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**Monday, November 23, 2009**

## Weekly Programs

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

### Programs

- Nov. 23 – Sandy Simpson, UCD Basketball Coach
- Nov. 30 – Bruce Hartsough, How We Got the Tomato Harvester
- Dec. 7 – DG Earl Kilmer
- Dec. 14 – Holiday Party
- Dec. 21 – No meeting
- Dec. 28 – No meeting
- Jan. 4 – Dick Berry, Fencing
- Jan. 11 – Ray Rodriguez, Food
- Jan. 18 – No meeting
- Jan. 25 – Michael Mendonca, Update on Rotary LN-4 artificial hand project

## Meals on Wheels

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

11/26: (no MOW)  
11/27: (no MOW)

Coordinator: Greg Gibbs  
12/3: Virgil Smith & Ty Smalley  
12/4: Margy Spencer & Liz Stallard

Coordinator: Doug Jena  
12/10: Bill Streng & Al Stehli  
12/11: Jeff Stromberg & Charre Symms

Coordinator: J.D. Denton  
12/17: Les Portello & Alan Telford  
12/18: Jim Willett & Gary Walgenbach

Coordinator: Grace Chen  
12/31: Bud Wolf & Darla Young  
1/1: No Delivery

## Coming Events

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

Feb. 6, 2010: Tenth Annual Big Night benefitting Child Abuse Prevention Program. El Macero Country Club.

## Announcements – November 16

Marisa Schaffer updated us on planning for Big Night, 6 February. Larry Swanson, our stalwart auctioneer for many years, won't be able to join us, so we're in need of a substitute. Please forward nominations, including self-, to Marisa. Also, Marisa is happy to receive bottles at the Hallmark Inn for the popular Instant Wine Cellar auction item.

Lou Below is looking for a few good women and men to staff the Salvation Army kettle at CVS (formerly Longs) East on 11 and 12 December. It seems the singing duo of Michelle Famula and daughter were quite successful last year, so consider bringing your caroling equipment to your shift.

Sharon Shoemaker informed us that while Californians are forbidden by law to pick poppies and others smoke poppy derivatives, the Canadians wear red poppies leading up to Remembrance Day, to honor those who have died in wars.

Prez Debbie thanked Randy Alston for leading the smoke detector battery replacement effort for seniors. Randy and Greg McNece completed servicing the homes that had been missed on Halloween. Debbie recognized Marjorie Maxwell for her fourth thousand-dollar contribution to the Rotary Foundation and Wayne Schrader for the free optical prescription services he provides to K-12 students from low-income families. (Wayne was honored by the Davis School Board on 19 November and even had his photo in the Enterprise earlier in the week.)

## Davis Cemetery District

Susan Finkelman has managed the office at the Davis Cemetery for five years. She is frequently asked if her job is depressing, but she finds it to be just the opposite due to the beauty and peacefulness of the setting. The physical location includes 28 acres, eight of which are occupied at present. Cemetery prognosticators estimate the remaining space will be able to accommodate future needs for approximately 200 years.

Susan's presentation highlighted that beauty and peacefulness, and also the welcoming atmosphere. While visitors must be respectful, they are encouraged to visit. The cemetery is truly an outdoor art gallery as well as a history museum. An exhibit of art inspired by the setting was held on 18 October, and the staff is working on a living history tour.

The cemetery receives tax revenues as a California Special District, geographically overlapping but distinct from the City of Davis. The Cemetery District has a five-member board of trustees (two of the members being our own Marilyn Mansfield and Ted Puntillo) appointed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

At a Rotary meeting more than 15 years ago, a number of us attended Superintendent Joe Cattarin's presentation about the Cemetery District. We were on pins and needles, waiting for Frank Pinkner to rise and comment after Susan's talk, as he did after Joe's, until we noticed some astute members of the club had gagged Frank and tied him to his seat. You'll have to ask Frank if you want the whole story.