

Meeting Date: April 15, 2025

Today's Meeting

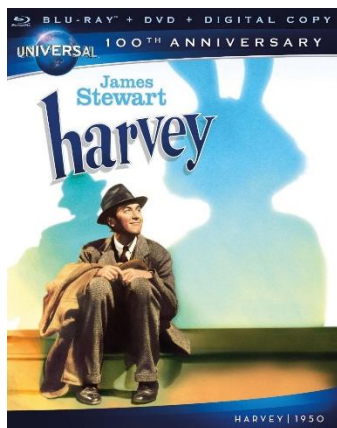


President Bob Nakken opened the meeting with a '**Happy Tax Day**' greeting and got us going on the Pledge of Allegiance. Our team of **Jordi Richter**, **Dan Stroski** and **Steve Venables** led a spirited Rotary Grace.



President Bob then thanked **Yvette Roy** for doing Meals on Wheels this week, **Tabb Randolph** and the Sergeant at Arms crew of **Don Huff III**, **Shawn Seyk** and **Reggie Powell** for their set up work today, **David Pinto** for handling technology, **Kris Kristensen** for writing today's Splinter, and **Eric Zane** for taking photos.

President Bob reminded us we will be dark the Tuesday after our Dinner Auction (April 29), and we will also be dark on Tuesday, May 6, because the Club will be holding a **joint meeting on Monday, May 5, with the Davis Noon Club in Davis**. **President Bob** went on to report this year's **Demotion** will take place on Monday, June 30 (Apparently details are being developed). We will be dark on Tuesday, July 1 (in anticipation of some folks being away for the July 4th holiday), and **President Aniek Pflager** will begin her reign on Tuesday, July 8.



President Bob's Inspirational Quote

'I've wrestled with reality for 35 years, and I'm happy to say, Doctor, I finally won over it.'

Don Huff III knew the author was **Jimmy Stewart**, in his role as Elwood P. Dowd in the 1950 movie 'Harvey'.

Birthdays



Steve Venables celebrated his 83rd birthday on April 6th (Visalia).

Anniversaries



Steve and Lydia Venables are celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary today. **Steve** says they were married in Carson City NV and honeymooned in France and Vienna.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests



Mike Chandler announced our friendly Woodland Sunrise Rotarians **Byron MacConnell** and **Don Sharp** were back in attendance today.

Joe Cadelago introduced his Waste Management colleague **Derek Fujii** as his guest today.

Announcements



President-elect Aniek Pflager, looking a bit more relaxed, is ready to welcome about 215 of us and our guests to our **2025 Dinner Auction** at 5:30pm Saturday, April 26 at **Velocity Island Resort** to enjoy a '**Magical Evening by the Water**'. The dress code is 'resort wear' where no ties or jackets are required. Appetizers and beverages of our choice will be ready. She urged us to bring some cash for the 50/50 raffle tickets that will be sold by our Interactors and for the tips we wish to leave for them. Drinks will be free of charge to all guests.

Angela Lynn, who is coordinating the distribution and sales of the **Winners Choice Raffle** tickets, reports that 106 of the 200 tickets printed have been distributed



The Rotary Club of Woodland
2025 Dinner Auction Fundraiser

A Magical Evening by the Water

This year, we are proud to support:

- **Yolo Farm to Fork:** Building gazebos to enhance outdoor learning in Woodland grammar school gardens.
- **Woodland Healthcare Foundation:** Supporting the purchase of an advanced state-of-the-art imaging machine to support orthopedic surgeries.
- **Woodland and Pioneer High School Scholarships.**

Enjoy an enchanting evening by the water while making a meaningful impact in our community.



Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 9 PM
The Silos at Velocity Island Resort , 755 N East Street, Woodland, CA

Tickets: \$75 EACH

Appetizers, Buffet Dinner, Live and Silent Auction

Pick your Trip Raffle \$100 each

Visit woodlandrotary.org for more information.

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Scan the QR code to get your dinner tickets today!

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to members so far. **Angela** asks those who have not already paid for their tickets please do so at next Tuesday's meeting. We hope to sell the remaining tickets at the Dinner Auction event.



Gena Bravo says she has already received promises of over 20 desserts to be donated and then sold at the **Dessert Auction** that evening.

Chuck Maltese says a final version of the **Program** will be ready for proof reading tomorrow so that printing can take place soon thereafter. On the **Rotary Mystery Golf Trip** set for Wednesday, May 7, **Chuck** says they have 4-5 seats still open, and he is hoping to fill the bus. Contact **Chuck** if you can join.

Recognition



President Bob introduced 'Our Own Hero' **Jayne Williams** as the leader of today's Recognition. After taking Happy Time, **Jayne** posed a series of situations, each with three possible outcomes to and asked which outcome was actually true for that situation. **Jayne** went around to various tables in the room, and had someone selected to answer one situation. If the selected individual got the correct answer then everyone else at their table paid a fine, but if they were



Recognition

• Jayne Williams



answered incorrectly, they had to pay the fine themselves. **Gary Wegener, David Pinto, Dave Molinaro, Dick Hoppin, Eric Sharp, Clyde Brooker and Marie Galbo** each stood, but not one of them got the right answer.

Shawn Seyk was happy his U-19 Girls Soccer team won 'big' in their quarter finals match in the State



Cup this past weekend against a short handed opponent. They will go for the finals later this week.

Nick Roncoroni was happy for his daughter **Elizabeth** whose cheerleading team won the Western Regional Summit Championship in Phoenix last weekend, and will compete again in Rocklin on April 27.



A beeming **Ann Taylor** shared her mare gave birth last Saturday to a **black stallion** who is now galloping around her corral.



Don Huff III enjoyed a visit to Hawaii last week to check on their property, and to make sure the sunsets still go into the sea. **'Everything is good'** says **Don**.

Rags to Riches



With the pot at **\$247** and 21 cards to choose from, Mr. Lucky himself **Dick Hoppin** drew a free lunch.



Today's Program



Our guest speaker today was **Ryan Kinnan**, Police Chief, City of Woodland. Woodland Fire Chief **Eric Zane** had the honors of introducing **Ryan**, who was appointed to his current position as Chief in October 2024 after serving as Police Chief in the City of Auburn since 2018.

Chief Kinnan is originally from Ventura County CA. He served four years in the Marine Corp, service which included jumping out of helicopters. In 2006 he began a career in local law enforcement when he joined the police force in the new city of Citrus Heights, eventually achieving the rank of Lieutenant. Of being a police officer, he said 'every day is different, you get to drive fast and catch bad guys', at least until you hold a desk job, as he calls his current role. He holds a



Master of Public Administration, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. **Ryan** is married and has four children, ranging in age from 15-23 years.

Staffing is a concern for **Chief Kinnan**. The Woodland police force has 72 (sworn) positions currently budgeted, but 6 of those are vacant, awaiting replacements. The Department had more budgeted positions in 2008 when the city had nearly 10,000 fewer residents. Most of his budgeted positions are assigned to patrol services. With 15 square miles in which to provide service, having to provide services around the clock, shift strength is thin. 'We have 4 officers on the street right now', said **Ryan**. You go where the calls are, but you cannot be everywhere. To set staffing schedules that are effective in meeting the community's safety needs, the Department must monitor reliable information closely and plan strategically.

Staff turnover is steady. This year they anticipate 5 retirements alone. Recruiting and hiring new officers takes about six months. Each officer hired then goes through about a year of training, both in attending the police academy and going through field training under the guidance of a field training officer before they are qualified to serve on their own. To achieve their goal of reaching 100% staffing levels by the end of 2026 **Chief Kinnan** says they must actively engage in training and promotions. He pointed out that every time an officer arrests someone and takes them to the County jail, the officer must spend 2-3 hours at the jail to do the paperwork before he can return to service back on the street. **Ryan** says the



Department is looking to make more utilization of reserve officers to minimize the time officers spend on this booking process.

Homelessness remains a concern for the community at large, as well as the police force. **Chief Kinnan** reported Woodland has about **250 chronically homeless** people living in town currently. About 46% of our homeless population have some family ties (grew up in or have family living here) to Woodland, as opposed to people who came to Woodland from elsewhere. **Ryan** went on to say nearly 50% of our homeless population have been living on the streets for more than 7

years. The Woodland Police Department remains an active partner of the HOST team (which stands for homeless, outreach, street team) along with County health and human services agencies personnel who actively engage our homeless population to offer services, enforce camping restrictions and clean up public sites. Typical of the Spring season, **Ryan** says the current effort is to make sure weed abatement takes place to remove places homeless camps can hide in.

Chief Kinnan spoke about the community's gang activity which remains a problem. A few years ago, Woodland experienced one year in which 50 shootings took place. Several of the offenders were sentenced to jail, and recent years saw a reduction to an average of about 10-15 shootings annually. **Ryan** says the community is currently seeing an increase in retaliation activity by gang members, often displayed in the form of gang graffiti throughout the community. **Chief Kinnan** is asking citizens to report any unexpected graffiti they see so the Department can respond to them accordingly and advance efforts for peace among the gangs.

Chief Kinnan responded to several questions posed by Club members. **Ryan** says the City's Code Enforcement team in the Community Development Department is handling problems with unlicensed vendors popping up at various locations around the community. When asked to compare California law enforcement officers with those in other states, **Chief Kinnan** remarked the focus professional standards for the police in California generally make this state's police officers better at their work than most officers in other states.

Upcoming Programs

April 2025

Maternal and Child Health Month

22: Pastor Larry Love and Kathy Trott, Woodland Opportunity Village; 'Tiny House Project - Freeman Garden Court';

<https://www.woodlandopportunityvillage.org>



29: DARK - No Meeting Today

See more program listings on the Club's website at:

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