

Meeting Date: May 22, 2018



Today's Meeting



President Peter opened the meeting by asking Tim Pettit to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. **Marc Faye, Jim McGibbon, Steve Venables, Mark Werum, Clancy Duppong and (newbie) Craig Jones** led a good version of Rotary Grace.

On this day in history **President Peter** told us:

- Lewis & Clark began their famous Journey of Discovery in 1804 from Camp DuBois near St. Louis
- PAC-MAN was introduced in 1980

Peter said the Club has received a thank you note from the Yolo County Historical Museum for the Club's help May 6 at the Gibson House Plant Sale. **Alan Flory, Carl Rodegerdts, Aniek Ramsay, Dick Hoppin and Marc Faye** prepared and served hot dogs & popcorn



The Club enjoyed the **Social Evening at the Woodland Train Depot** last Tuesday. The event was conducted jointly by all three Woodland Rotary Clubs. Peter learned about the many improvements made so far, mostly by volunteers, to bring the Depot back to its original condition. He reminded us that the Club is co-sponsoring Luna Vista Rotary's project to upgrade the Depot restrooms.



In the absence of Chuck Maltese, Kris Kristensen reported that a bus load of Rotarians and guests on last week's **Mystery Golf** trip traveled to the Vintner's Golf Club in Yountville for a round of golf & lunch. The event was highlighted by our own **George Burger** getting his first Hole-In-One! George said he was especially happy that the event took place

'among friends', and then he 'rang the bell' with a contribution.



Foundation Chair **Tom Schwarzgruber** presented **Paul Harris Fellowships** to the following members: Nick Roncoroni (his first!), David Contto (his first!), Don Huff III (for his son), and Ken Nordgren (+1).

President Peter asked **David Contto** to remain standing to get to know him better. David indicated he was born & raised in Lima, Peru. His parents were missionaries at the time and traveled to many South American countries in their work when David was young. After college work, David found his current career in banking in the United States. David is the Branch Manager of the Travis Credit Union on E Main Street in Woodland. David's middle name is Isreal, 'from the bible'. He has a younger sister and brother. David and his wife Carmen live in Sacramento and are raising three young children.



In July **Woodland Rotary Endowment** will be looking to elect **three new members to the Board of Directors**. Members of the Board of Directors serve for two years. If you are interested in serving as an Endowment Board member please contact **President Peter**.



Visiting Rotarians

Gary Olmbach (Davis)

Guest speaker **Bill Dodd (Napa Noon)**

Guests of Rotarians

None.

Birthdays



Tom LaBrie rang the bell for his 75th birthday on May 1.

Anniversaries



Tom & Kay LaBrie will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary (Carson City NV) on May 29.



Announcements

President-elect Mike Chandler distributed signup sheets for members to designate their preferred **committee assignments** for the year beginning July 1, 2018. Mike is asking every member to sign up for at least one committee...or he will sign you up!!

IPP Gary Wegener said 325 first graders are set to participate in the **Woodland Kids Read** program at Woodland Community College tomorrow (May 23). The event is organized by Woodland United Way and co-sponsored by the Club.

Gary Wegener also indicated this year's **Demotion** will be held Tuesday, June 26 from 6-9pm at the Hotel Woodland.

President Peter reported on the results from the **Club Board of Director's meeting** yesterday. **Jennifer Ward** is developing a new brochure about the Club. Also, the **Board voted** to waive the initiation fee for new members, and to provide each new Club member with two dinner tickets, free of charge, to their first Club Dinner Auction.

President Peter also reminded the Club of the **Sunrise Rotary Blood Drive** on May 31st. You can view event details on the Club's website (www.woodlandrotary.org).

President Peter announced the Club's **regular meeting on Tuesday, June 5** will take place at **Boundary Bend Olive Company** (455 Harter Ave, Woodland) instead of the Woodland Hotel. Peter said he will send out an email with more details on this event.

Recognition

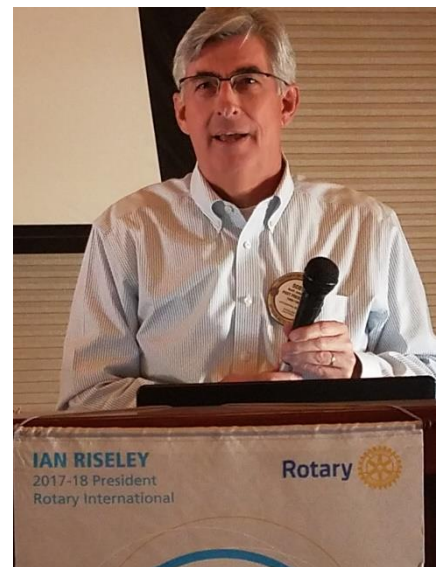
Scott Johnston led Recognition today.

Happy Rotarians:

- **Tony Delevati** was happy to witness a hole-in-one for the first time.
- **Frank Gardner** liked his trip to Florida where, among other things, he attended the PGA Player's Golf Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach.



- **Chuck Moore** had a wonderful time traveling to Atlanta to help his son celebrate his 34th birthday and to attend the SF Giants' sweep of the Atlanta Braves.
- **Shawn Seyk** had fun watching his son run in various races in the recent Delta League Track & Field Championships.
- **Marc Faye** was happy for his grandson who graduated from Cal Berkeley.
- **Seth Wurzel** felt awesome after the Spring Softball team he coaches made a great comeback win.



Scott finished by pointing out George Burger's excellent timing in accomplishing his first hole-in-one at a golf tournament with a hosted bar!



Rags to Riches



With 9 cards left and \$632 in the pot, **Mike Chandler** drew a yet another free lunch! (He even looks excited doesn't he!!!)

Today's Program

Lori Ross introduced our guest speaker, **Bill Dodd**, California State Senator, District 3. Bill is a fifth generation Californian and lifelong Napa Valley resident

where he grew up on a small family farm. A graduate of Chico State, Bill went on to own and operate one of California's largest, full-service Culligan Water businesses and served in leadership roles in national and trade associations related to water. Bill served 14 years on the Napa County Board of Supervisors, followed by one term in the CA State Assembly. He was elected to the CA Senate in 2016. District 3 includes portions of Sacramento, Yolo, Napa, Sonoma Solano and Contra Costa Counties. During his current term he has taken a leadership role in water policy, environment protection, and investing in our state's future. He is a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Napa, and a Paul Harris Fellow. He and wife Mary have five grown children and seven grandchildren with another on the way.

Bill opened by saying he's attended a lot of Rotary meetings and he liked the quality of our Rotary Grace.

In his years in government service, Bill has found that the further one gets from local government the work toward making progress gets harder. He believes California politics are currently too partisan. Fixing road maintenance is

an example of a topic where partisan politics shouldn't be necessary. He feels that Governor Jerry Brown has been 'the adult supervisor in the room' during his second term; keeping the legislative process moving forward. He has appreciated working



with the Governor on his current budget proposal. Dodd mentioned his successful efforts with Assemblywoman Curry to obtain disaster funding in response to last year's devastating fires.

Dodd expressed his interest in furthering education particularly in early childhood education. He also is fighting the notion of fake news. He is working toward getting media literacy education programs into grades 1-12 by soliciting private donations. He pointed out a major concern to him is that the pipeline of new teachers in California has really shrunk; very few new students are getting into the credentialing program.



Dodd also offered comments on various topics including the need for a CA sports wagering policy; the State's high speed rail system; and lessons learned from the Orville Dam fiasco. He said he has never understood the benefit in the Governor's Delta tunnel's project. He also said he supports construction of the proposed Sites Reservoir.

More information about Senator Dodd can be viewed on his CA website:
<http://sd03.senate.ca.gov/>

Upcoming Programs

May 2018

29: Janet Vaughan, Executive Director, Mosaic Children's Museum;
<http://www.mosaicchildrensmuseum.org/>

June 2018

5: (Meeting at Boundary Bend Olives, 455 Harter Ave. Woodland)
Adam Englehardt, Chief Executive Officer; Boundary Bend Olives, Inc.;
<http://www.boundarybend.com/>

See more program listings on the Club's website at
<http://www.woodlandrotary.org/Programs.cfm>