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Weekly Programs

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

Programs

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

Nov. 2 – Tom Stallard, speaking on Frank Lloyd Wright

Nov. 9 – No meeting – Veterans' Day

Nov. 16 – Susan Finkelman, Davis Cemetery

Nov. 23 – Sandy Simpson, UCD Basketball Coach

Meals on Wheels

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

Coordinator: Grace Chen
10/29: Greg Phister & G. Jayaweera
10/30: Ted Puntillo & Mike Morris

Coordinator: Greg Gibbs
11/5: David Murphy & Bill Streng
11/6: Jim Nicholes & Mike Peterson

Coordinator: Randy Alston
11/12: Sherry Puntillo & David Pinto
11/13: Wayne Schrader & Kay Resler

Coordinator: Don Kessler
11/19: Bill Roe & Mike Robinson
11/20: Marisa Schaffer & D. Scheiber

Coordinator: Les Portello
11/26: (no MOW)
11/27: John Siemens & Maurice Silva

Coming Events

Oct. 31: Sr. Citizen Smoke Detector Battery Exchange

Nov. 3: Membership Development Program with Past RI President Rick King, Woodland Community Center, 5:30 – 7:30

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

Dec. 7: Wear a red shirt/top/outfit to honor DG Kilmer when he visits our club.

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

Announcements—October 19

Prez Debbie welcomed Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza to the club as an Honorary Member. She announced we are contributing to three worthy causes: \$275 to Yolo Basin Foundation to support an educational field trip for underprivileged youth to the wetlands; \$2000 for two Shelterboxes for survivors of the recent earthquake in Indonesia and the tsunami in Samoa; and \$500 to help jump-start the 60-member UC Davis Rotaract Club that we along with Rotary Sunrise are sponsoring. (RS is also contributing \$500.) Steve Bick and others have been helping advise Rotaract; see Debbie or Steve if you'd like to assist.

Explorit Science Center

Explorit Executive Director Lou Ziskind is our loss and the provisional Davis Sunset club's gain, having jumped ship a short time ago. Lou welcomed us warmly on this cool, drizzly day.

Development Director Kimberly Cox (also a Rotarian in Stockton) described how Explorit is funded – through memberships (family, individual, business), donations, grants, and the annual Corporate Science Challenge. Individuals may also designate three percent of the amount purchased at SaveMart for Explorit, by swiping a designation card available at Explorit.

Program Director Megan Contreras gave us an overview of Explorit's traveling/outreach programs, very important parts of the whole, as two-thirds of the Center's audience is reached through these. Staff present one-hour hands-on sessions to classes during school hours, Science Assembly programs about health,

after-school programs one day per week, and Family Science Nights that allow parents to participate along with their school-aged children. These programs serve between 65,000 and 80,000 people each year.

Marketing Director Peter Willson talked about the current exhibits – one on movement, another on communication – and emphasized the hands-on, open-ended nature of Explorit's efforts. The Center also hosts birthday parties with themes such as Magical Chem-Mysteries, Inventor's Challenge and Starry Science

Exhibit Coordinator Anna Grace gave us a bit of history. Explorit was founded 27 years ago by four women, and originally operated out of a closet in the DJUSD administrative office. It has grown substantially over the years and moved to the Second Street location in 2006. Anna mentioned that the staff installs new exhibits periodically, assuring fun times and new knowledge for repeat visitors.

Megan and Anna then turned us loose, and we all got involved. Grace Chen stranded a parachutist at the top of a tall tower. Allan Telford built a dam, Gary Walgenbach threw sand at Yvonne Clinton. Rochelle Swanson pulled a muscle while peddling an exercycle, and Brian Sturges confused the male and female deer scents. Don Fish got his finger caught between two rotating gears and required Liz Magnusson's assistance to extract it and Michelle Famula's to apply a Band-Aid. Greg Phister contracted West Nile Virus. John Siemens explored the open-ended comparison of viscosity of different fluids. With no "correct" answers given, he eventually drank the fluids to experience viscosity more fully. The maple syrup was not bad.