

Meeting Date: March 13, 2018



Today's Meeting



President Peter opened the meeting nearly on time. He asked **Ken Nordgren** to lead us in the Pledge. The trio of **Jim McGibbon**, **Roger Dorris** and **Dan Stroski** got a recognizable version of the Rotary Grace out of us.

President Peter pointed out that in 1903 a \$10,000 grant from the Scottish businessman & philanthropist Andrew Carnegie helped begin the construction of the Woodland Public Library.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woodland_Public_Library

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnegie_library

The President also reported the US Women's soccer team won the 'She Believes Cup' with a 1-0 win over England this past weekend.

<https://www.ussoccer.com/womens-national-team/tournaments/2018-shebelieves-cup#tab-1>

Visiting Rotarians

Phil Marler (Sunrise)

Guests of Rotarians

None

Peter thanked **Todd Tommeraason** for delivering Meals on Wheels today. He also thanked **Jim McGibbon** & **David Contto** for their set-up work for today's meeting.



Anniversaries



George Burger celebrated the anniversary of his marriage to Janet which took place in South Lake Tahoe in '1983 or 1984'. What a memory!

Mary Martin celebrated the anniversary of her marriage to Perry in Livermore 29 years ago.



Birthdays



None.

Announcements

John Lecky was thanked for his work in organizing the **Club social** gathering on March 6 at **Father Paddy's**. A good time was had by several members & spouses.

President Peter was joined by **Laurie & Enrique Ruiz, Craig Jones** and **Mary Martin** and other local Rotarians in planting trees along CR 102 for the Woodland Tree Foundation's Arbor Day project last Saturday March 10.



President Peter & Kris Kristensen attended the March 9 **Woodland Community College Foundation's Founders Day Dinner** where the Club was honored for its 2015 contribution to the WCC electronic marquee. Pictures from the event, along with a link to an informative Daily Democrat article about the Club, can be viewed on the Club's website. www.woodlandrotary.org

The **Club's Board of Directors** are scheduled to hold their **next meeting** 4:30pm next Monday, March 19 at Ullrich Delevati CPAs.

Don Huff III was happy to report that **George Berrettoni and wife Kathy** are planning to attend spring training in Arizona this week.

President Peter told members a new Digital X-ray building, at the **Children's Hospital in Zinga, Tanzania, Africa**, was recently opened. A \$103,000 Rotary International Global Grant co-sponsored by all three Woodland Rotary clubs and others in our region, as well as District 5160, provided a digital x-ray system, a digital dental x-ray system and an ultrasound system, along with necessary training of local staff on their use, for this hospital. Peter emphasized this was an example of why members are asked to support the Rotary Foundation. Pictures and a link to the grant report on the project can be viewed on the Club's website. www.woodlandrotary.org

Peter also reminded members to donate/give their **Rotary Foundation points** to others. See Peter or Club Foundation Chair Tom Schwarzgruber to make this happen.

President Peter announced he wants the Club to work on **adding three additional members to the Club, currently at a total of 67, by June 30th**. Membership Chair Jennifer Ward will work with the Membership Committee, but help from all Club members is necessary to find prospects.

Recognition

Kris Kristensen was in charge today. **Gary Bunch** was fined right away for messing up the Recognition schedule; **Jim Nolan** paid his share too.

Happy Rotarians:

- **Dan Stroski**, about his recent trip to Chicago to see his son.
- **Karl Diekman**, recent travels to Indonesia & to a Rotary conference in England.
- **Nick Roncoroni**, about taking his family to Disneyland last week.
- **Laurie Ruiz**, happy to ring the bell!

- **Mike Chandler**, happy the Dinner Auction and PETS are behind him.
- **Scott Johnston**, happy to be working while others are off at spring training.
- **Chuck Moore**, happy for a recent visit to New Orleans and the baptism of his grandchild.
- **Chuck Maltese**, enjoyed trip to Palm Springs & Scottsdale.

Spring training refugees: Tom LaBrie, Les Engelmann ('I lost a lot of golf balls!'), Bob Nakken, Tabb Randolph, and Dick Hoppin.

- **Alan Flory**, didn't go to spring training, happy he went to Coronado instead.



Rags to Riches



With the pot at \$382 and 17 cards left, **Nick Roncoroni** drew a free lunch.

Today's Program

Our own **Dillon Dougherty** was our program speaker today, sharing with us his '**Golf Story**'. Originally scheduled to speak on April 3rd, he agreed to move it up when another program scheduled for today was not able to make it due to illness.



Dillon was born & raised in Woodland. The Doughertys were members of the Yolo Fliers Club, so he got his start in golf early in life, about age 3 or 4. The game came naturally to him and he loved to play. When his family visited La Quinta California, Dillon's grandfather took him to

the Citrus Golf Club where he introduced Dillon to **Lee Trevino**, one of the best golfers in the world at that time. Trevino agreed to watch the youngster take a few swings. Later the same day Dillon watched Trevino hit some practice putts, and confidently offered to give Trevino a putting lesson because, Dillon said, Trevino needed some help!

Dillon played in his first golf tournament at age 9, at the Peter Hay Golf Course in Monterey. He shot 2 or 3 under par, and won!

At age 13, Dillon said he made a commitment to practice golf daily so that he could eventually pursue a college scholarship with his skills. By age 15 he was playing so well in high school (Woodland High) that his grandfather took him to play a round of golf with **Bob Rosberg**, a legendary golfer, TV commentator, and teaching professional in Southern California, to evaluate him. They played a round of golf together at the Plantation Club. Dillon started nervously, but eventually scored a 67 at the difficult course. Rosberg declared Dillon to be the second best 15-year old golfer he had ever seen, behind only **Sergio Garcia**, who later became and remains a very successful golf professional.

Following a 2001 graduation from Woodland High School, Dillon got his college scholarship to **Northwestern University** in Illinois. He joined other successful student golfers there, including **Anthony Kim**, **Ryan Moore** and **Luke Donald**. It was golf 'sun up to sun down' for Dillon at the time and he loved it. He was very successful, particularly in 2005 when he finished near the top in several amateur golfing tournaments. In particular, he reached the **finals of the United States Amateur Championship** held at the Merion Golf Club near Philadelphia PA that year. Though he lost in the finals, he had earned invitations to play in the Masters and United States Open the following year.

The 2006 **Masters** and **United States Open** were very special for Dillon, especially since he had his father Dan with him as his caddie. For the Masters he was able to play many practice rounds before the event at the famous Augusta National Golf Club course in Augusta, GA. He stayed in the 'Crow's Nest' on the property during the event with other Masters amateurs. At the tournament he met, spent time with and played with former Masters champions like **Tom Watson**, **Vijay Singh**, and **Gary Player**. He shared a number of stories from that experience. The US Open at Winged Foot was a very difficult course, and Dillon admitted he was not at his best, even though he shot an impressive 75 on his final round of the tournament.

His success at that time got him ranked among the top 5 amateur golfers in the world. He decided to turn professional in 2006, the year he graduated from

Northwestern. The start of his professional career was difficult. He tore a tendon in his left foot in 2007 which led him to struggle. He didn't return to top form until 2011. He finished second on the money list of the now-defunct **National Pro Golf Tour** in both 2012 and 2013, but had difficulty competing successfully in the yearend 'Q School', which, at that time, was the tournament used to determine who would get invited to play on the PGA Tour. After finishing just one shot short of getting his PGA card in the 2013 Q School, Dillon decided it was time to end his professional golf career.

Dillon credits the guidance he received growing up locally from Bob Badger, Doug Caldwell and Carl Welty with much of the skills he developed in golf. He doesn't look back, but gets his enjoyment from golf these days in games with his friends and with his father. In 2015 went to work for Morgan Stanley Investments. Still a member of the Fliers Club, he and wife Jenna, and their four children, make their home in Woodland. He became a member of the Rotary Club of Woodland in 2016, and says he enjoys being a Rotarian.

Upcoming Programs

March 2018

20: **Jim Morris**, Communications Manager, California Rice Commission,

<http://calrice.org/> and **Steve Beckley**, Reclamation District 108

<http://sacramentovalley.org/contributors/steve-beckley/>

'From Sushi to the Pacific Flyway, the Surprising Benefits of California Rice'

26: **Thomas Prichard**, Superintendent, Woodland Joint Unified School District;

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

See more program listings on the Club's website at

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