



# the SPLINTER

CLUB 470 \* DISTRICT 5160 \* **ORGANIZED APRIL 29, 1926**

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MEETING DATE: November 11, 2025

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## **Today's Meeting**

President **Aniek Pflager** rang the bell right on time and as it was Veteran's Day (the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month) she asked a Veteran, **Steve Venables**, to lead the pledge.

Solo act, **Dan Stroski** (also a Veteran), led us in the Rotary song.



## **Visiting Rotarians/Guests**

**Byron and Don** were no shows today, however **John Martin** from the Sunrise Club joined us. No Guests.

## **Announcements:**

Aniek started by thanking all the Vets in the room and welcomed back **Carl Rodegerdts**. Aniek thanked **Don Huff, III**, **Tabb Randolph** and **Reggie Powell** for set up., **David Pinto** for tech and **Peter Holmes** for Splinter duties. A special recognition of **Linda Walsh** and **Lori McGrath**

at the back table joining **Carl** and **Dan Stroski**.

Aniek also made a special plea to any Rotarian interested in being involved in the back table admin duties, specifically Secretary. It's a good way to meet members and become more involved in the weekly meeting while learning some of the "back office" duties it takes to run the club. Contact Aniek if you have any questions.



**Omega Nu** is having a coat drive for Christmas. Please bring new or very gently used coats to our meeting next week, November 18.

**The Holiday Party will be held on December 16 at 5:30 at Morgan's Mill. No meeting that day.**

# GOAL: 100 ACTS OF SERVICE

## SERVICE REMINDERS & OPPORTUNITIES

*Act of Service: Passes the Four-Way Test and involves 2+ Rotarians contributing time, talent, or resources.*

**November 13-** Meals on Wheels Delivery- **Gary Wegener & Joan Tauzer**

**\*\*November 18- Omega Nu Coat Drive Challenge-** Bring new or gently used coats- for all ages & sizes to the lunch meeting next week!\*\*

**November 27- Woodland Turkey Trot benefiting Yolo Food Bank.** Volunteers needed from 6:00am to 10am.

**November 28-Dec 24- Ring the Bell- Salvation Army-** 4 shifts covered at Bel Air-Thank you! Still need four shifts covered at Raley's 4-5:30pm various dates  
*Shift sign-up circulating*

**December-Woodland Police Department Fill the Trunk-** various dates, more details to come!

**December 14- Holiday Parade** clean up crew 8-10 volunteers needed. Sign up sheet coming soon!



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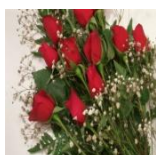
Aniek updated us on the 100 Acts of Service to be accomplished this Rotary year. We have hit 42 Acts so are well on our way to getting to 100 by June 30.

**George Burger, Mark Ullrich and Steve Venables** were recognized for their Rotary Anniversaries which all happened on November 1. George came into the club in 1985 when he moved to Woodland from Paradise. Mark also joined in 1985 (and has since brought in a lot of new members, including me), and Steve joined in 1982. All three said they joined to build business relationships friendships and have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the club.



### *Birthdays:*

Woodland born, **Mark Ullrich**, enjoyed celebrating his first 76 years on November 10.



### *Anniversaries:*

None



**Recognition:**

**Christian Sherrill** returned to the dais and began with a recognition of the club's Veterans who enjoyed a "fine free" day. He then asked for Happy Time!

**Don Huff, III**, scored a large buck. Looks like he's set for winter.



**Bob Nakken** was again happy to be joining us for lunch after his viral meningitis scare.

**Mark Ullrich** wasn't too happy with the lack of defense the 49ers showed on Sunday. Is hoping they sneak in as a wild card but may not advance much further than the first game.



**Jayne Williams** is glad November is here. It's been a busy six weeks with ALMS graduations. [All Leaders Must Serve](#).

**Chuck Maltese**, caretaker extraordinaire, had a newly learned list of household items/chores that he discovered over the past few weeks, including figuring out that those two big white boxes washed and dried clothes. He was stumped on how to fold a pillow case without a prominent chin.



Christian then bravely moved on to the Past Presidents in the club and what they learned in the job and how they inspired others.



**Kevin Haarberg (2003-04)**, “The Best Damn Rotary Club in the World”, thought it important to Lead by Example. **Shawn Seyk (2022-23)**, encouraged others to serve as President as its not as hard as it looks and the club will still be here after you’re done. **Aniek Pflager** was a member for over 20 years before finally deciding she was ready for the job. She was thankful that club members step up when asked and are really the ones doing the work. **Peter Holmes (2017-18)** was one of the last that were “ambush” nominated.



Someone showed up at your door and told you that you’re the next president... But, like Aniek said, the PPs and other club members will step up and do the jobs when asked. I was told that “leaders lead” and tried to bring that energy and direction during my year. And lastly, **Nick Roncoroni**, (President Elect 2026-27), was glad that **Bob Nakken** and **Karl Diekman** agreed to serve as President which allowed him



some time to better prepare for his term beginning July 1, 2026. He’ll get a trial run since he is running our meeting next week.



***Rags to Riches***

With the new pot at only \$100 and 26 cards left, **Kevin Haarberg** drew a free lunch card!

***Today’s Program***

**Jim Nolan** introduced Becky Heard, Director of Development and Community Relations for Yolo Crises Nursery [Homepage - Yolo Crisis Nursery](http://Homepage - Yolo Crisis Nursery)

Yolo Crisis Nursery is based in Davis and serves all of Yolo County. They began in 2001 after seeing the need for emergency care for children and families in crisis. They are open 24 hours a day 365 days a year and all services are free of charge.

The mission of Yolo Crisis Nursery is to provide early intervention services in a safe environment to nurture healthy and resilient children, strengthen parents and preserve families.

Protecting children is at the heart of what they do, and they want to do more. They help kids thrive and become resilient in the face of traumatic experiences. They fulfill their mission and achieve their vision through the Nursery’s signature programs: Crisis Overnight and Respite Care, Wraparound Services for Families, and Specialized Infant Day Care and Preschool.

Since 2001 the organization has served over 11,500 children.

During 2024-2025 they provided:





- **2,894 Safe Stays** for at-risk children
- **5,601 Care Packages** distributed to the community
- **1,369 Children** were served last year by the Nursery
- **Growth** in every Yolo Crisis Nursery Program

In 2023, after many years working from a 1400 square foot house, and after several years of planning and raising funds, they moved into a beautiful new facility in Davis which has enabled them to grow their programs and have a larger impact on Yolo County families. They are one of only four nurseries in the entire state of California.

**The Rotary Club of Woodland donated \$10,000 towards the new facility.**

In addition to crisis care for children, they also provide wrap-around services for the entire family including support and guidance for parents and referrals to community services. They also provide employment support (resume prep, interview practice and even interview clothing and haircuts).



## NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM



**Gabriel J. 'Jack' Chin**, Professor, UC Davis School of Law;  
**'The Law and History of Woodland's Chicago Cafe'**

