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**Weekly Programs**

To suggest a future program, contact Program Chair David Murphy (758-1838), email: [davemurphy@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:davemurphy@stanfordalumni.org)

**Programs**

August 3 – Working in the Nairobi Slums – Judy Wolf

August 10 – Entrepreneurship: How a Small Business Can Thrive in Davis – J.D. Denton

August 17 – Rotoplast Cleft Plate Program – Bo Morse

August 24 – Where Are We Going: 40 Year Retrospective on Davis Politics – Jerry Adler

August 31 – Fall Football Season – UCD Head Coach Bob Biggs

**Meals on Wheels**

If you swap dates, contact Greg Phister: (W) 756.9211 (H) 753.5594

Coordinator Jeff Stromberg  
8/6 Darla Young & Chris Martin  
8/7 Bill Streng & Sherry Puntillo

Coordinator Greg Gibbs  
8/13 Samer Alassaad & Jerry Adler  
8/14 Randy Alston & Wayne Schrader

Coordinator: Doug Jena  
8/20 J. Anderson & D. Bailey  
8/21 R. Bailey & J. Bartholomew

**Coming Events**

August 9, Sunday: RI Night with the Rivercats at Raley Field. See Dean Labadie for details.

September 11, Friday: Jim Plumb Memorial Golf Tournament, Wildhorse Golf Course.

October 1-4: District Conference, Lake Tahoe. Visit [Rotary5160.org](http://Rotary5160.org).

November 1-2: Polio eradication trip, Benin, West Africa. Details at [www.howardtours.net](http://www.howardtours.net).

**Barry Broad:  
Writing on the Side**

Ever thought about writing a book? Just do it! That’s what attorney and recently published author Barry Broad advised us. You of course need a good story to tell, a lot of inquiries and a good bit of luck to get a book published and much more luck to make a living with it, but what have you got to lose?

Barry began writing his first book after his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was inspired by the many stories he heard from people he encountered in his practice as a legislative advocate for unions, as well as world events. Reading certainly helps one write, and Barry regularly reads both print and online sources.

His spy thriller, “Eve of Destruction,” is fiction, and yet he went to great pains to make the details very realistic. He found the Web a great source of information and now believes one can find just about anything there – how to make a dirty bomb, equipment to interrupt your neighbor’s phone conversations (for only a million bucks), or the décor in Iranian railcars. Online sources have therefore considerably reduced the time and cost of research, opening the door to time-constrained authors of realistic fiction such as Barry and, potentially, you and me.

First-time authors experience rather low success rates, so Barry kept his day job and still has it. He wrote in his spare time. As far as his immediate family was concerned, writing had a similar priority as taking out the garbage, but he persisted. He then had to find a willing publisher, and this required an agent, as publishers generally don’t deal directly with authors. Ultimately, a small company in Southern California

took on Barry’s baby, and it is now on the shelves of your favorite bookstore. It has sold reasonably well for a first work, and Barry is writing a second book. It seems that most “major” authors hit it big on the third attempt. Time to pull out the ol’ typewriter.

**Announcements**

Feelin’ your oats at 6,000 feet? If you’ll be attending the District Conference at Lake Tahoe on Oct 1-4, contact Dean Labadie to volunteer as a Sergeant at Arms.

Looking for a free trip to Monterrey, Mexico, from 5 April thru 2 May, 2010? Apply by 10 August to lead the Rotary Group Study Exchange team. See Prez Debbie for more details.

Volunteer for the apartment move-out waste reduction program, 24 Aug-1 Sept. Training sessions: 3 p.m. July 28 or July 29, at the Public Works Dept (1717 5th Street, Bldg A). To register, contact Jennifer Gilbert, the city’s conservation coordinator, at 757-5688 or [jgilbert@cityofdavis.org](mailto:jgilbert@cityofdavis.org).

**New Member Proposed**

The following person has been proposed and favorably acted upon by the Membership Committee, Classification Committee, and the Board of Directors:

**Claudette Landry**  
**Classification: Education - Principal**  
**Sponsor: Dave Cruz**

In accordance with the by-laws, “A ten-day period shall be allowed during which any member objecting to the election of the applicant(s) shall notify the Board of Directors, in writing, stating reason for his/her objections. After the expiration of the ten days, the Board shall meet and consider such objection as may have been submitted. They shall then proceed to ballot and, if not to exceed one negative vote is cast, the proposed member shall be considered duly elected. The applicant and the proposer shall then be notified by the Secretary of the applicant’s acceptance or rejection.”

Darla Young, Secretary