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Antelope, Elverta, Foothill Farms, McClellan, North
Highlands and
Rio Linda

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Foothill fellowship at Hard Times!

Call to Order

Welcome to the 8th meeting of
the year! Thanks to: Greeter:
Dominic, Pledge: Roland
Wright Invocation: Lee Wiggins,
Note Taker: Dominic

WEEKLY CLUB CALENDAR

Today: Shawn Ayers w/Sac County DA = "Real Estate
Fraud"

09/21 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)

10/30 to 11/1 = District Conf & Fdtn Dinner in TAHOE!

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](#)



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Executives & Directors

President
[Miguel Benitez](#)

Secretary
[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
September 4



Rotary 
Club of Foothill-Highlands

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



Table 1



Table 2



Table 3

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Here are the visiting Rotarians and guests we had today! **Table 1** Honorary Rotarian David Lopez, Jan Fazikas past member and honorary Rotarian, Molly Evangelisti from the North Sac Rotary Club, June Harrison Crosley, and Debbie Hudson with the Rotary Club of Arden Arcade.

Table 2 Judy Nichols "The official baker and honorary Rotarian, THE MO BROWNING MCBRIDE, Past member!!! Susan Wiggins, Michael and Karen Rutledge. **Table 3** Jennifer Magnani immediate past first lady, and Ginger Baun with Columbia Bank.

Virtual via zoom, We have Sharron Bias and Debbie Hudson.

General Announcements

Joke of the Day: What is green and smells like green paint... Judy yells out GREEN PAINT!! HAHAAAAHA Today is national coloring day. It celebrates the stress-reducing and mindful benefits of adding color through crayons, markers, or digital tools. Coloring acts as a meditative exercise that helps adults quiet the mind and reduce stress, for children it strengthens physical, cognitive and emotional skills. Over the weekend I drove by the sound wall mural on Auburn blvd in Citrus Heights.

We had some time away from Lions Gate these past few weeks. 8/31 we had a fellowship meeting at Hard Times Billiards. Then we were dark on 9/7 for Labor Day. Hard Times were very fun times for most of us and some had some hard times...scratching on the EIGHT BALL, missing a win by one ball or not being able to participate in a cutthroat game by being knocked out before they had a chance LOL!! This was a lot of fun and had a great attendance. We quickly found out who had played pool in the past and who might even own a pool table at home. Hint, two of the Rotarians have pool table at home.

We are already getting our bowling shoes ready for October 26th which will be at Lucky Strikes Bowling!

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

Keep reading this bulletin for more details.

District 5180 is suggesting Shelterbox for anyone wanting to donate to victims in Nepal

Calendar Items

Regular Meeting 9/21 with speaker Heidi Sanborn w/SMUD speaking on recycling project

- No meeting 9/28 for CNH
- Regular Meeting 10/5 with speaker Matty Hyatt w/California Business Alliance
- PRLS (see flier) on October 10th from 8:30am-5pm and 11th 9am-3:30pm at 5100 Sierra College Blvd
- Folsom Rotary Club's annual Octoberfest on October 25th from 3pm - 7pm
- Fellowship, 5:30pm on Monday, October 26th at Lucky Strike Rocklin, 5681 Lonetree Blvd, Rocklin, CA 95765
- District Conference, October 30th - November 1st in South Lake Tahoe

Dominic had some announcements. The Holiday Evergreens fundraiser is coming soon. Dominic just got the materials in the mail. A date for the calendar is the only worthy mention for today, orders will be DUE by November 9th with deliveries again the week after Turkey Day! Second, Dayme says hi, she gets the bulletin via US MAIL—it always makes her smile. Keep them coming, she said, and tell Pat to make them funnier. Ha! (I heard he will do his best)



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 #E104 Foliage fir, spruce, cedar, holly, and red berry berries. Includes a pine and holly centerpiece. (Some 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 #E104 Two stunning 10-foot garlands made of fragrant, fresh-cut western cedar. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. Preserved gift message. \$59.00
Gift Centerpiece Item #E104 Cedar, red berry, pine and holly centerpiece. Arranged in an oval glass bowl and box. Approximately 12" in diameter. Includes 12" x 12" card. \$48.00	Holiday Gift Door Swag Item #E104 This holiday holiday for door swing & made entirely of holly fir, an evergreen exclusive to the Pacific Northwest. This door swag is complemented by a snow white pine cone and a chevron tree bow (some style may vary). Approximately 32" x 12". \$49.00
28" Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath Item #E104 Our largest, most dramatic mixed evergreen wreath with holly, fir, spruce, cedar, holly, and red berry berries. Includes a pine and holly centerpiece. (Some style may vary). Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. \$56.00	Rustic Pine Cone Gift Basket Item #E104 A rustic yellow basket filled with an assortment of large, medium, and small western pine cones. Basket approximately 12" in diameter and 12" deep. \$45.00
Evergreen Gift Set Item #E104 One 22" Mixed Evergreen Gift Wreath with chevron tree bow (some style may vary). Two stunning red berry center garlands. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. \$84.00	Gift Reindeer, Sleigh & Gnome Set Item #E104 This handcrafted holiday set features a reindeer dressed with a large wreath, a decorative sleigh, and two whimsical gnomes. (Some style may vary). Includes 12" x 12" card. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. \$39.00

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



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 #E104 Foliage fir, spruce, cedar, holly, and red berry berries. Includes a pine and holly centerpiece. (Some style may vary). Poly bag wrapped to retain moisture. Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. \$29.00	Holiday Centerpiece Item #E104 Cedar, red berry, pine and holly centerpiece. Arranged in an oval glass bowl and box. Approximately 12" in diameter. Includes 12" x 12" card. \$26.00	28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath Item #E104 Our largest, most dramatic mixed evergreen wreath with holly, fir, spruce, cedar, holly, and red berry berries. Includes a pine and holly centerpiece. (Some style may vary). Guaranteed fresh delivery within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving. \$37.00
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Items shipped across the USA (no PO BOX); price includes FedEx shipping! Orders & addresses due by 11/9

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!!



Miguel & Tonya
Our Hosts!



Roland
"the shark"
Wright



Diane & Dominic
"Double D"

Judy took the podium and let us know about this magician she saw and really liked and recommended him as a possible program or fellowship outing!

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS



We collected \$50 for the End Polio Now push, but also received a \$250 donation from Richard Hansen! This catapults us to 46% of our annual goal.

Happy thoughts today: Pat had to celebrate his 49er's win in Australia, so he marched up to the wheel, chest out, super proud of the victory. Then, burn, he spun a 2 which means every Rotarian in the room had to cough up \$2--great time for a well-attended meeting today, right? Ha!!



before, whoa



Dave, Steven and Dominic did a friendly neighborhood fence repair for Jan recently



after, WOW!

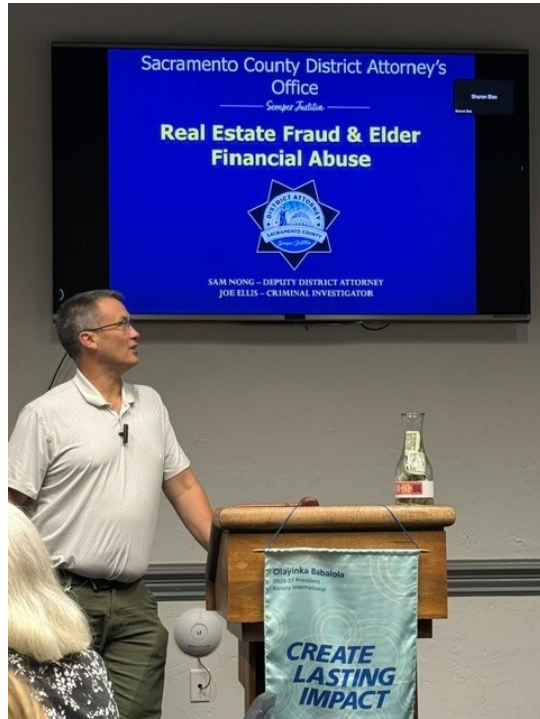


BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS
PAUL HARRIS STUFF 2026-2027

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



- Joe Ellis with Sacramento County District Attorney's office "Real Estate Fraud". He is a Criminal Investigator with the DA's office and has been with them since December of last year, where he was put into the Real Estate Fraud Unit. Prior to that, he worked at the Sacramento Police Department for 27 years and retired from there in December 2025. He spent about 16 years in investigations and was a Sergeant in the Homicide Unit when he retired. Today he spoke to our club about the importance reality of real estate fraud.
- The top trending scams for real estate fraud are:
 - Lis Pendens Extortion
 - Forged and Fake Documents
 - Identity Theft
 - Equity Theft

He continued to let us know how easy this process is and we should double check our personal property. Some of the cases Joe deals with are not reasons for investigation and mostly family disputes. To make sure this is a legit claim or family issue, there is a process that takes place.

- First, File a complaint online
- Next, an initial investigation is an assistant, mostly gathering facts.
- Lastly, if a legitimate, then a DA Criminal Investigator is assigned who is a sworn in peace officer.



He summed up his presentation on letting us know that real estate fraud is real, and some of the ways it is being done, and the process of what takes place to help protect us as citizens.

We thank Joe for his time, presented him with a token from Rotary, and then toasted to ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD!



Thank you Judy for the yummys today! Can't wait to see what seasonal favorites you whip up in the next 2-3 months!! Yeah!!

New Business, Old Business

Miguel shared some calendar reminders before we closed:

- Fellowship
10/26 @ Lucky Strikes in Rocklin
- 9/21 next CNH mtg @ NHRPD at 2pm
- 10/25 Octoberfest (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!!!