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Weekly Programs

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

Programs

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

Sept. 7 – Labor Day, no meeting

Sept. 14 – Why History is Important – Or What I Learned By Studying Chocolate – Dr. Lou Grivetti

Sept. 21 – The Obesity Epidemic – Dennis Styne, M.D.

Sept. 28 – Rotary GSE Team from Monterrey, Mexico

Oct. 5 – Using Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) – Dr. Susanne Rockwell

Meals on Wheels

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

Coordinator: Grace Chen
9/3 Dave Cruz & Debbie Davis
9/4 Dick Donaldson & Steve Bick

Coordinator: Greg Phister
9/10 A. Dowling & Greg Gibbs
9/11 Ron Fisher & Sherry Puntillo

Coordinator: Randy Alston
9/17 R. Gambatese & Michelle Famula
9/18 Bob Gregoire & Michael Goodman

Coordinator: Don Kessler
9/24 Rochelle Swanson & Diane Hamlyn
9/25 Paul Hart & John Hamel

Coming Events

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

October 1-4: District Conference, Lake Tahoe. Visit Rotary5160.org, or see Dean Labadie

November: Polio eradication trip, Benin, West Africa. Details at www.howardtours.net.

Announcements—August 24

Fourteen Humphrey Fellows (all mid-career public policy professionals) attended, from Djibouti, China, Kosovo, Morocco, Uzbekistan, Uruguay, Cameroon, Tanzania, Costa Rica, Kyrgistan, and Uganda. Now at UCD studying English, they'll disperse to other American universities.

In the past presidents' highlights series, Wayne Schrader reported that his family's involvement with Rotary Youth Exchange, and the formation of Davis Sunrise Rotary, were memorable from his 1994-95 year as club president.

President Debbie Davis wants to increase the size of Davis Rotary's delegation to the 5160 District Conference – at least five (Debbie, Dean Labadie, Marilyn Mansfield and Bud & Judy Wolf) are already signed up.

Special recognition from the Prez to Gary Walgenbach and John Hamel for their help in putting up the club banner display this summer.

Where Are We Going –Jerry Adler's Retrospective on 40 Years of Davis Politics

Jerry Adler was introduced by President Debbie as "a living archive of the last four decades of Davis politics." Jerry arrived here in the late 1960s as a young law professor, and soon was appointed to the city's Planning Commission. He served on the City Council for a dozen years in the 80s and 90s, and was Mayor. He's been a Davis Rotarian since 1989.

When Jerry came to Davis, growth and development was a big issue –

growth was much of what he talked about in a 1971 speech to Davis Rotary. Then, the population was 23,400. In 2009, the issue remains – with population now about 66,000 in the city, plus 7,000 on the UCD campus and 3,000 in El Macero/Willowbank.

One big difference, though, is that in 1969 the Davis General Plan contemplated a 1990 population of 90,000. That changed after the watershed 1972 election, which resulted in the 1973 General Plan envisioning slow growth to a 50,000 population. Large areas of land around Davis were shifted from residential growth back to agricultural designations.

The 50,000 population limit was dropped from the General Plan in the 1990s. The voters were unhappy with the resulting growth, and as a result passed Measure J. It gives the voters – as a "super city council" – the right to (dis)approve residential developments. So far none have been approved. A new Wildhorse proposal will be on the ballot later this year. Measure J will be up for renewal in 2010.

Other Davis efforts to control growth include the deal with Yolo County to shift redevelopment property tax revenues to the county, if the county would not approve residential development on the City's borders. Under Measure O the city has funds to acquire open space on its borders. Also, developers have to mitigate their projects by providing open space lands elsewhere.

Jerry said the growth issue – "Davis' cocoon syndrome – isn't going away. He volunteered to come back in another 40 years to give Davis Rotary another update