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Today's Meeting



President Les opened the meeting on a warm summer afternoon. Don Huff Jr. led our Pledge of Allegiance, while Steve Venables got us going on Rotary Grace.

Visiting Rotarians

Past President Don Huff III introduced **Tom Galleazzi** (Sunrise).

Guests of Rotarians

We had a host of Hoppins today. Dick Hoppin introduced his wife **Muffy**, his brother **Larry and his wife Debbie Hoppin** (parents of today's speaker), and our speaker's fiancée **Kate Mahoney** (they are getting married September 28, 2013 in Sacramento).

Announcements

President Les encouraged us to attend/support **Luna Vista** Rotary's major fundraising event, the **MicroBrew Festival**, at Rotary Park (Yolo County Fairgrounds) this Saturday, September 7 from 3pm-9pm. General admission is \$15, and \$30 will get you a tasting of the products from 20 Microbrewers attending the event. Live band music will be provided.

President Les said the **District 5160 Annual Conference** in Chico on October 17-20 is getting close to filling up. He urged us to signup sometime this week if you plan to attend. Details and online registration can be found on the District's website at <http://www.rotary5160.org>. Les went on to say he is looking for a group of members to help him with serving dinner Saturday evening during the conference, so see him for details.

Mike Chandler reported **Club membership** has dropped by a net two members since July 1st to a current total of 68. We obviously need to increase that amount. Mike encouraged us to find potential new members.

Kris Kristensen indicated Doug Zeck, Interim Executive Director for Fourth & Hope (previously known as the Yolo Wayfarers Center) will be our **guest program speaker next Tuesday**.

Kris also reminded us that the fourth annual **Woodland United Way Golf Tournament** will be held Thursday afternoon, September 19th at Yocha Dehe. Your \$150 contribution supports United Way locally and gets you a fun round of scramble golf on a great course, a great dinner, prizes and more. See Kris to sign up.

Steve Venables noted that this Saturday, September 7 will be Woodland's **Stroll through History Day**.

Birthdays



David Janes celebrated his yesterday. He was born in 1946 in San Francisco.

Anniversaries



Dick & Muffy Hoppin rang the bell indicating they will celebrate their 49th (Palo Alto) on September 6.

Les & Gail Engelmann will celebrate 45 years (Joliet IL) on September 7.

David & Judy Janes celebrated 45 years together on August 31st.

Pam & Junior Vargas celebrated 22 years together on August 31st.

Recognition

Pam Vargas took the podium today. Under 'happy time', **President Les** had fun hosting his 'Gormet Group' in Truckee this past weekend. Much golfing and fishing took place. **Tom LaBrie**, one of Les' guests, was happy about a good round of golf and drank 'so much wine'. **George Burger** was happy about taking his grandsons out for the opening of dove hunting season this past Sunday. **Dave Molinaro** and **Don Huff III** were also happy with the opening of dove season. **Bob Nakken** enjoyed a trip to San Diego to attend the marriage of former member Tim Bernard's daughter. **Jeff Barry** was happy about the good report he expects in the future

from his daughter Brook's MRI she will have later today following up on her earlier medical challenge. After being called out by **Roger Dorris, Craig Miyamoto** admitted to placing sixth in Masters Division of this past weekend's State Fair Championships golf tournament at Haggin Oaks in Sacramento. **Frank Gardner** said his wife was happy Tiger Woods finished 66th in last weekend's tournament.

Pam then asked for stories from what people did during this past Labor Day weekend, or previous ones, that was memorable. She said her family spent the past weekend with about 40-50 friends. **Gary Wirth** was happy to have won some money in golf bets and enjoyed a great neighborhood party. **Tom Schwarzgruber, Kevin Haarberg, Scott Johnston** and **Roger Kohlmeier** fessed up to being some of Gary's neighbors. **Mark Ullrich** said he had to pay some golf bets this weekend, but also enjoyed time with wife Audre and his daughter Erin. **Carla Sanborn** was happy her third child turned 50 years old this weekend. **Dona Mast** did laundry & house cleaning over the weekend (does Dona need counseling?). **Chuck Maltese** grumbled about too much wine consumption by some participants in the volleyball tournament at his place. **Marc Faye** enjoyed good jazz in Rancho Cordova. **Rick Sander** took care of his ailing wife, but also helped out his son, a new homeowner, and got some quality grand kid time too. **Clyde & Krim Booker** went to Mendocino to avoid the heat, but it was hot there too.

Rags to Riches



With \$301 in the pot and 20 cards left in the deck, **Carl Rodegerdts** drew a free lunch.

Today's Program

A proud uncle, Dick Hoppin, introduced his nephew **Major Chris Hoppin, USAF** as today's guest speaker. Chris grew up in Woodland attending Zamora School and Woodland High School. A 2002 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with a BS degree in Management, Chris did his undergraduate pilot training at Columbus AFB in Mississippi. Among his seven operational deployments are tours of duty in McConnell AFB in Kansas as well as Ramstein AB in Germany. Since April 2009 he has been serving as C-17A instructor aircraft commander and chief of the commander's action group, 21st Airlift Squadron at Travis AFB. He holds a Command Pilot rating with more than 3500 flight hours in various Air Force aircraft including the C-17A Globemaster, C-21A Lear 35, KC-135R, KC-135T Stratotanker, T-1B, and T-37B. Among many distinctions Chris is a Distinguished Graduate of Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB; has earned three Air Medals, three Aerial

Achievement Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal; and holds a Master degree in International Business from Trident University.

Chris said he got interested in the Air Force and in flying from family friend Dan Dougherty, himself a former Air Force pilot. Chris said the events of 9/11 happened while he was at the Air Force Academy, and they moved him to focus on leadership development. While he spoke, Chris presented us with a display of pictures of the various aircraft he has worked with.



Chris outlined the various deployments in his career, both domestically and in Europe. He explained his various roles, such as in mid-air refueling and the transport of equipment and personnel. He described the capacities and capabilities of the aircraft he has flown, as well as some of the special assignments he's taken. One emotional trip occurred last Christmas when his flight was assigned to return the remains of a fallen United States pilot lost in Afghanistan, to the pilot's family in Hawaii.

Major Hoppin says he is responsible for providing 10 years of service to the USAF following his graduation from flight school. That period ends next year when he hopes to bring a little more continuity and stability to his life.

Chris ended his program by responding to many questions, and thanking the Club for its support of the men & women in our country's services. He appreciated carrying on the legacy of service many before him had started.

Upcoming Programs

September 2013

10: Doug Zeck, Interim Executive Director, Fourth & Hope

<http://www.fourthandhope.org/>

17: Debra LaVoi, Superintendent, Woodland Joint Unified School District

<http://www.wjUSD.org/>

24: Doug Bergman, CEO, UCP (United Cerebral Palsy) of Sacramento/Northern California <http://ucpsacto.org/>

See more program listings on the Club's website at

<http://www.woodlandrotary.org/Programs.cfm>