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Weekly Programs

To suggest a future program, contact the Chair of the Program Committee.

Programs

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

Oct. 12 – to be arranged

Oct. 19 – Meeting at Explorit Science Center

Oct. 26 – Halloween Doings – Peggy Hoyt and Bruce Hartsough

Meals on Wheels

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

Coordinator: Don Kessler
9/24 Rochelle Swanson & Diane Hamlyn
9/25 Bruce Hartsough & John Hamel

Coordinator: Les Portello
10/1 Paul Hart & Linda Hendricks
10/2 Dick Donaldson & R. Gambatese

Coordinator: Doug Jena
10/8 Dean Labadie & G. Jayaweera
10/9 Doug Jena & Jeannie Jones

Coordinator: Greg Gibbs
10/15 Becky King & Don Kessler
10/16 Tapani Koivunen & Jeff Kowes

Coordinator: J.D. Denton
10/22 Jennifer LaPlante &
10/23 Brian Sturges & Liz Magnussen

Coming Events

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

Nov. 14: Winters Rotary Wine and Food Jubilee, contact Woody at 795-4600.

Feb. 6, 2010: Tenth Annual Big Night benefiting Child Abuse Prevention Program.

Announcements—September 14

Déjà vue – Sherry Puntillo presided in absence of President Debbie.

Greg Gibbs reported on the Jim Plumb Memorial Golf Tournament. Greg and Sunrise Rotary’s Mac Walker tied for the top “Low Net” prize. Other winners from Davis Rotary were Greg Pfister and Ty Smalley. Greg recalled that Jim Plumb, for whom the tournament is named, was an architect, longtime Davis Rotarian, and golfer who died, far too young, a few years ago of cancer.

Mentors needed for new Rotarians: This involves having lunch with the new member at a different table each meeting for the first 6 weeks to introduce him/her to the club, and helping him/her getting involved in club activities

Contact Samer Alassad to help.

Rotaractors Andrew and Stella from UCD asked for volunteers to talk about their business or profession at Rotaract meetings.

Sgt. J.D. Denton fined Jeff Kowes for the birth of his seventh grandchild; Mike Peterson for his daughter Anne’s enrollment at the University of British Columbia; Steve Bick for his daughter Zoe’s enrollment at college in Iowa; Sherry Puntillo for consulting work in San Diego; Brian Sturges for the Paint Chip’s doing well at DDBA’s 30/30 promotion; Frank Pinckner for his Third & E St. vacancy; Claudette Landry for a great first week of school at Merryhill.

Prof. Lou Grivetti on the History of Chocolate

Louis E. Grivetti is a professor of geography at UC Davis. One of his

areas of interest is human food patterns. He is an editor of the recently published book Chocolate – History, Culture and Heritage.

It’s a collection of 56 essays about the role chocolate has played in culture, society, religion, medicine, and economic development. He told us that the story of chocolate begins in South America about 5,000 years ago, in pre-Columbian times. Chocolate was cultivated in Central America by 1500 B.C..

During Spanish colonial times, chocolate was the third most valuable galleon cargo, after gold and silver. Europeans began to process chocolate, especially in Switzerland, and cultivation was established in Africa, where the Ivory Coast is now the major source.

Chocolate apparently first came to California with the Portola Expedition in 1769, and was being sold at Sutter’s Fort by 1844.

During the question period Peggy Hoyt recalled that her grandmother, a San Franciscan, headed to the Klondike Gold Rush (was that in the 1890s?) where she operated the first candy shop – including chocolate – in gold rush country. Her son and husband followed. Fortunately for us (otherwise Peggy might be in Alaska!) the family came back to the City a few years later.

Why Rotary #2 – Citizenship in the Community

Membership in a Rotary Club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary Club consists of the most active members of any community.