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THE ROTARY CLUB OF FOOTHILL- HIGHLANDS



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CALL TO ORDER

President Dominic Mecklenburg called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. PP Maureen McBride served as today's official greeter. Leading us in the pledge was PP Patrick Magnani and PP Bob Spears provided the invocation. PP Maureen McBride also served as the note taker and PP Lee Wiggins served as the official photographer.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Joining us for today's meeting was **Assistant District Governor Area 8 Ray Ward** from the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks and our speaker **Catherine Survillas** from the Rotary Club of Elk Grove.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PP Maureen McBride requested a volunteer to take next week's meeting notes. **Gordon Lipp** volunteered.

Mo gave updates on the health status of those on leaves of absences. See Sunshine Committee Section for those updates.

PP David Stone reminded everyone about the End Polio Now Banks on our tables and that our goal for the 2016-17 Rotary year is \$1,000.

David also reminded us that our annual

Night at the Museum fundraiser is scheduled for **Friday, April 28th** at the **California Auto Museum.** See NATM section in the bulletin for additional details.

E-Waste4Good Program

President Dominic Mecklenburg reminded us that the price per lb. has been reduced on e-Waste. The club will no longer get credit for large appliances, i.e. refrigerators, washers/dryers, stoves, etc. donated to our e-Waste4Good program. They will still pick them up but we will not receive any compensation. If it has a cord and can fit in your trunk, it's good to go and we get \$\$\$.

TVs are still OK but need the name, address and telephone number of the donor on a sticker attached to the TV.

USED/BROKEN EYEGLASS JOINT ROTARY/LIONS CLUB PROJECT



We are partnering with the Antelope Lions Club to collect used/broken eyeglasses.

At our weekly meetings, we have a BIG BOX at the front of our meeting room for Rotarians to deposit their unwanted glasses.

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EIN 68-0392810, PayPal link on Club Website: http://www.foothillhighlandsrotary.org/

DISTRICT DICTIONARY PROJECT



On **Friday, January 13th**, the Rotary
Club of Foothill Highlands made its
first of three
dictionary

deliveries. 53 lucky third graders at Creative Connections Arts Academy (CCAA) had fun looking through their new dictionaries and promising to "learn one new word every day." Those who participated in the distribution included **President Dominic**, **PP Patrick Magnani**, **PP Bob Meyer** and Umpqua Bank Associate **Danica Stewart**.

President Dominic has contacted the Principals at F.C. Joyce and Hillsdale to arrange a mutually convenient date for us to distribute dictionaries to their third-grade students. As soon as dates have been set, we will email club members so they can participate in this great project, if they choose.



From the smile on his face, it appears this student is enjoying his new dictionary.



President Dominic and PP Bob Meyer distributing dictionaries at CCAA.



President Dominic interacting with students.

Night at the Museum Fundraiser



Our **NATM fundraiser** will be held on **Friday**, **April 28th** at the **California Automobile Museum**.

Tickets were distributed at today's meeting to those in attendance. Flyers for promoting the event are also available.

PP David Stone reminded everyone this is a great time of year to solicit sponsorships as businesses are preparing their budgets for the new year. He said, "don't get discouraged if at first you don't succeed."

PP David Stone is asking that everyone donate at least two items for either the Silent Auction and/or the Balloon Pop. These are two very important avenues of revenue for us so please be diligent soliciting donations. Also, if you received a "white elephant" gift during the Gift Exchange at our annual holiday dinner or an unwanted gift at Christmas, remember we can always use them for the Balloon Pop or the Estate Sale which will be held in the spring following NATM.

President Dominic would like to have between 80 and 100 items in the Balloon Pop.

PE **Roland Wright** pledged a remote controlled "monster truck" for the Silent Auction.

The goal is to generate \$15,000 in revenue from this event.

There will be a short Planning Meeting following next Monday's meeting.

FOUNDATION NEWS

ANNUAL GIVING/PAUL HARRIS SUSTAINING FELLOWS

We continue our goal to have **Every Rotarian** contribute at least **\$100** to **The Rotary Foundation** and strive to achieve the status of 100% EREY and 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows for the third year in a row.

END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN



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

The **END POLIO NOW** campaign is one of Rotary International's top priorities this year. Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation have extended their partnership 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.





ROTARY FOUNDATION BENEFACTORS

NAME

Hallsten, John
Hansen, Richard
Kaiser, Joe
Lipp, Gordon
Long, Gene
Magnani, Patrick
McBride, Maureen
Mecklenburg, Dominic
Meyer, Bob
Monagan, Marilee
Morgan, Cheryl (Sam)
Spears, Robert B.
Stone, David M.
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 W Foundation.

BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jordan Backhaus	(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Sonja Cameron		PHF
John Hallsten	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Richard Hansen	(B) (GRIF)	PHF+ 7
Joe Kaiser	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF+ 8
Gordon Lipp	(B) (GRIF)	PHF+ 3
Gene Long	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+1
Gene Long Sr.		
Patrick Magnani	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF+1
Dr. Steven Martinez		
Maureen McBride	(B) (GRIF)	PHF+ 8
Dominic Mecklenburg	(B) (GRIFx2)	PHF+ 8
Bob Meyer	(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Marilee Monagan	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Sam Morgan	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 6
Gerred Popejoy	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF
Bob Spears	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF+ 3
David Stone	(B)(GRIFx2)	PHF+ 8
Lee Wiggins	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Roland Wright	(Bx2)(GRIFx2)	PHF+ 6
Pall Pinger & Cong Codes		

Bell Ringer & Gong Codes:

(B) = Bell Ringer chi\$100 to Club

(GFHF) = Gonger \$100 to Club Foundation

(GRIF) = Gonger \$100 to RI Foundation

(RIF) = \$100 to Rotary Foundation

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

DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST

Vocational Chair Gordon Lipp announced the club-level District Speech Contest will be held on Monday, February 6th at the Lions Gate Hotel and Suites during our regular meeting time.

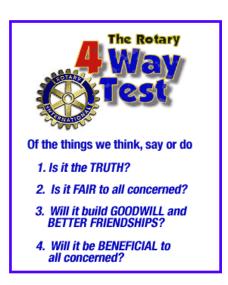
To date, **Gordon** has three confirmed contestants with the possibility of going to five.

AG Ray Ward announced the semi-finals of the District Speech Contest will be held on March 30th at 5:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall, 1300 Forrest Street, Folsom, 95630.

BOARD MEETING

President Dominic announced the next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 5:30 p.m. at Umpqua Bank.

As a reminder, Board Meetings are open to all members.



ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

PP Joe Kaiser announced our project for the District-wide *Rotarians at Work Day* will be to **build a shed** on the property of **Rotary House**. The date of the project is scheduled for **Sunday, April 30th**.

More details will be forthcoming as they become available.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

PP Marilee Monagan is recovering from her recent surgery performed in S.F. at Arden Post Acute Rehab, 3400 Alta Arden Expressway, Sacramento. She is in Room 508. Her bedside telephone number is 628—0120.

If you plan to visit her, call first to check her availability as she is undergoing PT.

As we get updates, we will pass them along.

Richard Hansen is feeling better after dealing with his own health issues just before Christmas. No change with regard to wife, Margaret; therefore, Richard shared it is not possible at this time for him to attend our weekly meeting. He will remain on a leave of absence.

Please note that he is still available to serve in his capacity as the club's Chief Information Officer.

PP Marilee Monagan has been in touch with **Sonja Cameron**, who is on a leave of absence due to health issues. According to **Marilee**, **Sonja** is feeling better.

We send them our best wishes.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016

GREETER: GORDON LIPP

PLEDGE: JOHN HALLSTEN

INVOCATION: DAVID STONE

NOTE TAKER: GORDON LIPP

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS
JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

JAN. 30 JOY SMILEY AND RON LINTHICUM/

SACRAMENTO COUNTY DEPUTY

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

NATM PLANNING MEETING FOLLOWING

OUR REGULAR MEETING

FEB. 6 CLUB-LEVEL DISTRICT SPEECH

CONTEST

FEB. 13 TBA

FEB. 20 NO MEETING IN OBSERVANCE OF

PRESIDENTS' DAY

FEB. 27 TBA

DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

FEB. 4 PRE-PETS AT WEST SAC CITY HALL

FEB. 25 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AT FAITH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FLORIN RD.,

SACRAMENTO

MAR. 3-5 PETS IN SAN JOSE

APRIL 1 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FOR 2017-18

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS /NATOMAS

HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 5-7 DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN SANTA

CLARA

MAY 20 RI PRESIDENT JOHN GERM DINNER

SACRAMENTO

RECOGNITIONS

Fine Master **Bob Spears** announced he didn't have many recognitions so we were "not to fear."

However, he did manage to recognize **Gordon Lipp** who celebrated 30 years with the
Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands on January
15th.

Gordon confessed he was driving a new vehicle.

He was happy about both and rang the bell for \$100.

Congratulations to **Gordon**.

Bob then asked **PP David Stone** to spin the wheel for arriving late to today's meeting. **David** spun for \$4.

Bob then asked **PP Bob Meyer** to stand because he heard a rumor that **Bob** erroneously showed up at the Lions Gate on Monday, January 9th instead Monks Cellar in Roseville.

Several of us challenged our Fine Master and corrected his misinformation. It was **PP Joe Kaiser** who showed up at the Lions Gate. **Joe** was invited to spin the wheel which cost him \$6.

There appeared to be some confusion between our president and fine master with regard to our president's bell ringing status. Good natured **Dominic** rang the bell for \$100 because "he thought today's cookies were really tasty."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

PP and International Service Director **Bob Meyer** introduced our speaker, **Catherine Survillas. Catherine** is a retired educator who taught grades K through high school beginning and eventually ending her career in Elk Grove. She retired in 2009.

During her career, she spent 11 years teaching overseas in schools in Germany, Belgium, Kenya and Argentina.

Upon her retirement, **Catherine** went in search of finding a way to give back. She founded the Iruri Primary School-Sharing A Vision, non-profit organization, in 2010. The organization is dedicated to supporting the Iruri Primary School located in Karatina, Kenya. She travels to Kenya about three times per year and most recently in November 2016

In addition to her work with the school, **Catherine** leads groups on safari to East Africa.

Catherine is a member of the Rotary Club of Elk Grove and will celebrate her first anniversary in April.

She is married with two adult sons, two adult step-daughters and two grandsons.

The Iruri Primary School is located on the equator at the base of Mount Kenya at an elevation of 6,000 feet. It is a government established school serving 350 students.

While the government provides the facility and teachers, the community is expected to maintain the physical structure.

The students who attend the school are trilingual learning their tribal language at home; and once they begin school, learn English and Swahili.

While primary education is provided by the government, there are fees to attend high school. If a family cannot afford the fees, their child's education stops at the eighth grade. High school fees run about \$800 per year which includes everything.

Catherine's organization is dedicated to providing full high school scholarships to top performing students and helping to improve the school environment.

Catherine first became involved with the school in 2010 when she met the school principal. They set goals of things they wanted to accomplish and started with buying school supplies in 2010. In 2011, they started the Pen Pal Program, in 2012 they initiated the scholarship program, in 2013 installed floors in the classrooms, in 2014 they installed cement floors in the classrooms and walkways, in 2015 they installed windows and doors and graduated the first two students.



In 2016, they graduated four more students, awarded nine scholarships and held the Second Annual Wildlife Day—a safari to Ol Pejeta Conservancy for the top three students in each class and the top three teachers in the school.



They made their first PowerPoint presentation on oral hygiene on a newly donated projector.

On one of her trips, **Catherine's** son and grandson accompanied her. They did a STEM project with the students—inflatable solar LED lights. The kits were donated by her grandson's school in San Diego. The lights allow the kids to have access to light at home since the homes are not electrified.

As a joint project, the Rotary Clubs of Nyeri and Elk Grove have applied for a Global Grant to replace the outhouses with modern bathrooms.

In December of 2016, the entire school was wired for electricity and lighting.

Goals for 2017 include:

- -Getting Internet Access.
- -Cover over walkways.
- -Tile and plaster classrooms.
- -Continue current projects.

The organization has a board which consists of seven members from varied backgrounds and geographic locations. **Catherine** is so enthusiastic about the accomplishments of her organization and one can tell her involvement in the school is truly a labor of love.

Pictured in the photo is **Catherine Survillas** and **PP Bob Meyer** who said Iruri Primary School-Sharing a Vision is the story of one person's desire to make a difference.



At the end of her presentation, International Service Director **Bob Meyer** presented **Catherine** with a check to help defray some of the costs associated with all the ongoing projects the organization is involved with at the school.

Thanks to **Bob** for a great program.

President Dominic then return to the podium, asked those assembled to stand and raise their glasses in a toast to Rotary Around the World and adjourned the meeting.

The Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands

Presents the Tenth Annual

Night at the Museum

Wine-and-Food Gala



Friday, April 28, 2017 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. California Automobile Museum 2200 Front Street, Sacramento, CA

Proceeds benefit local charitable and non-profit causes, including:

- Birth and Beyond
 Sacramento Crisis Nursery
 - Children's Receiving Home
 WIND
 - Scholarships: Academic and Vocational



Music and Dancing
Live and Silent Auctions
Balloon Pop for Special Prizes
Business Casual Attire
\$40 per person/\$50 at the door



For sponsorship opportunities and additional information, contact Event Chairperson David Stone at 916-871-4025 or davidstone@cprstone.com

Tickets available online at: www.night-at-the-museum-rotary.org
Club website: www.foothillhighlandsrotary.org



The Foothill-Highlands Rotary Club Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization





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.

Drive change. Donate a vehicle today.

It will be sold at auction, and we will get the proceeds.

Your donated vehicle will provide critical funding to our charity and further our mission while supporting our goals. Even better, by donating your vehicle - you could also earn a tax deduction.

We have a partnership with the IAA Donation Division to process and sell the vehicles donated to us. They provide us with a simple solution to turn donated vehicles into much needed dollars.

The process of donating your vehicle is quick and easy - simply call 800-240-0160 or visit us online at foothillhighlandsrotary.org. Better yet, towing is free and scheduled for your convenience.



Your donation has another great benefit - it is good for the environment. We share your commitment to a cleaner, greener environment - and donating your car ensures it is recycled via many different channels!

Not every "vehicle" is a car - but every vehicle, in any condition, can be donated!

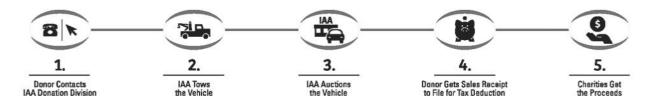
Not every "vehicle" is a car, but every donation helps!

We accept every type of vehicle, including:

- Cars
- Boats
- Snowmobiles
- · Heavy equipment

- Trucks
- Motorcycles
- · Personal watercraft

The process is easy. Here's how it works:



- Tax deductible
- Free towing
- Any vehicle, any condition

Drive change.

Donate a vehicle today.

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District 5180 Rotary Fountation Centennial Celebration Dinner

May 20, 2017 Folsom Community Center 50 Natoma St, Folsom, CA

Tickets available online

5180dinner.eventbrite.com

\$50 Reserved Seating Only

Guest Speaker- John Germ, Rotary International President 2016-17

