's a day off, enjoy!). June 20-22, some are joining for the demotion golf tournament IN TAHOE!! Golf and dinner is on Saturday, Friday night we may crash the campsite of Christian and company and Sunday we return. The Demotion dinner is on 6/23 and finally we are dark on 6/30, as that falls in the 4th of July week. And, that will wrap up Dominic's 5th year as President!!

Monday was also an official e-waste pickup at the home of Sharon Bias.



We emptied our pallet, and yes we are still collecting.

This was enough to phone in for the pickup.

Thanks to

Sharon for providing the drop of location for us to recycle electronic waste!



Lunch was a little delayed so Joe made excellent use of the time. I think everyone was spin happy today, and that's great because our operating account

could use the boost in funds! Patrick started things off, sharing some good and bad news. First, Madeline is graduating this week and off to Cal Lutheran soon. Also, he has a birthday coming up on 5/25. Lastly, looks like he'll need another ACL surgery. Dang. Joe also had a club anniversary this month, some 39 years he's been a Foothill Highlander!! I mention these together because they struck a deal, together they each rang the Bell! That's \$100ea to the club.

Roland acknowledged Joe's loss and shared he, too, had a sister that passed away unexpectedly. He spun in her honor, \$5. Dominic has a graduate this week too, Steven wraps up at Sierra College and will soon be off to CSUMB. He then did some State Farm bundling and also personally thanked everyone for their efforts at the weekend Estate Sale. That combo spin was \$9. Joe, absent from the event in question and the usual donut provider, spun for his absence, \$5. Bob shared some fantastic statistics for a Phillies rookie pitcher who recently struck out 8 in his debut. Thrilled enough to toot the horn, he spun and that was base hit at \$14. Man I hope they won that game!

Christian wanted in on the action. He shared quite passionately about a recent Indy Car

race, another rookie driver that averaged 239mph in 4 laps in cars that are now hybrid for the event. There was also another unique driver in the competition who qualified in 2nd. Roland even chimed in about the race as it was that popular. But it was Christian who did the spinning, \$9. Today, the best part of these happy thoughts were the actual stories told by the members. Lastly, Joe did some touring while back in Ohio, including visiting the gravesites of some of his relatives. He also shared he had a sister who died at 8 months. He, too, spun in her honor, \$14.

Well, if you're still reading this. It's now past the Sergeant at Arms report and lunch; we're into the program slot. Our speaker today was Chris Evans. He is the director for Sacramento Navigators—no that's not a new and upcoming sports franchise, it is a Homeless Outreach Program that has found great success in and around our area. He is also the executive director for the Antelope Business District. Chris is a former Rotarian too, which makes sense that he's in charge of this program. He was with the Moorpark club in Southern California, and is a Paul Harris Fellow too. Fun fact, for over 10 years, he produced the Malibu Music Festival down south. Whoa!

As the Executive Director of Sacramento Navigators, Chris plays a pivotal role in assisting individuals facing homelessness and addiction. He helps to identify people in need, introduce them to the program, find them jobs with the ultimate goal of getting them off the street and into their

own place to live, and with a stable job. They seek to empower individuals, restore dignity, and actively work towards rebuilding their lives for the betterment of themselves, their families, and the community.

Another very cool program he is involved with is brooms4bags.com. Brooms 4 Bags provides brooms, bags, and cleaning supplies to unhoused individuals who want to clean their area. This has evolved so much that Home Depot is now sponsoring the materials for this project. By identifying and working with responsible individuals within the unhoused community, they provide cleaning supplies and reduce the health and safety risks associated with homelessness and drug addiction.

After the presentation, Chris did some brief Q&A and handed out prizes. Chris attributed his love of volunteering and community to his early days in the Salvation Army and

from a foundation set before him with how his parents and grandparents modeled similar behavior and volunteer efforts.

Dominic awarded him the Rotary octagon world paperweight as his speaker gift and closed effectively what would be his last regular meeting with a raise of the glass and a toast to Rotary around the World.



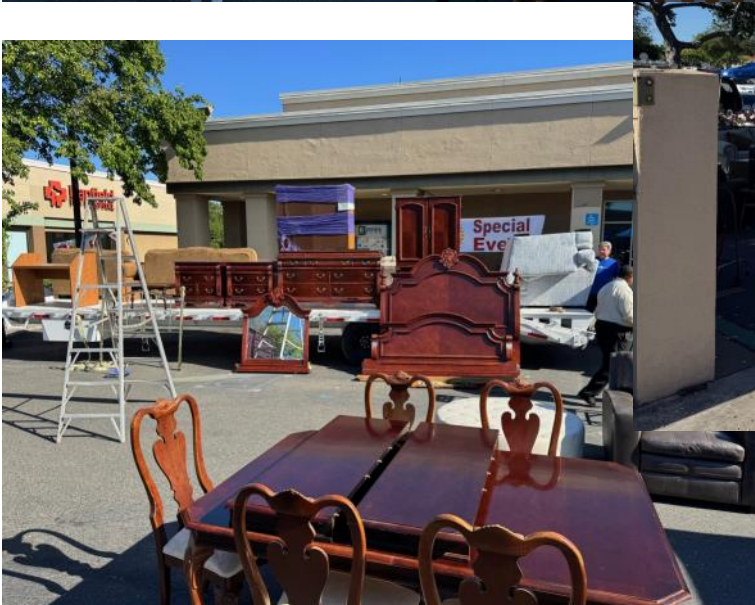
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Alternatively, we have a local collection site: a pallet at 2000 Rushing River in Elverta at the home of Sharon Bias (up the driveway and behind the white gate, right side of her yard). Drop off stuff anytime, no appointment needed.





DISTRICT 5180 RECOGNITION AND AWARDS EVENT

Date: June 9, 2025



Location: Safetyville

3909 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Host Club: Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

Join us for a fun evening of music and recognition, while making your way down the main street of Safetyville, sipping on your favorite beverage, enjoying appetizers and then chili and cornbread from our Chili Cook-Off.

This is our End-of-Year Recognition for:

*Inductees into District 5180 Hall of Fame

*Rotarian of the Year *Rookie of the Year

*Our 8 Area Gold Club Winners

*The Bell Club of the Year 2024-25

Each District Area is asked to provide Chili for the Cook-off. The winning Chili Cook-off winner will receive a "Firehouse Dinner for 6" served to their home or location by Retired Chief Steve Turner (also known as our District Governor).



This is a No-Cost event for attendees; just a fun event and recognition sponsored by your District.

For more information, contact the following:

For Chili Cook-Off: Mike Cendro (mtcendro@gmail.com)

For Recognition: John Price (rotaryjohnprice@gmail.com)

For other questions: Chair, Diana Cralle dralle@usa.net)





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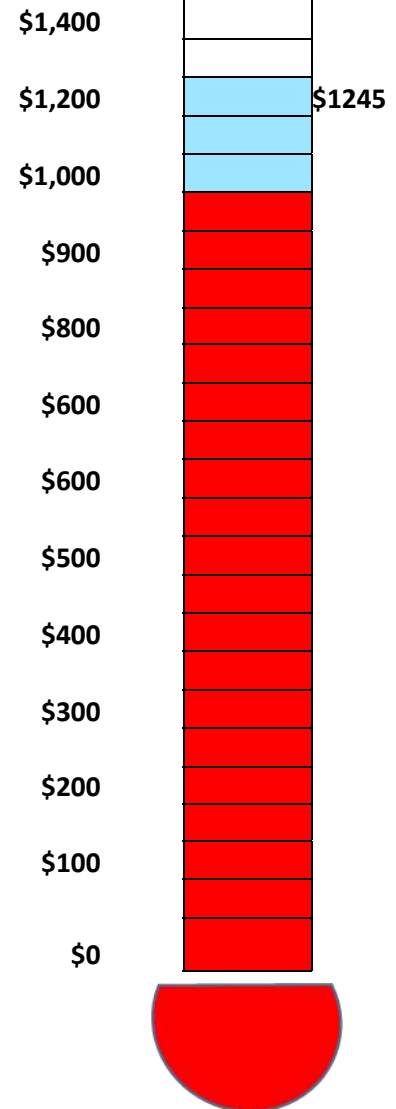
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Crystal Harding-Jenkins	(GRIF)	PHF
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Patrick Magnani	(GRIF)(P)(B)	PHF+ 3
Dr. Steven Martinez		PHF
Dominic Mecklenburg	(B)(GRIF) (GHFH)(P)	PHF+ 8
Sam Morgan	(B)(GRIF)(P) (JH) (GHFH)	PHF+ 8
Baby Quintero		
Brent Seizer	(GRIF)(P)	PHF
Bob Spears	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
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Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands



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Rotary Club **Vocational Scholarship Award** Application 2025

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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Return to: Roland Wright @ Rwright@hallsten.com (916) 417-1426



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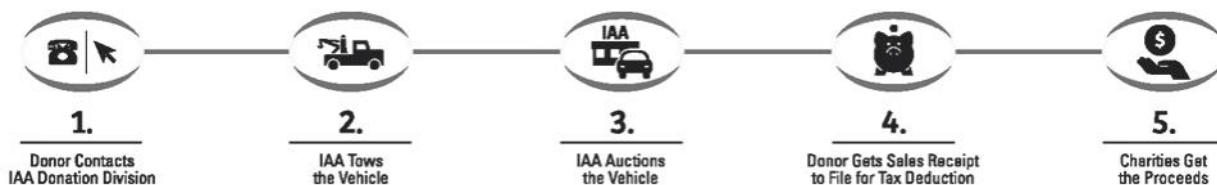
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