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

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MEETING DATE: July 7, 2026

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Today's Meeting

Incoming President **Nick Roncoroni** rang the bell at precisely 12:15, thereby passing the first test of a new president. **Blair Voelz** led us in the Pledge and the full choir of **Jim McGibbon, Steve Venables** and **Dan Stroski** led us in the Rotary Grace. Steve then led us in singing God Bless America (no, not God Save the King) and we did quite well considering the lyrics were not projected for all to see.

President Nick was then asked to leave the room for a moment before then being escorted from the back of the room by **Dan Stroski** as he led Nick to the front whilst sweeping out the old year. **Steve Venables** gave a short biography of Nick including that he was born in 1979, joined the club in 2016 and served on the Board of Directors from 2017-2019.

Steve then presented a not yet husked corn cob and proceeded to unhusk it while explaining that an ear of corn is made up of many orderly rows of corn kernels, the analogy being that the many members of the club each contribute to the club as a unit. No mention was made about whether butter and salt help things. The members then moved to the podium and donated one copper penny each to Nick's tip jar and each congratulated him on his position and offered encouraging words.



Having been inducted as President, Nick again took control of the meeting by thanking **Don Huff, III** and **Kevin Haarberg** for set up, **Shawn Seyk** for technology, and **Peter Holmes** for writing the Splinter. Nick thanked Immediate Past President (doesn't that sound good Aniek?!) **Aniek Pflager, Carl Rodegerdts** for raffle duties, and **Dan Stroski** for cashier. **Gary Bunch** was spotted amongst the common folk in the middle of the room as Aniek, having missed sitting at the back table for the past couple of decades, told Bunch she was temporarily taking over.

The International Rotary theme for the 2026-2027 year is **Create Lasting Impact**.

Visiting Rotarians/Guests

Mike Chandler introduced regular attendee Sunrise member **Byron MacConnell**. And other Sunrise members **John Roncoroni, Wayne Ginsburg** and **Don Easton** visited to support Nick's first meeting.

John Murphy joined again as a guest of **Bob Nakken** and to be inducted, **Tom Hall**, made his last appearance as a "visiting Rotarian".

Announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- ▶ **July 11 – United Way KinderCamp Graduation.** Tafoya Elementary School 9 am- noon
- ▶ **July 11 – District 5160 Awards & Installation.** Hotel Winters 5:00 - 8:30pm
- ▶ **July 13 – Club Board Meeting.** 5:00pm, Van Beurden Insurance Service
283 Main St, Suite 100 Woodland
- ▶ **July 28 – District Governor Woody Fridae visit.**
- ▶ **July 28 – Club Board Meeting.** 11:00am, Hotel Woodland
- ▶ **Aug 1 – 2026-27 Dues \$300.**
- ▶ **Yolo County Fair Beer Booth - Aug 7th-9th & Aug 12th-16th**
- ▶ **Aug 22 & 23 – Youth Exchange Orientation**
- ▶ **Membership- Grow Our Club and Keep Rotary Strong.** Every member starts as a guest. Who will you invite?

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Thanks to **Dan Stroski**, the district Youth Exchange chair, our club will be hosting for the first time in a very very long time an incoming Youth Exchange Student from Taiwan this year. Her name is **Joy Tzang** and Nick was able to meet her and her parents while in Taipei for the Rotary International Convention. Her mother is a Rotarian. She will be hosted for the school year by

Rotary Youth Exchange: Outbound Orientation

- ▶ 8 students from District 5160 & 5180
- ▶ Germany, Bolivia, Brazil, Switzerland, France and Taiwan



Lori McGrath and **Anne Taylor**. Thank you Lori and Anne! While here, our club provides a modest stipend, cell phone, and other costs and Nick asked that members donate via the club dues invoice to help defray some of the costs of the program.

Rotary Youth Exchange is a fabulous program and is very well organized. When Joy's here consider spending time with her by taking her on a trip or inviting her to dinner or an event with your family.

Nick also informed us that we supported Leah Pinkston to go to Camp Royal, an excellent annual Leadership Camp run by Rotary. Camp Royal - Rotary District 5160

One of Nick's goals is to achieve **101** Acts of Service this year. Please contact **Angela Lynn** to get involved. Here are some upcoming opportunities to serve the community:



GOAL: 101 ACTS OF SERVICE

SERVICE REMINDERS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **July 9-** Meals on Wheels Delivery - **Chuck Moore**
- **Salvation Army – Child Spree**
Saturday, August 8th @ JC Pennys (County Fair Mall)
Breakfast starts at 7am, Shopping starts at 8am
- **Sep 22 – Woodland Rotary Senior BBQ**, Yolo County Fairgrounds,
- **ROTARY READS-**Make sure to let Angela Lynn know your reading dates to track our 101 Acts of Service!

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

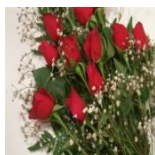
We need photos of our ACTS OF SERVICE!
Please snap a SELFIE and forward to angela@lynn-capital.com

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Birthdays:

None Present



Anniversaries:

Roger Kohlmeier and Judy will be celebrating 61 years of marriage bliss on July 10.

Tom Schwarzgruber, Treasurer, moved to the front of the room to proudly welcome **Tom Hall** into the club. Tom and his family moved to Woodland a couple of years ago to be nearer to family. He was previously a member of the Rotary Club in Temecula. **Welcome Tom!**



Recognition:

Nick handled Recognition by asking for Happy Time. **Shawn Seyk** was happy about the World Cup currently being played but lamented the American system for developing talent as being too much a “Pay to Play” system. Woodland Soccer Club is still very affordable but many nearby clubs charge up to \$1,500 per month to participate in their programs. Some get scholarships but the US needs to find a better way to develop the world class talent we need to compete. **Don Huff, III**, passed along **Dave Molinaro**’s congratulations to Nick and updated us that Dave is dealing with a foot infection. Dave, hope you get better and rejoin us soon! **Bob “Bobbie” Nakken** thanked all for coming to the Demotion for Aniek and was happy to learn a second grandchild is on the way.



Gary Bunch looked a bit lost having been displaced from the back table. He was happy to have been in Oklahoma and watched a lot of launched into the sky fireworks. **Ernie Hodges** was unhappy with the WC refereeing and with all the illegal fireworks set off on the 4th (the Splinter writer agrees). **Jim McGibbon** was happy that his granddaughter graduated as the Valedictorian just as her father was Valedictorian at Woodland High 30 years ago. Visiting Rotarian, and President Nick’s Uncle, **John Roncoroni** was happy about his granddaughter and had a good pancake breakfast at the Fire Station on the 4th (thanks Eric and crew).





Rags to Riches With only 10 cards left in the deck and a pot of \$420, **Mike Chandler** had the winning ticket but Mike asked President Elect **Gena Bravo** to draw the card and fortunately she drew a free lunch.



Today's Program:

Bob Nakken then introduced our Program for the Day AND our new President, **Nick Roncoroni**. Nick is a UC Davis grad, not Chico State, but also a very fine institution of learning. He has been with Bayer for many years. Nick and his wife, Ellen Martin, have one daughter, 15, and an Interact member, and one son, 12.

Nick shared with the Club some of the highlights of his trip to Japan and then to the International Convention in Taipei. He then summarized the club structure and the vast number of committees and activities our club does every year. The 2026-2027 Board of Directors are **Don Huff, III, Gregg Kowes, Preston Schaub, Rob Beggs, Dan Stroski** and **Jim Nolan**.

A few of Nick's priorities for this year:

1. Joy, the exchange student, to have a great experience in Woodland
2. Migrate the club's website to a new company (yay!)
3. Complete the Centennial Project at the Woodland Opera House.
4. Re-establish the Interact Club at the High Schools into a "Community Club".

It sounds like Nick has a full year of business to do and we're all looking forward to continuing to do more for our community and growing the club membership!

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Rose Cholewinski, Visionary/Owner, Swim America Davis; 2024 Davis Citizen of the Year; **'Water Safety is EVERYONE'S Responsibility'**
<https://swimamericadavis.com/>