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Weekly Programs

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

Programs

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

Oct. 12 – Davis Farmers Market – America’s Favorite – Randii MacNear, DFM Manager

Oct. 19 – Meeting at Explorit Science Center, Davis

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: 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 Magnusson

Coordinator: Grace Chen
10/29: Chris Martin & M. Mansfield
10/30: Ted Puntillo & Mike Morris

Coming Events

Oct 17: Woodland Sunrise Rotary Salmon BBQ, contact Jim Rodgers

Nov. 3: Past President Rick King will talk in Woodland

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 28

We had a swell joint meeting with Davis Sunrise. The troops must be treating DS Prez Duncan Hay well; he doesn’t look a day older than when he departed our club.

Nancy Storm from DS is hoping our club will take on a Rotary Youth Exchange student during 2010-11. If anyone is interested in being a counselor for such a student, contact Nancy. Surprisingly, no students from Davis High applied last year; this year’s application deadline is 15 November.

Don Kessler presented Prez Debbie with her Paul Harris Fellow regalia to recognize her contributions totaling \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation. He also reminded us that donations to the Foundation support worthy efforts such as the Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships and the polio eradication program.

Prez Debbie, assisted by sponsor Grace Chen, welcomed Claudette von Rusten as our newest member. She also alerted us to an upcoming talk RI Past President Rick King will give in Woodland on November 3 to prospective members of Rotary. Current members are invited as well; Past Prez King is very inspirational, don’t miss him!

Jim Rodgers of Woodland Sunrise invited us to his club’s service fundraiser, the Salmon BBQ, Saturday, 17 October, at the Heidrick Ag History Center. Tickets are \$45 and cover dinner and hosted refreshments. The club will also raffle off a vacation to Umbria, Italy, at the BBQ.

Rotary GSE Team from Monterrey, Mexico

Some Group Study Exchange teams now have specific themes,

and with the exception of the leader – always a member of Rotary – our visitors from down south are all firefighters and/or paramedics. The group was sent by District 4130, and Texas A&M alum and Team Leader Rolando Chavez gave us a few Rotary highlights from the area. For example, his club is focusing on water supply and storage projects such as one to support a rural village of 800 residents. And Dr. Carlos Canseco Gonzalez from D4130 launched Rotary’s polio eradication program in 1985 while RI President.

The four young professionals on the team include Rene Calderas, from Ciudad Victoria; Fernanda Hinojosa of Monterrey; Alejandro Reyna, fire chief in Montemorelos; and Gilberto Almaguer. Gilberto is a fireman and paramedic and also trained in exotic rescue techniques.

Mexico has a storied history beginning with the Olmeca culture followed by the Mayans and Aztecs, colonization by Spain and, eventually, independence. The country has 65 indigenous languages. We’re all aware of Mexico’s reputation as a vacation destination, and in fact the country is number eight in the world in terms of tourism.

Monterrey is a city of 3 million residents, and Davis Rotarians will have a chance to visit it and GSE Team Leader Chavez this January as part of the group that will deliver wheelchairs.

Why Rotary #4 – Family

Rotary sponsors some of the world’s largest exchange and educational programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders, and they involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.