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# **The Highlander**

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF FOOTHILL- HIGHLANDS

Chartered March 12, 1959 serving the Greater Sacramento Area communities of Antelope, Elverta, Foothill Farms, McClellan, North Highlands and Rio Linda



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES





### September: Basic Education and Literacy Month

Basic education and literacy is one of Rotary's six areas of focus. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

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At Noon we met at Kaleb's café in the food court at the McClellan BX in support of our local restaurants and community.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** NEXT WEEK, NO MEETING in observance of Labor Day.

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 9/6 NO MEETING in observance of Labor Day.
- 9/13 Regular Meeting at the Lions Gate, for lunch, with ZOOM if you choose.
- 9/20 District Governor Visit, Board Meeting at 11:00am.
- 9/20 Regular Meeting at the Lions Gate, for lunch, at 12:15, program, District Governor. with ZOOM if you choose.

### WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 GREETER: RICHARD HANSEN PLEDGE: PASTOR ROBERT HALE INVOCATION: PATRICK MAGNANI NOTE TAKER: RICHARD HANSEN

We meet on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. Lions Gate Hotel and Suites McClellan Business Park 3410 Westover Street McClellan Park, CA 95652

WHEN WE DO NOT MEET ON ZOOM

CLUB WEBSITE: <u>www.foothillhighlandsrotary.org/</u> (Club Runner) DISTRICT 5180 WEBSITE: <u>http://</u>rotary5180.com



DONATE TO HELP OUR ROTARY CLUB SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITABLE AND NONPROFIT CAUSES. Foothill-Highlands Rotary Club Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3)organization. EIN 68-0392810, PayPal link on Club Website: <u>http://www.foothillhighlandsrotary.org/</u>

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Greeter: **President, Roland** Wright

In attendance; Theresa Ferer, Bob Spears, Bobby Meyer, Joe Kaiser, Miguel Benitez

Introduction of visiting Rotarians and/ or Guests;

- Tom, Owner of Kaleb's Cafe

We then had a nice lunch and fellowship at the Café.



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### **Rotary House News**

From: Sally Welch Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:50 PM To: Lynette Andersen Subject: Thank you!!

**Baby Arthur Stryder**, my husband **Jacob** and I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to you both, the Rotary club and all members and associates, partners and volunteers at Rotary and UC Davis for providing us the opportunity to stay in the Rotary house. It is so thoughtful and the kindness is beyond words. Please extend our gratitude and love to all involved in making this beautiful project that aids those in need while going through difficult times.

We have been incredibly focused on getting **baby Arthur** well, as we are told that **Arthur's** health condition is extremely rare and may require surgeries and care that is one of a kind,. We will keep you updated of Arthur's progress here at UC DAVIS medical center. We look forward to seeing and will share the link to the news story involving the Rotary house and our story which I am told will be posted on the UC Davis website soon.

Again please share our appreciation and love to all involved. Please feel free to share the attached photo of **Arthur** who continues to be the happiest, most wonderful boy who makes this all worth it.

Take Care! We will be in touch.



### Estate sale weekend and fundraiser

What an amazing estate sale weekend and fundraiser!! So many people to thank here, but first some data: tentative calculations show about **\$4,548** in revenue in all sales combined since July 1st thru 8/22/2021. AMAZING!!! We reached our goal and beyond. Congratulations on such a superb team effort. We were successful thanks to so many people, and there were some ALL-STARS as well. Please forgive me if I accidentally leave anyone out, but here's a quick highlight reel in no particular order:

1. **Jan Fazekas**, our past club treasurer, was instrumental as cashier. She put in HOURS behind the counter and gave me free time to roam about and do what I needed to do. Also a frequent ink cartridge donor.  $\Box$  Thank you Jan!!

2. **Maureen & Chuck McBride**. Mo, both days, equal duties as cashier and lots of help on day 2 as we packed up some goods for next year. Mo even spotted some valuables amongst the junk that we will research, price and maybe even sell online. Cool! Glad we located your commuter mug too. Chuck, a Rotarian in our Carmichael Club, you certainly bagged the equivalent of a makeup meeting too my friend. STRONG!! Nice to see you both this weekend.

3. **Dave Lopez**, local realtor, community volunteer and MAJOR friend of Rotary. Dave's no stranger to our club either, he has been an in-kind sponsor for NATM for years (balloon pop and silent auction item donor), and in the absence of NATM he personally donated some antiques that generated over 150+ in revenue this past weekend, not to mention he was here 5:55am Saturday and a few hours Sunday. He was also one of our chief negotiators in the field  $\Box$  He saved ME an enormous amount of time and energy by taking 2 trips to the Goodwill Sunday and he even got my a coffee. What a guy!!!

4. **Sharon Bias** did what she does best at these events. She came prepared, had the fluorescent shirt on, made a sign and drove major traffic our way with her advertising skills. She also is a frequent donor and source of other donors. In addition, she even brought in some ink cartridges for us to recycle too. Amazing extra help that we really, really benefited from. Plus, Sharon handled the donation of ALL of our books to the Friends of the Library, which was a major help. (PS. 6 boxes left here for pickup Sharon when your car is empty)

5. **Steven Mecklenburg**. Huge props to my son. Not one complaint, and I dragged him around for days if not weeks, picking up random truckloads of donations, countless hours and tons of boxes loaded up from storage, stacking things inside the bank that you would NEVER expect to see. Outside of the tremendous father-son bonding I enjoyed, there was tremendous gratitude and appreciation for all his efforts before and during the event. Nice to have a driver, spare truck and a runner for things when you need to be in two places at once.

6. **Patrick Magnani**—another early helper on Saturday, helped me get everything out and open for business before 6:30am. You know 8am advertised garage sales bring people out earlier on purpose and we were ready. Pat's schedule always chaotic, but he found time multiple times over the weekend and has been a part of countless pickups over the months to prepare us for today. Not to mention he provided us bonus storage

7. **Roland Wright**—everyone already knows how awesome our President always is at event support. Even challenged by lack of sleep while babysitting a giant dog he was still amazing support with a truck and trailer, muscle and my other partner in multiple pickups over the months

to stock up our inventory for this big event. He even had dreams of things that would make great lobby sales items!! "To and from storage" just doesn't represent the level of sweat labor he put into this event, and he assisted with delivery on some large items too. Ty!! Hey, he even got us a round of cheeseburgers which you know always makes me smile. Bottom line, too many other things to mention in terms of what Roland ALWAYS does for our club and specifically this event, so I hope you will all understand the list is longer than a child's wish list to Santa during Christmas. But as always, he was amazing.

8. **Joe Kaiser**—he brought donuts on both days, which was greatly appreciated. Probably the one thing I learned from this event was to delegate someone to handle FOOD/BEVERAGE, might have been my only planning weakness. Apologies to anyone that left hungry! Joe was also a great shopper, handled security and, as usual, a master with his supervisory skills.

9. **Miguel Benitez** (and family). Our President Elect was a HUGE volunteer all weekend long. Special thanks to his wife Tonya and daughter Dasha, who were essential Friday night unboxing and helping to setup. Miguel and family were here with their whole fleet of cars, loading things to and from and Miguel joined me and Roland for the final truckload to storage. He even delivered a shopper and his \$100 haul of merch after he was done working out at the gym. Another tremendous effort that would make this email way longer than it should be if I itemized all his efforts. His participation, like so many others, was deserving of a trophy! Plus, he liked the catchy beat of the music we were playing all weekend  $\Box$ 

10. **Teresa Bustos**—Teresa was a delightful addition to our club's event. She was hands on and quietly put in HOURS doing all kinds of tasks. She was a GREAT salesperson, getting us top dollar for junk, marketing our charity to the fullest. She even brought down shoppers, made a MCD run and helped us pack up the last of the items. She was another multi-day volunteer that was here ALL weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I wanted to personally thank her for helping, and as an added bonus, keeping Joe in check. That was bonus entertainment that we all enjoyed. "Spin the wheel…"

11. **Crystal Harding**. I am very grateful for Crystal in so many ways. She was a great organizer, table arranger, she cleaned tables and unboxed so many things!! She was a good shopper too  $\Box$  Plus, she brought in so many people. The most impressive thing she did was capture the photos and video and add to our social media presence. I am certain that brought in more traffic. I know she was quite active outside which gave me peace of mind as I watched "inside" operations at the bank. Much appreciated!

12. **Umpqua Bank Staff.** There was hours of assistance provided by my staff on Friday daytime, which their unboxing/display efforts allowed for some pre-sales on the misc. garage sale type items that were visible. Aside from this they patiently put up with all the items I have had in the lobby for sales (\$1100 July1 to last Friday) and the e-waste we have collected for years. They accept all the deposited for our lobby sales and sometimes assist with closing the deal. To **Coral, Sara** and **Yasmine**...I say thanks and encourage you all to do the same next time you pop in or call my office in the final days before we close on 11/3.

Inevitably, I will have forgotten something or someone and as soon as I hit SEND, it will likely come to me. I am so grateful for the team efforts, and over the weekend especially. Please cut me some slack if I missed something or someone. It was a great time!! And, like many of you, I slept great last night. Ha!!!

All the best.... **Dominic** 

### Photos Friday night in the bank lobby, setting up.









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Photos by Roland Wright and Pat Magnani







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#### **ROTARY FOUNDATION BENEFACTORS**

#### <u>NAME</u>

Hansen, Richard Kaiser, Joe Lipp, Gordon Magnani, Patrick Mecklenburg, Dominic Meyer, Bob Morgan, Cheryl (Sam) Spears, Robert B. Wiggins, Lee N. Wright, Roland

A Benefactor is someone who has contributed \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund or made provisions in their will of at least \$1,000 benefiting The RI Foundation.

#### E-Waste4Good Program



PresidentDominicMecklenburgannouncedthat our E-Wasteprogram isgoing strong with monthly pick-

ups at Umpqua Bank. Larger items are being picked up and stored at Hallsten Corporation. **We have received \$108.70 this Rotary year.** 

#### ESTATE SALE

Impressive estate sales number, **- \$706**.00 **this Rotary year.** 

### **Topic: Rotary Zoom Meeting This is a recurring meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting Occurs every Monday effective 5/17/2021 until 4/25/2022 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86245299428? pwd=TWFTUmRrK3ZxckpuaVh6ZHhyb3JDZ z09

Meeting ID: 862 4529 9428 Passcode: 399637





### BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Migual Benitez	(GRIF)	PHF
Robert Hale	(GRIF)	
Richard Hansen	(GRIF) (B)	PHF+ 8
Crystal Harding-Jenkins		
Joe Kaiser	(GRIF)	PHF+ 8
Gordon Lipp		PHF+ 4
Patrick Magnani	(GRIF)	PHF+ 1
Dr. Steven Martinez		
Dominic Mecklenburg	(GRIF) (B)	PHF+ 8
Bob Meyer		PHF+ 5
Sam Morgan		PHF+ 6
Bob Spears	(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Lee Wiggins		PHF+ 5
Roland Wright	(GRIF) (B)	PHF+ 8
Bell Ringer & Gong Codes:		
(B) = Bell Ringer \$100 to Club		
(GFHF) = Gong Bonger \$100 to Club Foundation		
(GRIF) = Gong Bonger \$100 to RI Foundation		
(JH) = A donation to the John Hallsten Vocational Service		

A Paul Harris Fellow is an individual who contributes \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund or other approved program. Each additional \$1,000 contribution is recognized with a plus and the number.

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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 @ <u>Rwright@hallsten.com</u> (916) 417-1426

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### END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN



### EVERYONE BRING YOUR POCKET CHANGE — TO AFFECT CHANGE BY ENDING POLIO THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

The **END POLIO NOW** campaign is still one of Rotary's top priorities. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have extended their partnership with Rotary during the critical endgame phase of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Thanks to this partnership our contributions are matched two for one—\$25 becomes \$75.

The total amount contributed for Polio Plus fiscal YTD = \$1,273.00 and this entire amount will be eligible for the 4 to 1 match"

### Ink and Toner Cartridges Mini Fundraiser



**PP Dominic** is continuing to collect spent ink and toner cartridges as a mini-fundraiser for the club.

#### IT'S SO EASY TO DO!

Keep a plastic or paper bag by your printer. As you replace the ink or toner cartridges, put the old ones in the bag and bring them to Rotary.



In Loving Memory JOHN HALLSTEN 1924 - 2019

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.

Donate to the Foothill-Highlands Rotary Club, "John Hallsten Vocational Service Fund"

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Mail checks to: Foothill-Highlands Rotary Club P. O. Box 6 North Highlands, CA 95660-0006



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#### E-WASTE RECYCLING IS HERE!

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GET RID OF SOME UNWANTED CLUTTER AND HELP OUR CLUB RAISE SOME MONEY. THEY WILL ACCEPT ANY PIECE OF ELECTRONICS INCLUDING TV'S, COMPUTERS, APPLIANCES, CORDS, KEYBOARDS, MICE AND EVEN POWER TOOLS. THE HEAVIER THE BETTER (WE GET PAID BY THE WEIGHT!) ANYTHING WITH A CORD IS ACCEPTABLE, AND THEY TAKE THE CORDS TOO. THEY SEPARATE AND RECYCLE THE PLASTIC, METAL... EVERYTHING! IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE, GIVE ME A CALL TO COORDINATE THE PICKUP. SOME ITEMS I CAN COLLECT AT OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS TOO! IF YOU HAVE FRIENDS OR RELATIVES THAT HAVE SOME E-WASTE, I CAN ARRANGE FOR A FREE PICKUP FOR THEM TOO!

THIS IS AN ONGOING PROJECT. CONTACT DOMINIC FOR MORE INFORMATION.

You can also call eWaste-4good at 800-317-3112 and tell them proceeds are to go to The Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands.