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OTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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The culmination of a year-long celebration of the Foundation's centennial takes place in the city where it all began. Join the festivities at The Rotary Foundation's 100th Birthday Party. Attend a book signing and meet the author of "Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years."



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

CALL TO ORDER

For this week's meeting, we had a change of location—**The Pancake Palace** on Watt Ave. in North Highlands. **President Elect Roland Wright** began the meeting at 12:15 p.m. **John Hallsten** served as our Official Greeter. Leading us in the pledge was

PE Roland Wright and PP **Lee Wiggins** provided the invocation. **Richard Hansen** was the note taker.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Guests included **Eddie Wiggins**, **Kris** and **Mary Ann Young**. guests of **PP Lee Wiggins** and our speaker, **Holly Byrom** from Women's Empowerment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

It has been decided to cancel the June board meeting.

Demotion Dinner

PE Roland Wright started taking sign-ups for this year's **Demotion Golf Tournament** and **Dinner** scheduled for **Monday, June 26th.** The events will be held at **Woodcreek Golf Course.**

Additional details will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Cambodian Well Project

In the early 1990's, Lee Wiggins, D.D.S. took his first trip to Cambodia with Health Teams International. At that time, Phnom Penh, the capital, was in a desperate state. About one-third of the buildings were uninhabitable, either burned out or bombed out. At night, a large percentage of the population slept on the streets and basic needs; such as, food and water were in scarce supply. In the countryside, where the health team was volunteering to provide medical and dental care, it was worse. Disease was rampant. Many of the sick were suffering from waterborne diseases. Each night as the team members settled into their guest house, they would pull out their Katadyn ceramic water filter and pump water for the next day. It struck them that the people they were treating didn't have that ability. These people got their water from ditches and drainage canals.

Upon returning to the United States, **Lee** inquired of our club if they would be interested in raising funds to help dig deep-water drinking wells in Cambodia. **Lee** had met and worked with an American Missionary working in Phnom Penh. His name was **Kris Young** and he was anxious to help us provide these people with

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desperately needed clean water. Our club stepped up to the plate and began a relationship with **Kris** and we have been providing the funds to dig three to five wells per year ever since.

Lee has returned to Cambodia numerous times since that first trip. The capital city is now thriving. However, the rural villages are still very primitive; and access to clean water is still a huge issue. On these return trips, it has been very gratifying for **Lee** to go into the villages where we have built wells over these past 20+ years and see first-hand their positive impact. The Cambodian villagers are so appreciative of the fact they have access to clean water and can now pump it whenever they need it.

Over the years, Kris Young has visited our club several times and keeps the club updated with emails and pictures of the villagers standing in front of the wells. Our most recent contribution of \$500 is being used to drill three wells in Svay Rieng province near the Viet Nam border. Kris Young has been a real hero in this long-term venture doing all the leg work to make this project a success. He truly embodies Rotary's motto "Service Above Self." As a way to show our appreciation, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to give him a Paul Harris Fellowship. Kris and his wife, Mary Ann are visiting Northern California to see family and friends so it was an opportune time to honor him with this prestigious recognition. Foundation Chair David Stone did the presentation and looked on as Lee Wiggins pinned Kris with his Paul Harris pin. And, it was obvious Kris was very grateful for this recognition and gave an update on the project.

wells dug and the wells that we have provided need annual maintenance to keep them flowing. The Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands is poised to send additional funds during this Rotary year and our relationship with **Kris** will undoubtedly continue into the foreseeable future.

This is an ongoing story of a Rotarian experiencing a need first-hand and taking the initiative to bringing the need to the attention of his fellow Rotarians and a Rotary club's commitment to making the lives of people, literally a world away, infinitely better. Makes one feel very proud to be a Rotarian in knowing we're making a significant difference in the lives of people we, most likely, will never meet face to face. This is truly *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Our deepest gratitude to **Lee Wiggins** and **Kris Young** for their commitment to this project.



Foundation Chair **David Stone**, PP **Lee Wiggins** and **Kris** and **Mary Ann Young**

There are a lot of villages which still need

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PP **Lee Wiggins** pinning **Kris Young** with his Paul Harris Fellow pin.



The National Flag of Cambodia







Various Cambodian Villagers standing by the Wells our club has helped build.

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Membership District 5180 Workshop

PE Roland Wright and PEN Patrick Magnani are encouraging everyone to attend as membership is everyone's responsibility.

See attached flyer for details.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017 GREETER: RICHARD HANSEN PLEDGE: JORDAN BACKHAUS INVOCATION: DAVID STONE NOTE TAKER: RICHARD HANSEN IF THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE, IT FALLS TO THEIR BUDDIES.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

JUNE	12	TBA
JUNE	12	IBA

- **JUNE 13 BOARD MEETING//CANCELLED**
- **JUNE 19** TBA
- **JUNE 26** DEMOTION GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER
- **ESTATE SALE JULY 29**

DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

- JUN 10-14 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN ATLANTA
- **JULY 22 DISTRICT 5180 MEMBERSHIP** WORKSHOP

E-Waste4Good Program

Our E-Waste Program is still going strong.

Our most recent check received from the operators of the program was \$152.00.

Estate Sale

The Estate Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, July 29th. It will be held for one day only from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Walnut Whitney Dental Offices, 3501 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael.

If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact PE Roland Wright to arrange pick-up of your items.

Ink Cartridges Mini Fundraiser

President Dominic is collecting spent ink cartridges as a mini-fundraiser for the club. Keep a plastic or paper bag by your printer; and as you replace the ink cartridge, put the old ones in the bag and bring them to Rotary.

USED/BROKEN EYEGLASS JOINT ROTARY/LIONS CLUB PROJECT



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

our



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

Hospital Bed Available

weekly

Richard Hansen has a hospital bed to give away. If you are interested or know of someone who needs one, contact him as soon as possible. He is anxious to find a new home for it.

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RECOGNITIONS



President Dominic, Nick and Mary Mecklenburg at Nick's Graduation

Congratulations to our son, **Nick Mecklenburg**, Valedictorian, Oakmont High School, Class of 2017. The speech was amazing!!! We are so proud of him. Look out Berkeley, here he comes... Congratulations to both our graduates from your Foothill-Highlands Rotary family. We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished.



Rotarians enjoying lunch at the Pancake Place



President Elect Roland Wright congratulating his son, **Curtiss** following graduation ceremonies at Woodcreek High School. **Curtiss** is off to UOP in the Fall to pursue a Music Education Major and Teaching Credential



Perfect Attendance Project at Community Outreach Academy

President Dominic representing us at John's Incredible Pizza outing

FOUNDATION NEWS

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.

Total for the year is 819.76. That is "81.97%" of our goal of \$1,000. Only \$180.24 to go before June 30th.

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. 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.



JOKES

No jokes today.

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BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jordan Backhaus	(B)(GRIF)	PHF				
Sonja Cameron	(GRiF)	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	(GRIF)					
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)(GRIFx3)	PHF+ 6				
Bell Ringer & Gong Codes:						
(B) = Bell Ringer chi\$100 to Club						
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(GRIF) = Gonger \$100 to RI Foundation						
(RIF) = \$100 to Rotary Foundation						

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

DISTRICT NEWS

2018 District Conference

PP **Maureen McBride** announced that the 2018 District Conference will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel, Spa and Casino** at **Incline Village** in **Lake Tahoe, May 11-13,** 2018.

Early registration began at the 2017 District Conference at Santa Clara and was so successful **the discounted registration fee of \$40 per person was extended until May 31 2017. In addition to the discounted registration fee, registrants received a special luggage tag.**

To register, go to the District 5180 website; and on the first page, there's a link to the registration form.

If you have any questions, call Mo.



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?

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Jordan Backhaus introduced Holly Byrom. Holly grew up in Chico, California, where she received her BA in Communication Studies. She has always had a passion for the non-profit sector and her non-profit work over the years has included clean water advocacy and education, as well as many years working in youth services. After moving to Portland, Oregon and achieving her Master's degree, Holly discovered Women's Empowerment online and completely fell in love with its mission and its heart for people. began working Women's She at Empowerment last September as the Community Partnerships Coordinator, and stepped into the position recently of Development Manager in May.

The mission of Women's Empowerment is to educate and empower women who are homeless with the skills and confidence necessary to get a job, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and regain a home for themselves and their children.

Located in Sacramento, California, Women's Empowerment's mission was created by homeless women expressing their needs and a community coming together with the desire to end homelessness—for good.

Their executive director and founder, Lisa Culp, was working at Sacramento Loaves & Fishes when the idea formed. Lisa watched homeless mothers raising their children on the streets. She watched those children grow up, still homeless, to become mothers of new babies born into homelessness. She knew there must be a solution to this cycle of poverty.

Working with focus groups at Loaves &

Fishes, Lisa listened to women share their stories and their needs. In 2001, she worked with community leaders to create Women's Empowerment, which proved to be an immediately successful solution in ending the cycle of poverty.

In 2004, Women's Empowerment became an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit. Since then, the team has grown to include a board and staff knowledge of the deep homeless with community's needs and hundreds of volunteer teachers and mentors-all of whom donate countless hours of their time to ensuring that homeless women successfully rise out of poverty. Since its inception, Women's Empowerment has served 1,322 women and more than 3,000 children. In 2015, 93% of women regained a safe home for their children and 83% of women secured a job or enrolled in school/training.

The Difference

At Women's Empowerment, they believe each woman can be the author—and the hero—of her own life. While she may enroll to secure a home and become financially self-reliant, what she also reclaims is her dignity, inner strength, and her place in her community. She discovers her own voice and becomes the author of her future, rather than the victim of her past. Most importantly, she regains something lifechanging and vital: her hope.

"When you help a woman, you strengthen the whole family. Strong families create healthier communities."

Fighting the Causes Of Homelessness

Women and children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Helping each woman achieve self-reliance is the best long -term solution to this shocking fact. Helping a woman get back on her feet and re-enter the workforce provides stability for her and her children, because–when you teach a mother to fish, her family will eat for generations.

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Holly Byrom

Women's Empowerment Session 67 Graduation



Your greatest self has been waiting your whole life. Don't make it wait any longer.

Please join us in honoring the success of these phenomenal women!

Friday, June 16, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. 1590 North A Street Sacramento, CA 95811



www.womens-empowerment.org



For more information go to:

www.womens-empowerment.org



President Elect Roland and Holly Byrom

President Elect Roland thanked **Holly** for her informative presentation and expressed an interest in finding ways our club can provide support to this very worthwhile and much needed program.

President Elect Roland then asked us to stand, raise our glasses and join him in a toast to *Rotary Around the World*.

The meeting was then adjourned.





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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.

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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
- Trucks
- Boats
- Motorcycles
- Snowmobiles
- Heavy equipment
- Personal watercraft

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





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

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