

**Meeting Date:** November 14, 2023



*Today's Meeting*



President Karl Diekman called the meeting to order and asked Tom Schwarzgruber to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rotary Grace Singers, Dan Stroski and Steve Venables led us in a rousing rendition of Rotary Grace.





### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests*

We were joined by the almost regular visiting Rotarians from the Sunrise Club, Don Sharp and Byron



MacConnell.

Tom LaBrie brought his son Sam to the meeting. Tom wasn't feeling well and



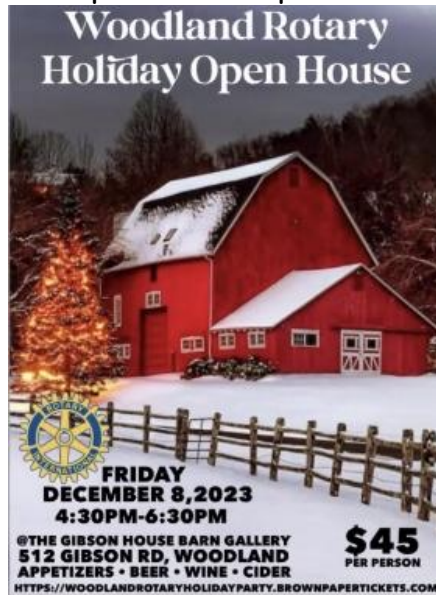
had to leave the meeting.



### *Announcements*



The joint (joint with the morning and evening Clubs) Christmas Party will be December 8, 2023 in the barn at the Gibson House from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person.



**The most important announcement of the day, there is no meeting next week.**

Dan Stroski is looking for families to host a foreign exchange student. He placed sign-up sheets on the back table for those interested. If interested he will



go over the details with you and your family.

Don Sharp announced that the Sunrise Club got a late donation for its auction, a round of golf for four at Yoche Dehe, plus a complimentary room in the hotel for one night. Don is the "auctioneer" and will take bids. One bid has been

received for \$500. He will take bids from the Sunrise Club at their meeting this



Thursday. He will announce the winner Friday at noon.

Yvette Roy announced that the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be an "orientation" meeting for all members, especially new members. Many of us will be participating.



Shawn Seyk announced that the nominating committee, consisting of past presidents (the curmudgeons) will meet November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Tabb Randolph's



office.

Karl noted that the Board of Directors approved a resolution to ask the Endowment Board to send to the Fair for the new animal auction arena any remaining FFA funds it is holding, approximately \$1,400.

## *Anniversaries*



There were no anniversaries this week.



## *Birthdays*



Mark Ullrich turned 74 on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He was born right here in Woodland.

## *Recognition*



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extatic over

Gary Bunch had the honors of recognition this  
Time: Mark Ullrich and Roger Kohlmeier were both  
the 49er's demolition of the Jaguars.

Gary then asked our speaker, Captain Ivan Tien, of the  
CHP what was on his belt in the middle of his back. It turned out to be handcuffs.



Don Huff, III was happy that he spent two weeks in Kona on the Big Island with his father, and that he had hunted pigeons and that he was going to New



Mexico to hunt deer. He paid \$20.

Police Chief Derrek Kaff was happy his son got a full time job in Boulder,



Colorado.

Gary Wegner's daughter and son-in-law, who had eloped in January, had a wedding reception at a speakeasy in North Beach, San Francisco.

Gary Bunch then asked all our veterans to stand and talk about when and



where they served.

Steve Venables said he was a "village commando" in Korea with the 76<sup>th</sup> Artillery, meaning he had to fetch the beer for the group.

Mark Ullrich was in field artillery in Fort Sills. He was a commander and recently received a phone call from one of the soldiers under him who complimented him on his leadership.

Don Huff, Jr. was in the Navy in WWII. He was on a carrier waiting to invade Japan. They were told to expect 80% casualties. The atomic bombs were



dropped before deployment, ending the war.

Dan Stroski was in the Air Force in 1975 in law enforcement handling canines. He met his wife, got married, and had his son. Those were the two best things he got out of the military.

Gary Wegener was in the Navy for 20 years from 1971 to 1992.



Frits van der Hoek was in the Army and is still an active reservist. The best thing he got out of the Army so far is medical coverage for his son, who had surgery to correct super ventricular tachycardia. When he got the bill it was over \$1,000,000. The amount he owed was -0-.

Karl Diekman joined the Naval Reserve in 1967. His first assignment was running a yacht club in Japan. His last assignment was handling movies.



Gary had all those sitting to the right of our veterans pay \$5.



### *Rags to Riches*



Yours truly won a free lunch.

### *Today's Program*

## This Week's Program

**Ivan Tien**, Captain, Woodland Area Commander, California Highway Patrol; **'Yolo County Traffic Collisions & Impacts from I-80 Roadwork Closures'**; [280 Woodland \(ca.gov\)](http://280.Woodland.ca.gov)



Derrek Kaff introduced our speaker, Captain Ivan Tien of the California Highway Patrol. Captain Tien has served for 22 years. He is currently the Commander of the Woodland Area and

oversees all CHP operations in Yolo County. Prior to his current assignment he served as the Deputy Inspector General for the CHP. His duties included overseeing statewide audits, inspections and performance reviews to ensure accountability and transparency. He has also been an investigator for the office of Internal Affairs, a community outreach officer, and an investigator for the CHP Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team. He received a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from UC Irvine and a Master's degree in Leadership from Saint Mary's. He is a certified Traffic Crash Reconstruction Specialist and teaches



accident reconstruction at the CHP Academy.

Captain Tien stated that there are 103 different CHP offices, each with its own special culture. In 2021 there were 26 fatal crashes in Yolo County. In 2022 there were 27, and there have been 13 so far in 2023. State wide there were 3,200 fatalities in 2021 and there have been 4,200 so far in 2023

In 2023 overall crashes are up in Yolo County due primarily to the I 80 road construction. They will do saturation enforcement periodically, which means 5 to 6



patrol officers covering a small area.



### Upcoming Programs

Next week, the 21<sup>st</sup>, we are dark.

## Next Program November 28

**Dave Jorz, WHS Alum's Bike Ride Across America at age 76;**

<https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2023/08/09/woodland-high-school-alumnus-rides-bike-across-united-states-at-76-years-old/>



Dave is the brother of Rickaye Jorz, for those who know Rickaye.

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