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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into [our priorities](#), such as [eradicating polio](#) and [promoting peace](#). Foundation [grants](#) empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong [financial oversight](#), a stellar [charity rating](#), and a unique [funding model](#) mean that we make the very most of your contribution. [Give](#) and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

CALL TO ORDER

President Dominic Mecklenburg called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. **President Dominic** thanked **Gerred Popejoy** for serving as the Official Greeter. **President Dominic** then called upon **PP Roland Wright**, who substituted for **Sam Morgan**, to lead us in the pledge and **PP Patrick Magnani** to provide the invocation. He thanked **PP Maureen McBride** for serving as the Official Note Taker. **PP Patrick Magnani** was the official photographer.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Guests today included visiting Rotarians **Tony David** from the Rotary Club of Citrus Heights and **Nian Roberts** from the Rotary Club of Sacramento and our speaker **Eric Eisenhammer** with Rescue California Education Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vocational Service Director **Gordon Lipp** shared a very heart warming letter from **Kirsten DuBray**, Executive Director of the ARC Foundation, thanking our club for the recent donation we made of \$1,000 to their scholarship program and the opportunity to visit our club when the recipients are chosen so we can meet them in person.

USED/BROKEN EYEGLASS JOINT ROTARY/LIONS CLUB PROJECT



Just a reminder that we are partnering with the Antelope Lions Club this year 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.

Remember the adage: *Your trash is someone else's treasure. Give someone less fortunate an opportunity to give new life to your old glasses.*

EVERGREEN FUNDRAISER



President Dominic announced that the final days of our fundraiser brought a flurry of activity and he was happy to report he was very pleased with the response. ***If anyone is interested, he will have three wreaths, item W4, available for purchase at a cost of \$22 each.*** Items for local distribution will be delivered the week after Thanksgiving.

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R.I. OFFICIAL WEBSITE: www.rotary.org



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

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



NOVEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The November Board of Directors meeting will take place Tuesday (**Election Day**) at **5:30 p.m.** at **Umpqua Bank** (across the street from Edward Jones.)

The agenda and financials have been sent so please bring them with you to the meeting.

Reminder: Board meetings are open to all members who wish to attend.



Rotary has lost a treasured friend with the recent passing of **Margie Anderson Morris**, widow of former member Al Morris.

A celebration of **Margie's** life will be held on **Thursday, November 10th at 10:30 a.m.** at the **Unitarian Universalist Church**, 2425 Sierra Boulevard, Sacramento which is located just north of Fair Oaks Boulevard between Fulton and Howe Avenues.

Al and **Margie** were very generous to Rotary and it would be a fitting tribute for as many of us as possible to attend the services.

ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE



Churches, businesses, community organizations and residents in our local community are working together to help families in need during the upcoming holiday season.

As such, we will be joining in to collect diapers for those in need. Please bring any **donations** to our **weekly meetings between now and December 5th** (our annual holiday party.) These diapers will be distributed by the Antelope Upper Room Ministries on Saturday, December 17th.

Let's stand together to make a difference.



Annual Holiday Party—Our annual holiday party will be held on **Monday, December 5th** at the Lions Gate Hotel and Suites. Festivities will begin with **No Host Cocktails** in the

Lobby Bar at 6:15 p.m. and **Dinner at 7:00 p.m.** The price per person will be ~\$45 (same as last year.)

We will again have our traditional Gift Exchange with PEN **Patrick Magnani** assuming the role of Santa's Elf. The value of the gift should be ~\$20.

Invitations were mailed over the weekend. Please R.S.V.P. to **Mo** no later than **Monday, Nov. 28th** with your entrée choice and the number in your party including self.

Fellowship Event



The U.S.A.F. Band of the Golden West is giving several free holiday concerts in northern CA. They will be in Sacramento on **Sunday, December 4th at 3:30 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium.** We have acquired 24 tickets and invite you to join us.

PP **Maureen McBride** will be circulating a sign-up sheet at the next few meetings for those interested in attending.

E-Waste4Good Program

We continue our efforts to collect e-Waste. E-waste revenue collected so far YTD is \$70.24.

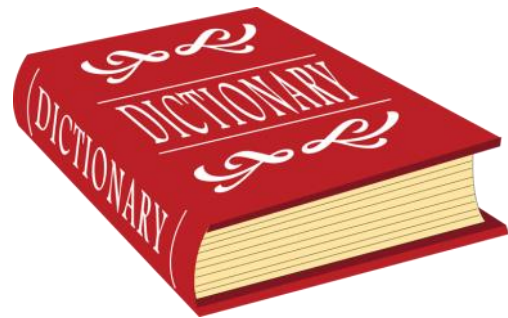
Membership Drive

Next week's program will involve canvassing McClellan Business Park and inviting prospective members to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony on December 12th for the installation of the Rotary bench at Freedom Park.

Jordan Backhaus handed out flyers to distribute when we fan out in McClellan Park for our membership drive. He and Membership Chair **Patrick** are working together to identify companies for us to visit.

Please make copies of the flyer and bring them with you to next week's meeting.

Dictionary Project



President Dominic announced the club ordered 156 dictionaries for the annual dictionary project and will distribute them in mid-December to third graders at three schools in our service area.

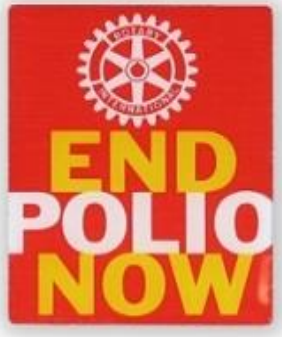
Watch the bulletin for further details.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

PP **Maureen McBride** announced the club sent flowers last week to **Sonja Cameron**, who is at home dealing with some health issues. **Sonja** sent an email thanking us for the beautiful bouquet and saying she hoped to be back soon.

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.

Foundation Chair **David Stone** reminded everyone of the End Polio Now banks on the tables and asked the attendees to dig into their pockets and donate their extra change. The tally at the end of the meeting was \$12.30.

As we embark on Rotary Foundation Month, let's add to the coffers to reach our goal which is \$1,000.

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.



JOKES

There were no jokes told at today's meeting.

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

Fine Master **Bob Spears** was about to announce that he was going to be easy on everyone today because he had misplaced his glasses when **President Dominic** said someone had "moved" them to another location much like when the bell disappears.

With glasses in-hand, **Bob** proceeded to called upon **PP Joe Kaiser**. Seems **Joe's** phone rang during last week's meeting. After some negotiating, **Joe** spun the wheel for \$9.

Bob then turned his attention to Veteran's Day. Last week we had a Halloween Trivia Contest. This week the focus was on Veteran's Day.

Bob called on **Gordon Lipp**. He asked him when Veteran's Day was first celebrated.

Gordon's answer was close but that doesn't count in **Bob's** trivia quizzes. The correct answer was November 11, 1919. **Gordon** spun for \$3.

President Dominic was asked when Veteran's Day became a national holiday. I believe he answered, "1947" which was incorrect. The correct answer was 1954. **Dominic** spun the wheel for \$6.

PP **Bobby Meyer** was asked the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day. **Bob** had the correct answer but was asked to spin the wheel anyway. **Bobby** spun OO — all Rotarians paid \$2.

Fine Master **Bob** then asked **PEN Patrick Magnani** the name of the WWII Vet from Alabama who sent a letter to the President requesting Veterans Day be designated a national holiday. Of course, **Patrick** didn't know—who would. The correct answer was Raymond Weeks. **Patrick** spun the wheel for \$13 (ouch).

I believe PP **David Stone** was asked in what year was the date of Veterans Day changed from November 11th to the fourth Monday in November? **David's** response was incorrect and he spun the wheel for \$7.

It appeared no one was exempt from **Bob's** fury. He called on PP **Marilee Monagan** and asked her "within 10,000, how many people were killed in World War II?" **Marilee** answered 25,000. The correct answer was 400,000. **Marilee** spun for \$5.

Bob then asked PP **Roland Wright** "as of 2011, what is the approximate percentage of women who are veterans?" Roland guessed 12% — he was close. The correct answer was 8.1%. **Roland** spun for \$4.

End of the

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	(GRIF)(GRIF) (B)	PHF+ 7
Gordon Lipp	(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Gene Long	(B)(GRIF)	PHF
Gene Long Sr.		
Patrick Magnani	(GRIF)(GRIF) (B)	PHF
Dr. Steven Martinez		
Maureen McBride	(B) (GRIF)	PHF+ 8 +
Dominic Mecklenburg	(GRIF)(GRIF)	PHF+ 8 +
Bob Meyer	(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Marilee Monagan	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Sam Morgan	(B)	PHF+ 5
Gerred Popejoy	(GRIF)(GRIF)	PDF
Bob Spears	(GRIF)(GRIF)	PHF+ 3
David Stone	(GRIF)(GRIF) (B)	PHF+ 7
Lee Wiggins	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Roland Wright	(GRIF)(GRIF)	PHF+ 6

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.

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.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

GREETER: **DAVID STONE**PLEDGE: **GERRED POPEJOY**INVOCATION: **STEVEN MARTINEZ / PATRICK MAGNANI**NOTE TAKER: **MAUREEN McBRIDE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS
NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

NOV. 14	MEMBERSHIP "WALK ABOUT" AT MCCLELLAN PARK
NOV. 21	NO MEETING - THANKSGIVING WEEK
NOV. 28	BILL WITTICH—MEMEBERSHIP RECRUITING TOOLS AND IDEAS
DEC. 5	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY (SEE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS)
DEC. 12	FREEDOM PARK ROTARY BENCH DEDICATION AND DICTIONARY DISTRIBUTION
DEC. 19	CLUB ASSEMBLY ANNUAL MEETING FOR ELECTION OF 2017-18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DEC. 26	NO MEETING-CHRISTMAS WEEK
JAN. 2	NO MEETING-NEW YEAR'S WEEK

DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

MAY 5-7	DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN SANTA CLARA
MAY 20	RI PRESIDENT JOHN GERM DINNER SACRAMENTO (EXCLUSIVE D5180 PRESALE UNTIL 1/1/17)

VISIT

**5180DINNER.EVENTBRITE.COM
 FOR TICKET INFO)**



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?*

DISTRICT 5180 NEWS

The District Public Image Team will be hosting four training seminars through the course of the year on various topics to improve Club communications. The focus will be on providing instruction to develop public image plans and hands-on demonstrations of how to use available tools.

The schedule is as follows:

December 3, 2016 - Using Facebook and Social Media

February 11, 2017 - Using Video to Promote Your Club

April 22, 2017 - Preparing News Releases for Club Promotion

Seating will be limited, so Rotarians are encouraged to sign up early.

At present, there is no additional information available on these seminars, i.e. where, what time, etc. Visit the District Website for add'l. information as we get closer to the actual dates.
time, etc.

Visit the District 5180 website for additional information.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Program Chair **Jordan Backhaus** introduced **Eric Eisenhammer** who was substituting for our original speaker — **John Cox**. They are with the organization Rescue California Educational Foundation Inc. (RCEF), a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization, concerning a fundamental reform to the legislative process in California that has the potential to transform the way legislation is considered and enacted in our state.

Eric is knowledgeable on a range of public policy issues and is talented in community outreach to diverse coalitions, web development and email and social networking marketing.

His experience includes work on numerous statewide proposition campaigns and advocacy efforts. **Eric** is also active in non-profit organizations supporting job creation, economic development, human rights and drug-free youth.

Eric holds a master's degree in Public Policy and Administration from C.S.U. Sacramento and a Bachelor's in Business from C.S.U. Northridge.

John Cox and **Eric** both feel our present government is dysfunctional. Special interest groups hold too much sway and influence.

Average citizens are unknown to and unrepresented by their legislators.

Legislative districts are the largest in the nation by a huge factor:

◇ Assembly: 2,500,000 people

◇ Senate: 1,000,000 people

According to their research, California has the worst representations ratio in the U.S.

Winning big district elections takes big \$\$\$.

The average cost to win a Senate seat is \$1,100,000 and the cost to win an Assembly seat is \$837,000. The cost to win competitive seats is \$2,200,000.

The Legislature is captive to Special Interest Groups. Lobbyists actually write bills.

The problem is the structure:

- Huge districts which are unworkable.
- Cronyism.
- Corrupt System.

The solution: Uberize the Legislature

- Create smaller districts.
- Real accountability.

How it will work:

- Local campaigns. Anyone can run.
- 12,000 locally elected citizen representatives.
- 120 go to Sacramento for hearings and drafting bills.
- 12,000 citizen reps vote up or down on legislation.
- In constant technological communications with constituents.

What Can You Do?

- Sign as a supporter at www.CAcitizenslegislature.com
- Donate @ www.rescuecaeducationfoundation.com

- Word of mouth—tell your friends.
- Sign our ballot petition in January 2017.

Following his presentation, **Eric** answered a few questions from the audience.

President Dominic then joined him at the podium and thanked him for coming to our club and gave him a token of our appreciation.



**Eric Eisenhammer and
President Dominic Mecklenburg**

President Dominic then asked us to stand; and with our favorite beverage in hand, join him in a *Toast to Rotary Around the World*.

The meeting was adjourned.



Your 2017 D5180 Conference

Go International!

*May 5-7, 2017
at the Santa Clara
Marriott*

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★ on the District Website ★*





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- Medical Equipment
- Video Games
- Computers
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US!!**



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!

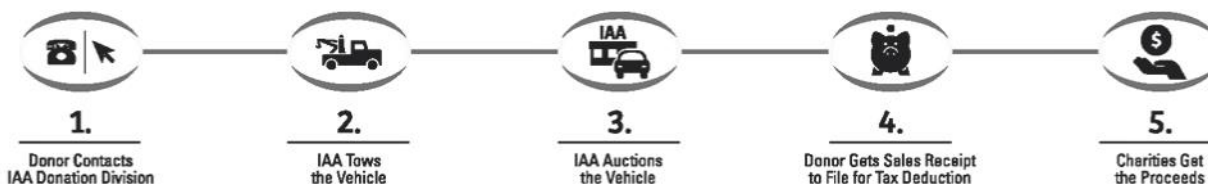
Not every "vehicle" is a car - but every vehicle, in any condition, can be donated!

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

We accept every type of vehicle, including:

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

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



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- Tax deductible
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