



# Davis Rotary Newsletter

January 30, 2023



P.O. Box 185, Davis, CA 95617

The Noon Club, est. 1926

President Peter Leon-Guerrero

## Weekly Programs

**Jan 30 Jim Les, coach, UCD Basketball**

**Feb 6 Isabel Soluga - Connecting Care Partners and Disabled People**

Feb 13 Valentine's Day party

Feb 20 No meeting, President's Day

## Meals on Wheels

**02/02** Coord: Paul Hart  
Virgil Smith  
Allan Telford

**02/09** Coord: John Vaughn  
John Vaughn  
Harvey Yan

**02/16** Coord: John Siemens  
Tim Ainsworth  
Jonathan Bayless

**02/23** Coord: Jen Kukis  
Derraugh Dawson  
Bill Roe

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## President's Report & Announcements

January 23, 2023

**President Peter** read the requirements to be a "senior member" of Rotary. Years in Rotary plus the member's age must be at least 85 and one must apply with the club secretary. Prior memberships in other Rotary Clubs do count. **A big change with Meals on Wheels-** meals will be brought to the drivers instead of having to go inside to get and load meals.

**Ted Puntillo** former club president was the guest of Bob Gregoire he is a prospect to rejoin our club.

### **Birthdays and anniversaries:**

Jennifer Nitzkowski was wished a happy birthday in absentia; **Allan Telford** was married 50 years ago in England; Yvonne Clinton has been a club member since 2008-she was sponsored by Mary Ellen Baldwin.

**Sharon Shoemaker** reminded members of Big Night this year on March 25<sup>th</sup> at URC. Club President Peter Leon-Guerrero will be the MC; the event will have a 3 course dinner with wine pairing. Paul LaCoste and Dave Macko are soliciting sponsorships. They are still looking for auction item donations!

Draw-of-the-Day: **Derraugh Dawson** won lunch, but not the joker!

### Sergeant's Report

Bruce Hartsough

**Jonathan Bayless** – Jonathan was asked if he knew the authors of a manuscript that found that repeated fires created a resilient forest structure. **John Siemens** was asked about high quality farm land in Illinois selling for \$6000/acre. John noted a typical annual rent is \$245/acre/year so the price makes little sense. 80% of the land is leased with only 20% being owned by the farmer. (Hmm..sounds like a bad investment to me...) **Cathy Jordan and Jeff Oblinger** our caterers were recognized as being chosen Bill Streng business of the year award winners. **Sharon Shoemaker** was asked about the new Lunar New Year- the year of the rabbit which is 1 of 12 such characters. **Alan Telford** asked

Sharon about rabbits reproducing and asked if that had anything to do with China's population. Bruce then read an article from a magazine devoted to collectable cars "Ford In-house designer Bob Gregorie designed the first Lincoln Continental" introduced in 1939- noting that our own **Bob Gregoire** must have been at least 30 years of age to be so honored thus making Bob at least 120 years old at this date. Congratulations to Bob for attaining such an age and looking so vibrantly alive! Looks like Bob changed the spelling of his name slightly in this life.

### **Today's Program speaker was Mindy Cooper, Director and Choreographer at UCD.**

She discussed UCD being a Theatre Think Tank. Ms. Cooper has had an extensive background in the arts doing her first ballet at age 18. She then went on to dance and choreograph ballets in New York and met her husband (who is also involved in the arts) there. Her Husband commuted to NY weekly for 10 years after they moved to California. Ms. Cooper became the Granada Artist in Residence at UCD keeping that position for an unusually long five years. (It is usually a one year thing.) She is now an established UCD professor in the dance department. Ms. Cooper noted that many students take her classes and related arts as a second or third major and that it helps them perform better in their careers. Many of the careers the students go into are not related to the arts.



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She described three upcoming



performances that will be held at UCD in the next few months.