

Rotary
PEOPLE OF ACTION



Foothill Highlands



Rotary Club

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

Chartered March 12, 1959

Serving the Greater Sacramento Area communities of
Antelope, Elverta, Foothill Farms, McClellan, North
Highlands and
Rio Linda

May 4, 2026 Volume 68, Issue 25



Joe Kaiser, Foothill Highlands Rotary Club Member
Celebrating 40 years in Rotary and our Club on 5/1/26

WEEKLY CLUB CALENDAR

Club Information

**Welcome to our
Club!**

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Rotary

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

[Pat Magnani](#)

President Elect

[Miguel Benitez](#)

Immediate Past President

[Dominic Mecklenburg](#)

Secretary

[Miguel Benitez](#)

Treasurer

[Dominic Mecklenburg](#)

- 05/09 Service Project Touch Up (+DG)
- 05/11 Regular Club Meeting @ Lion's Gate
- 05/12 BOARD MEETING, time/location TBD
- 05/18 Regular Club Meeting @ Lion's Gate
- 05/25 MEMORIAL DAY WEEK—No Mtg (DARK)
- 05/29 Freedom Park Media Day & BBQ
+ Load Trucks/Trailers @ Rotary Storage
- 05/30 ESTATE SALE, 8AM—1PM
(corner of Walerga & Elverta, Antelope)
- 06/05 Demo GOLF (Roseville)
- 06/29 Demotion Dinner @Lion's Gate (save the date)

Call to Order

Today's club meeting was on May the FOURTH, for you Star Wars fans!! (Insert Darth Vader breathing here). Pat played themed music accordingly in the background before, during and after the meeting. That was epic. Pat was clearly our greeter, Dominic led us all in the pledge and Patrick provided the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests today, just Foothill Highlanders and our speaker!



President Pat started off by reminding us about (and reciting) the 4-way test, and then he handed out a souvenir 4-way test magnet (pictured above) to all those in attendance. These infamous MAGNETS were supposed to be for club members issued as a reward after each vocational minute presentation. Dominic was so kind to give these to Patrick at the beginning of his year to allow this to happen. Unfortunately, Patrick LOST them for most of his presidential year (good thing Joe had no idea about this) and only found them just recently in the center console of his Camry after cleaning it out in preparation for its transition to the newest licensed driver in his household (congrats Anthony!!)

International Service
[Maria Teresa Ferrer](#)

International Service
[Lee Wiggins](#)

Public Image
[Dominic Mecklenburg](#)

Rotary Foundation
[Robert Spears](#)

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

Patrick has been looking for these magnets all YEAR and Dominic has been hounding him about them!! They were found safe and sound and in motion now for member distribution! Case closed!



**The Rotary
4 Way
Test**

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 & Fellowship!



Pat started off thanking Dominic & Mary for hosting one of the best fellowship events of the year, with some Bocce Ball, Ping Pong and 2x more wine than attendees! (YUM).



[Diane, Mary & Tiffany]

The food was amazing too because we all brought a dish, potluck style, which is so the way to go from now on for these events. Roland brought the custom barrel made for our Whiskey Basket so we could show case it, put some finishing touches on it and get it ready for the following weekend at the District Conference. This was a 4-club project and contribution for the raffle/fundraiser to be held at said event.

As the sun set, we had some great laughs, much needed fellowship and friendly competition on the bocce court. For those that stuck around, we also had some quality bonding time around the firepit in the backyard too. Amazing!!



[ACE Ping-Pong Player, Tonya, and President Pat]

Some district conference updates were shared as well. Friday May 1st ADG Roland and Diane participated in the poker run for the district conference as they collected different playing cards along the way to Cesars Casino and Hotel. The goal was to form a winning poker hand. More to come later on this topic.

Roland, Diane, Miguel, Tonya, Patrick and Jennifer all made it to Lake Tahoe Friday night...but Saturday morning is where the fun began. At 7am, President Pat and Miguel met a large group of Rotarians to do a "Polio Polar Plunge"!! Yes, in beautiful Lake Tahoe with 48-degree cold water from the recent ice melts...Brrrrrrr. Miguel captured great video; see our Instagram Page for more details (yes, we have one of those now, we're big time!) As Miguel didn't jump in the lake, he was Pat's biggest cheerleader for the ice-cold President who could barely warm up after a SIX MINUTE ice bath in the LAKE! Where's the Fireball when you need it? Oh yeah, the 6 minutes was brought up right when everyone was about to jump in, but there were EMT's present if anyone were to need medical attention.

Later we enjoyed some lunch together as a Foothill Highlands Rotarian group, and we had a great post lunch keynote speaker that followed. We then had the freedom to explore different breakout sessions in various rooms, some of which included the speech contest and RYE student presentations. We all bought some raffle tickets and admired the whiskey barrel from Area 2 (that's us) which clearly had the most tickets in the fishbowl!! Special shout out to Judy Nichols who did the bulk of the shopping for the basket contents. We sure know how lucky Bob Spears is as we've now seen Judy's baking AND shopping skills! We know Bob is the real winner!!

Later that night we enjoyed dinner and Foothill Highlands won the "Adapt Award" for 2025-2026. We enjoyed some food and beverages and ended the night with a dueling piano concert! Great songs, they had the whole crowd going and mostly everyone stayed to the very end (which means you know they were good, because most Rotarians split during this part of the evening. Ha!!). The next morning came early! Breakfast buffet, Parade of Presidents and some more awards. The morning ended with the raffle and the winners of the poker run. DIANE won 2nd place out of all the participants with a full house Ace's high!! Congrats Diane!!



The finished product, our Whiskey Barrel for the District Conference!! A great 4-club team effort!!



We did have a generous donor from the North Ridge Country Club donate a grandfather clock recently along with 3 truck and trailer loads of other items!! The clock and some select items were dropped off with our friends at TMC Auction in Roseville. This has become a great source for additional club revenue in between our semi-annual estate sales!!

BRING MOM FOR A EARLY MOTHER'S DAY!

TASTE OF *Italy*

GRANITE BAY ROTARY

Fundraising Event
Authentic Italian Feast & Festivities

FOLSOM COMMUNITY CENTER
 52 NATOMAS STREET,
 FOLSOM, CA
 5:30PM

PROCEEDS BENEFIT COMMUNITY PROJECTS & SERVICES YEAR-ROUND!

\$60 Ticket
 Silent Auction
 Human Slot Machine
 HEADS-TAILS CONTEST
 \$200 GRAND PRIZE

MAY 9TH, 2026

FOR TICKETS GO ONLINE,
 OR CONTACT A
 GRANITE BAY ROTARY CLUB MEMBER
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Estate Sale: 5-30-2026



Our club's next major fundraiser will be the semi-annual estate sale!

It'll be a 1 day event, Saturday 5/30, from 8am to 2pm, in the parking lot of the old Umpqua Bank (our usual location). That's on the corner of Walerga & Elverta in Antelope.

This will be a scaled back version of our typically larger event, focusing on trailers full of large items in storage and about 10 tables of miscellaneous items. This will help both free up space in our storage unit AND generate some much needed club income for our 501c-3 Foundation activities! If you would like to support us, there is a DONATE HERE link below!

[DONATE HERE](#)

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

Our fine master, a.k.a. Sargeant of Arms Joe Kaiser, had a little rough tumble in his backyard last Monday. He fell and, since he was unable to successfully execute the signature barrel roll technique, he ended up breaking his right arm. Ouch! He's home, resting, recovering and hopes to be back soon!

Today we did have a couple of Happy Thoughts in his absence. 1st, Pat wanted to celebrate Joe's 40-year anniversary in Rotary (which was 5/1), so he spun the wheel and that landed on \$8. Christian was feeling it, absent from a few meetings lately, he missed the meetings, but more importantly, he missed us. [Awwwwhhhhh]. For that, TWO wheels spins, \$9 and \$8 or \$17 to our club!!



We also passed the End Polio Now carafe around and that collection added \$8 more dollars to the cause. Thank you everyone!!



BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS STUFF

Miguel Benitez	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+3
Christian Dumlao	(P)(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Teresa Ferrer		PHF+1
Robert Hale	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+1
Richard Hansen	(B) (GRIF)	PHF+ 8
Crystal Harding		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 Program

Back to our local deal here and the meeting at hand. Yes, we had a program today. It's a topic you don't want to forget. (wait for it). Our speaker was Bonnie Rae, who is a Family Care Specialist with the Alzheimer's Association, covering Northern California and Northern Nevada chapter. She gave some updates on what the disease is and how medicine has advanced to help get us closer to a cure. One of Bonnie's main goals is to create awareness. She gave a great Power Point presentation which included some helpful tips on preventing some of the symptoms like keeping your mind working, staying healthy, exercising, even playing games and investing with Edward Jones. Maybe that last one is pending further research. Bonnie did add that Edward Jones is one of the main National Sponsors for the Alzheimer's association! There was some club chatter about forming a team for the upcoming charity walk in the fall. If you are interested, please contact either Patrick or Miguel for more information. We thanked Bonnie for speaking to our club and gifted her a Rotary key chain AND a 4 Way Test magnet. Ya, she scored today!!



Demotion Golf will be in Roseville this year, June 5th. We have 5 signed up, and we really need a 6th for even amount or 3 more for 2 complete foursomes. Contact Dominic if you're interested! We're shooting for a mid-morning tee time...

Judy provided today's after lunch treats: **COOKIES** = chocolate crinkle & white chocolate macadamia nut! Thank you Judy! Yum!!

We then raised our glasses to Rotary around the World! The meeting was adjourned!



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:
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P. O. Box 6
North Highlands, CA 95660-0006**

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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 (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!!!