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CLUB 470 - ORGANIZED APRIL 29, 1926

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Meeting Date: September 15, 2026

Today's Meeting



Nick Roncoroni kicked off today's meeting by asking **Les Engelmänn** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, **Preston Schaub** was thanked for his technology skills, **Shawn Seyk** was thanked for setting up and **Carl Rodegerdts**, **Dan Stroski** and **Aniek Pflager** were thanked for their efforts at the Impact Station.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests



Mike Chandler welcomed **Byron MacConnell** and **Don Sharp** as visiting Rotarians from the Woodland Sunrise Rotary Club. **Brian Dwyer** introduced **Branden Martin** as a returning guest and **Christian Sherrill** introduced his colleague, **Adam Castro**.



Announcements

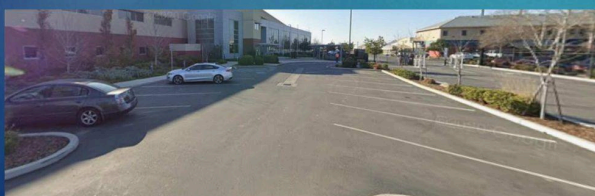
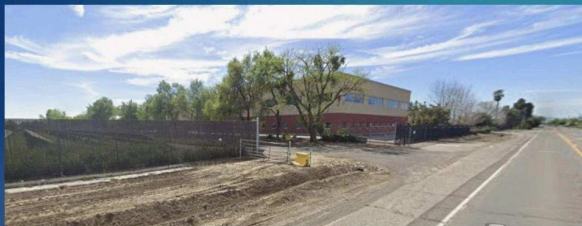


- The Senior BBQ is on September 22nd so we will not have a meeting that day, please spend some time helping out at the Senior BBQ! NOTE: Due to the difficulty of parking we ask that volunteers for the Senior BBQ please park on Gum Avenue.
- Our meeting on September 29th will be held at Bayer Crop Science in Woodland. They will be providing lunch to us at no cost so please consider donating to the Rotary Impact Fund in lieu of the usual lunch cost.
- Congratulations to **Ernie Hodges** for becoming a Paul Harris Fellow +4!



KITCHEN SETUP & CHICKEN DIPPING		
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 4:00 P.M.		
1. Don Huff, III	4. Gary Wegener	
2. Eric Sharp	5. Preston Schaub	
3. Lori McGrath	6. Chuck Moore	
MORNING CREW: COOKING & SETUP		
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 9:30 A.M.		
1. Carl Rodegerdts	5. Blair Voelz	
2. Don Huff, III	6. David Molinaro	
3. Eric Sharp	7. Roger Kohlmeier	
4. Dan Stroski	8. Les Engelmann	
SERVING CREW: FRONT & BACK OF HOUSE		
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 11:15 A.M.		
1. Kris Kristensen	11. Angela Lynn	21. Peter Holmes
2. Rob Beggs	12. Jayne Williams	
3. Shawn Seyk	13. John Murphy	
4. Clyde Brooker	14. Gena Bravo	
5. Lisa Dunham	15. Tony Delevati	
6. Mark Ullrich	16. Chuck Moore	
7. Barbara Sonin	17. Ann Taylor	
8. Gary Bunch	18. Chuck Maltese	
9. Blair Voelz	19. Nick Roncoroni	
10. Lori McGrath	20. David Pinto	
CLEANUP CREW		
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 12:15 P.M.		
1. Tom Hall	4. Ryan Burger	
2. Craig Perrin	5. Gregg Kowes	
3. Tony Delevati	6.	

- **SEP 29TH CLUB MEETING AT BAYER CROP SCIENCE**
- **37437 STATE HIGHWAY #16**
- **PLEASE TRY TO ARRIVE AT 11:45 FOR PARKING AND SECURITY**



- 13 parking spots outside the gate, carpool if you can
- Parking also available inside the gate, someone will let you in the building.
- Lunch is free... so happy time for all \$

Anniversaries



September 19th: **Kris Kristensen**

Birthdays



September 11th: **Marie Galbo**

September 15th: **Lori McGrath** was at our meeting the day of her birthday so we sang to her and afterwards she informed us she was born in San Francisco.

Recognition



Angela Lynn was in charge of recognition today and before Happy Time, **Angela** asked all Rotarians who have contributed to the club's acts of service to please stand. She then paid a fine for all 8 members who stood. There was a lot to be happy about today, starting with **Mark Ullrich** who was thrilled with the San Francisco 49ers performance against the Los Angeles Rams. **Christian Sherrill** continued the football trend by sharing excitement over the Texas Longhorn's victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes. **Lori McGrath** went to

a Los Angeles Dodgers game (against her better judgment as a San Francisco Giant's fan) and a BTS concert. **Lori** informed the club that BTS is a Korean Pop(Kpop) group that is very popular with America's youth population. **Nick Roncoroni** was happy with his daughter's performance as a Pioneer High School Cheerleader.



After Happy Time concluded, **Angela** quizzed some club members on their knowledge of historical events. She gave three notable events and her chosen participants had to guess the decade the three events took place. **Rob Beggs** correctly guessed the 50's with the most notable event being the opening of Disneyland in 1955. **Jeff Burger** incorrectly guessed the 70's, it was actually the 60's and the most notable event was the first Super Bowl in 1967. **Tom Hall** guessed the 70's for his question but the correct answer was the 80's when gas was \$1.20 per gallon. Do you think folks back then thought that was too high?



Rags to Riches



With 19 cards to choose from and \$293 in the pot, **Angela Lynn** pulled a free lunch card!



Today's Program



Today we were joined by **Steven Sabbadini**, a criminal

defense and personal injury lawyer. **Steven** has practiced law in Woodland for over 40 years and has racked up many accolades such as; 'Best

Lawyer in Yolo County' by the Daily Democrat, Martindale-Hubbell's AV peer review rating, a 'superb' rating from AVVO and he was selected as one of the top criminal defense lawyers in California by the American Society of Legal Advocates.



Steven told the story of his father, **Alex Sabbadini**, who was part of a Jewish family living in Italy during World War II. **Alex Sabbadini** was one of nine siblings in Rome, Italy. In 1938, a series of racist laws were published that identified Jewish people living in Italy as no longer being Italian. They were stripped of their rights to own land, businesses and essentially operate in society. In 1939 **Alex** was dishonorably discharged from the military and given Racial Identity Papers which had to be kept on one's person at all times and they were required to be shown for something as simple as buying groceries. As tensions rose and violence peaked, **Alex** fled from Italy to the United States. He was denied entry to Ellis Island from Italy so he had to enter from Cuba since Cuba had not yet exceeded its capacity. **Alex** tried several times to join the United States military but was denied. He wanted to fight facism and liberate his oppressed country and after several failed attempts, he was finally recruited to an intelligence unit nicknamed "Ritchie Boys". The Ritchie Boys were Italian who had intimate knowledge of their home country and this knowledge was used to benefit the US Military through organized strikes. **Alex Sabbadini** was in the Advanced Document

Section of the unit and his duties included intercepting and translating sensitive documents.

In 1943, all Italians serving in the military were awarded Battlefield Citizenship, making them United States citizens due to their bravery and dedication to serving in the United States Military. **Alex** was involved in multiple operations to liberate Italy from facism. He started in North Africa and traveled to Sicily where they then moved onto Salerno. From Salerno their operation moved to Anzio where, upon landing on the beach, **Alex** realized they were merely 200 yards from his family's villa where he spent many summers playing on the beach which had now turned into a place of unimaginable horror. Out of the basement of the villa, **Alex** and his unit ran their intelligence operation. Eventually **Alex** and the "Ritchie Boys" fought their way into Rome where they were able to successfully defeat the imposing German forces. **Alex** visited the apartment complex his family used to own and after whistling a secret Sabbadini Family code, he finally reunited with his family and discovered all of his siblings survived.

In 1945 Mussolini was killed and **Steve** shared some documents his father had "procured" from his time in the military. These documents ranged from telegrams to other sensitive documents and **Steve** informed the club of his brother's book which tells a more detailed story of **Alex Sabbadini's** life. After the war, **Alex Sabbadini** became an accomplished Fine Arts Appraiser and was eventually elected as President of the American Society of Appraisers.