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Today's Meeting

After a blistering hot Monday, the meeting today was held on a much more comfortable day with clouds and possible rain predicted later in the evening. Our **President, Clyde Brooker**, was away so the 1999-2000 Club President, and apparently a significant contributor to the golf club economy, Mr. **Mark Ullrich** rang the meeting to order at precisely 12:15. **Lori Ross** led us in the pledge and **Roger Dorris** pinch hit for the regular song leaders and capably conducted us through the musical Rotary Grace. Clyde's quote of the day delivered by his stand-in was from Mr. Anonymous:

"If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you". (Anonymous is a wise fellow)

Visiting Rotarians/Guests

Becky Martin introduced our only Visiting Rotarian, **Nicholas Ponticello**, Woodland Sunrise, Engineer. Welcome to the club Nick! We won't tell Sunrise about the transfer...

Becky also introduced our two high school scholarship winners, Thomas Clavelli, who will be attending Stanford and majoring in Computer Science and Gwendolyn Hammons, (with her mom, Kim) who will be attending UCLA and majoring in Computer Science and Engineering. As most of you know, our club gives a scholarship each year to the Valedictorian from Woodland High School and Pioneer High School. It is a significant contribution from this club to the academic advancement of the top students from WHS and PHS. The students receive \$1,500 per year, totaling \$6,000 per student!



Nick Ponticello

Announcements

President-elect, **Kris Kristensen**, placed forms on each table for members to sign up for the committee(s) they want to be a part of. Here's a link to the sign-up sheet:

<http://woodland.clubwizard.com/IMUpload/Rotary%20Committees%202015-16%20Signups.pdf>

This is your chance to get off that other committee and join one of the more prestigious committees like the Splinter, Sergeant at Arms, or Programs. He also appealed for help with the Website. I'm assuming it's a content management position (post upcoming events and photos from prior events). Anyone with a computer is qualified.

Kris also reminded us of the District Awards Dinner to be held on Saturday, July 11, from 5:00-9:00 at the Woodland Community Center. See the flyer here:

[http://woodland.clubwizard.com/IMUpload/2015%20installation%20Dinner%20\(1\).doc](http://woodland.clubwizard.com/IMUpload/2015%20installation%20Dinner%20(1).doc)

The Woodland Community Harvest, benefitting Yolo Food Bank, is looking for volunteers to harvest fruits and vegetables. See the Woodland Rotary Club website (link is at the top of the Splinter) for more info.

Les Engelmann asked for volunteers to help prep and repaint the Rotary Park structure at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. All Yolo County Rotary Clubs are participating and the work will commence on Friday, June 26 with prep. Then painting on Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28.

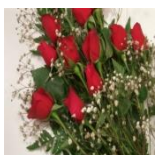
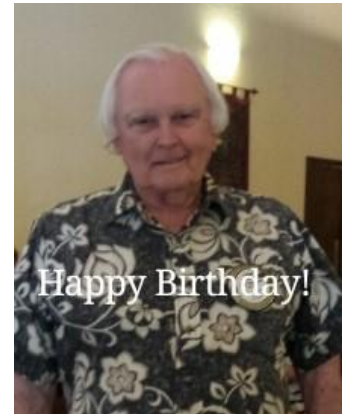
Past (15 times) President Ullrich congratulated **Dick Hoppin** for serving Meals on Wheels, another great way our club members donate time and serve the community. If I remember correctly, our club is responsible for one of the routes for the Tuesday meals and has been doing this for many many years.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Don Huff, Jr., a “Blevin’s (Senior) Baby”, was born 89 years ago today at the corner of Cross and Third Streets. **Steve Venables** led the club in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday and Don graciously contributed a \$100 donation which produced a bell ringing.

There were no Anniversaries.



Recognition

George Berrettoni confidently strode to the front of the room to collect money from friend and foe alike.

George apparently has a fondness for June as he wanted us all to know the exact day when historically significant events occurred in the month. But first, in honor of our two graduating Valedictorians, who as noted above are heading to Palo Alto and Westwood to continue their stellar academic careers, he called on **George (attended UCLA) Burger**, and **Marc Faye, Carl Rodegerdts**, and **Frank Gardner** (Stanford grads) to throw in \$5 for their alma maters. Happy time followed with **Bob Moeller** happy about his grandson playing high level golf, **Don Huff, III**, happy that his dad was born for obvious reasons, and George helpfully passed along to **Gary (I control how much you pay in fines) Bunch** information on how to pass the CPA exam.

George then moved on to the June dates of importance. I won't clutter your mind with the trivia, but I'm sure **Dave Flory, Chuck Maltese, Jeff Barry, Jim Nolan, Les Engelmann, Craig Miyamoto, Ken Nordgren, David Contto, Tom Schwarzgruber, Dick Hoppin, David Janes** and **Lori Ross** (Bunch paid her fine since she got the date right) will remember their wrong answers and will be ready for the questions next year. **Jeff** was also happy that his twins were 85 years younger than **Don Huff, Jr.** today (they turned four for those who don't want to do the math). Congrats to the twins!

And **Lori Ross** was happy that her son, Derek, was treated so well and given an opportunity by Kitchen 428. Derek has Asperger's Syndrome and was apprehensive about starting a new job, but **Christy Hayes** and her staff welcomed him with open arms and made him feel comfortable. Well done K428!



Rags to Riches



The pot is over \$850 with only 6 cards left. **Craig Miyamoto** had the right number but drew the wrong card. Everyone was excited that he got a free lunch...

Today's Program

Jim Nolan introduced the program for the day, Rich Collins, from California Endive Farm in Rio Vista.

“N Dive” or “On Deev”

Rich began his Endive journey in 1978 when while working at a restaurant in Sacramento, the owner, knowing of Rich's interest in becoming a farmer, told him he should grow endive because he had just paid \$4.00/lb. for them. He began experimenting with the crop, received encouragement and financing from a produce broker in San Francisco and is now the largest producer of Endive in the U.S.

Endive is a very difficult crop to grow. It starts as a Chicory seed that is grown on an 80" bed. After about five months it has grown to knee high and the tops are mowed down to about one inch above the soil line. The root is then dug up by machine and transferred to a “mushroom like” storage building where the magic happens. In about four weeks the root bud grows an “On Deev”. The red and white “On Deevs” are then packaged in special packaging that controls the respiration of the bud and keeps the product fresh for several weeks. A very interesting program! And we all received a three pack of the product to take home.



Mark Ullrich, Rich Collins and Jim Nolan

Upcoming Programs

June 16: Ron Caceres, "**Improving Downtown Woodland - Challenges and Opportunities.**"

June 23: President Clyde Brooker: **Reflections on the Woodland Rotary Club's Year in Review.**

June 30: **Demotion.**