

ROTARY CLUB OF WOODLAND  
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CLUB 470 \* DISTRICT 5160 \* ORGANIZED APRIL 29, 1926  
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**Today's Meeting** Tuesday was the opening of the new year and the reign of Peter Holmes. Steve Venables led the Ceremony of the Corn, and presented Peter with two ears. The first ear of corn represents the hope for a bountiful year. The kernals of the second ear represent the individual club members in the pursuit of a fruitful year. George Berrettoni led the parade of "Out with the Old, in with the New". All members paid the usual tith of one penny.

Peter's first act was to have Immediate Past President Gary Wegener lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Rotary Grace singers were present, Mark Werum, Clancy Duppong, Steve Venables, Dan Stroski, Roger Dorris, Marc Faye, and last but not least, Dr. Jim McGibbon. They led us in an excellent rendition.



**Visiting Rotarians/Guests** / Charles Mack from the Morning Club was witness to our shenanigans.

**Announcements** Peter commended Lori Ross for her efforts in organizing the State Theater opening gala.

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> was the District 5160 awards ceremony, which was held at our Community Center. Karl Diekman received a certificate of Meritorious Achievement, which is an award of Rotary International. Our Club was recognized for three things, working well with other clubs, starting a new

Interact Club (Woodland High), and the cervical cancer program in Nicaragua. George Berrettoni was



bartender in chief.

Gary Wegener had placed written ballots on the tables with the names of the nominees for four director positions for the Woodland Rotary Endowment. He asked us to cast our votes. The winners (or losers) were Tony Delevati, Bob Nakken, Ken Nordgren, and Tom Schwarzgruber.

Peter had the honor of inducting a new member, Helen Zuniga, at his first meeting. Dan Stroski was moved and honored to present and introduce Helen to the Club. Helen, who is now retired, spent 36 years in public service as a dispatcher for the Woodland Police and as the first voice on the 911 phone line.



Congratulations Helen and welcome.



***Birthdays and Anniversaries*** Jim McGibbon celebrated his birthday on June 24<sup>th</sup>. I didn't catch Jim's year of birth, but he is forever young. Seth Wurzel was born July 7, 1976, the bi-centennial year.

We had a plethora of anniversaries. Carl Rodegerdts and June celebrated 56 years on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Marc Faye married Gerda on July 3, 1960. Ken Nordgren and Diana Harvey were married on July 9, 1995. Rodger Kohlmeier and Judy were married 52 years on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Gary Wegener and Joanie celebrated three years on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Dillon Dougherty and Jenna celebrated seven years on the meeting date, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Tony Delevati and Margie will celebrate 36 years on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Dan Stroski and Ginny, also on July 18<sup>th</sup>, will celebrate 41 years.



**Recognition** We had no formal recognition, but Peter introduced the incoming directors and officers: Barbara Sonin, Aniek Ramsay, Lori Ross, Laurie Ruiz, Mike Chandler, President Elect, Gary Wegener, Immediate Past President, and Alan Flory, Secretary. Treasurer, Mark Ullrich, was absent. Mike Chandler also received his President Elect's badge.







*Rags to Riches* Tom Schwarzgruber won a free lunch.

**Today's Program** Peter was the program. He reviewed his trip to Atlanta for the Rotary International Convention, June 10 – 14. Peter proved he actually attended by showing slides of the Convention and Atlanta. He was in some. His better half, Chris, was only in one. Peter enjoyed the old Fox Theater and a showing of "Gone with the Wind". He also enjoyed one of the local breweries.

Bill Gates gave the keynote speech. Rotary has pledged to raise 50 million dollars over the next three years to complete the eradication of Polio. The Gates Foundation will match this, 2 to 1, for another 300 million over three years for a total of 450 million dollars. The Gates Foundation has already been matching Rotary funds 2 to 1. The new RI president is Ian Risely. The motto is "Making a Difference".

Peter wants good food and good programs for the meetings. We will probably revisit the review of menu items. He wants to keep Recognition lively and humorous. Peter also wants to revamp the organizational structure. He wants six broad categories: Club Administration (programs, recognition, etc.), Membership, Public Relations, Service, Foundation and Endowment, and Youth Programs. His goal is to

have 75 members by June 30, 2018. Peter also wants to look into corporate memberships. It looks like another good year to be a member of our club.

***Upcoming Programs*** Next week, July 18, Dr. Kirsten Gilardi, co-director of the UC Davis Karen Drayer Wildlife Health Center, will talk about “Gorilla Doctors”. July 25<sup>th</sup>, Linda Henigan will talk about the upcoming Dinner on Main St.

**Annual Events**

**Upcoming Programs**

**Officers/Directors**

**Where to Make Up Roster**