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Today's Meeting



President Clyde Brooker called on Roger Dorris to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance while Mark Werrum led us in rotary grace.

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests of Rotarians

Judy Kohlmeier, guest/spouse of Roger Kohlmeier
Erica Burney Principal Financial, guest of Gary Wagner
Ruth Moeller, guest/spouse of Bob Moeller

Announcements

President Clyde commended Kris Kristensen and Gary Wegner on the excellent job they've done with the club's website. Questions about club events, past present or future, go to website. It's becoming an excellent resource.

Gary Wegner announced, weather permitting, there's an upcoming club work day to build a chicken coop for the Science and Technology charter school in Knights Landing. Check in with Gary if interested in participating.

Kris Kristensen – Feb 21, Annual Auction, Holy Rosary. Our raffle this year is a custom Napa Valley Experience, value up to \$3,500. Big thanks to Steve Venables for coordinating the travel arrangements. Tickets are \$50/ea or 3 for \$125.

Another announcement by Kris, He's in need of someone to chair the silent auction committee for the upcoming Rotary Auction fundraiser. Please call Kris if interested before he calls YOU...



We have another meeting or two before Linda delivers the Christmas gifts to children that will spend their Christmas at the UC Med Center, Oncology Dept. Please bring your gift to the next meeting. The drop box will be at the check in area.

Les Englemann announced the past president's nomination for next year's officers. They are:

Gary Wegner, President Elect-Elect; Secretary, Alan Flory; Treasurer, Tony Delevati; Sargent-at-arms, Mark Werum; 3 board members each elected to a 2 yr term, Kristy Hayes and Shawn Seyk, and George Burger.

Jim Nolan announced that our next program will be on Falconry arraigned by Dan Stoski

Club Christmas luncheon in lieu of meeting will be Dec. 16th, music provided by DJHS



Birthdays



Roy Holmes 1925, Clarksburg
Aniek Ramsey turned 30 today,
celebrating with a sickly, tone deaf, mistimed version of Happy Birthday
courtesy of the club...lucky girl!!

Anniversaries



None

Recognition

Kris Kristensen took the podium looking for thankful Rotarians. Mahlon Whittle is looking forward to a 49ers win. Gary Wegner enjoyed a stay at Don McNary's place by way of making a Rotary Auction purchase. Tom Labrie enjoyed thanksgiving with his son in Austin TX along with Englemann family. Les E. appreciated Kay's pecan pie. George Berrettoni is happy to be accepted by someone/thing, even if it is just Medicare.

On to Christmas shopping stories from the members. Our club was a fairly accurate reflection of the national Black Friday flop. Sean Kolb made a contribution for cyber Monday. Kevin Vaziri suggested a picture album as a thoughtful gift idea. Gary Wegner will be making sets of pajama bottoms. Jim McGibbon's goal is to have gifts for all 17 grandchildren wrapped and in the mail by the Saturday after Thanksgiving...WOW, impressive. Gary Bunch will be looking for 3rd baseman for Alan Flory's Giant's this year. Christmas came early for Jeff Barry. He has a diaper free household for the first time in many years. Sean "Scrooge" Kolb doesn't buy gifts for his wife Mandy. Becky Martin does gift cards. Bob Nakken appreciates the ideas. He's shopping this Saturday. Good luck. Chuck Maltese shared a past story where he impressed a fellow shopper. She commented that he never broke stride while entering the store, selecting a gift and finally standing in line. His response,"does it really matter what I buy, when I know it will be returned anyway." Jason Smith suggested to Gary/Alan that A-Rod might be available to fill the 3rd base slot. Christian Sherrill enjoys Christmas shopping and typically gifts photos and technology. Gary Wirth, after sitting the bench in the game of gift buying, is back on the field and ready to play.



Rags to Riches

Chuck Maltese wins the pot!! And as expected for such a class act, he donated it back to the Foundation. Very nice!!



Today's Program

Dr. McGibbon introduced our program today. Jennifer Thiets, the Department of Oncology Nurse Navigator with Woodland Health Care. She originally from South Africa, found her way to Nor Cal, first working at Mercy General, Dept. of Oncology in 2003 and Woodland Health Care since 2012.

Also presenting was Dr. Alali, Director of the Dept. of Oncology. Born in Iran, undergrad work in mechanical Engineering. Dr. Alali received his MD at Vienna University, Oncology education from Harvard, and internal medicine residency at Yale. And for the past 12 years, Woodland, CA.



- Cancer treatment has changed dramatically over the last few years. Cancer is no longer a death sentence. Over recent years, the number of patients living with cancer has increased, not passing from disease. Prevalence of cancer has gone up dramatically but incidence has stayed the same.
- SEER data since 2003, prostate cancer nearly 100% survival rate. Lung remains low survival rate.
- The greatest impact to disease prevention and treatment was in 1953, Watson and Crick aligned the structure of DNA.
- Human Genome Project, 2003. Finished 3 years early. Tumor sent to lab to determine genetic mutation causing cancer and treatment customized for specific mutation.
- Tailored treatment approach. Target Therapy.
- Technology advanced but delays remain due to regulation and study restrictions.

Jennifer Thiets, Oncology Nurse Navigator, considers her role as a GPS for patients, point of contact for patients and their families for questions during process of cancer treatment.

Many in the room with experience in Dr. Alali's Oncology Department and had very nice things to say about our presenters and their department.

Upcoming Programs

December

2nd: Dr. Alborz Alali, and his Oncology Nurse Navigator, Jennifer Thietz, Woodland Healthcare, "What's New in Oncology in 2014." <http://www.healthgrades.com/physician/dr-alborz-alali-ypct7/background-check>

9th: Pete Martin and Don Hildebrandt: What Falconry Is and How Falconers Operate in California in 2014. <http://www.calhawkingclub.org/>

16th: Kenneth Holck, Douglas Middle School Band, Christmas Program.

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