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Weekly Programs

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

Programs

Jan. 11: Nutrition, Genes & You - It doesn't get more personal than this. Dr. Raymond Rodriguez

Jan. 18: No Meeting – MLK Day

Jan 25: Rotary Artificial Hand Project – Michael Mendonca

Feb. 1: Polio Vaccine Trip to Benin – Paul Hart

Feb. 8: Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 15: No Meeting – Prez Day

Feb. 22: Who Wants to be a Rotary Millionaire – Steve Lack

Mar. 1: Academy Awards Preview – Derrick Bang

Meals on Wheels

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

Coordinator: Randy Alston
1/14: Samer Alassaad & Jerry Adler
1/15: Randy Alston & Greg Phister

Coordinator: Don Kessler
1/21: Jennifer Anderson & Dean Bailey
1/22: Robert Bailey & J. Bartholomew

Coordinartor: Les Portello
1/28: Steve Bick & Yvonne Clinton
1/29: Heather Copeland & Grace Chen

Coming Events

February 6: Tenth Annual Big Night benefitting Davis Rotary's Child Abuse Prevention Program, 6 pm, El Macero Country Club

June 20-23: Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Canada

June 28: President Debbie's Demotion

Announcements

As Big Night is fast approaching, Charre Symms encouraged us to bring donations for the instant wine collection and silent auction to one of the next few Rotary meetings.

Jacque Bartholomew described the 16 January El Dorado County wine tour she has arranged as a fellowship event for the club. Most of the seats are already spoken for, so contact Jacque soon if you wish to participate.

Sunrise Rotarians Keith Watenpaugh and Chuck Snipes announced their club's Rotary Trivia Bowl, to be held the evening of Thursday, 18 February. Cost is \$300 for a table of six, with half the proceeds to the winning table and the other half to purchase shelter boxes to support victims of natural disasters. Contact Prez Debbie if you'd like to join other Davis Rotarians on a team.

A work party led by Dean Labadie dismantled the decaying portion of the Rotary shade structure at the Yolo County Fair on 19 December. The fun part – building a replacement – will commence soon.

Sword Play on 4 January

This writer arrived at the meeting expecting to hear a talk on stone fences constructed during the Middle Ages and how they compared to modern aluminum barriers installed to keep spectators off the Olympic marathon course. He was pleasantly surprised to instead witness a demonstration of expert swordsmanship, conducted by Puck Curtis and Kevin Murakoshi with commentary and explanation by Simon Pittfield. Mr. Pittfield operates the Davis Fencing Academy, established by him in 1999. Davis Sunrise member Dick Berry arranged the event for us, although he was mostly content to sit on his laurels during the meeting. The latter are considerable: Dick is a five-time national champion and has been fencing for 62 years.

Simon gave us a brief history of fencing. Early warriors wore heavy

armor to protect themselves from their opponents and therefore needed heavy swords to hack through the similar protection worn by their adversaries. Combatants relied on their strength and the edges of their blades to inflict much of the damage.

The invention of gunpowder changed the approach, as it seems the heavy armor was not bullet proof. Lighter garb afforded the soldier a somewhat better chance of dodging the projectiles and meant that a lighter sword could be employed, with most of the deadly action coming from thrusting rather than swinging the blade. Nimble Peter Pans rather than The Hulk had the advantage under these conditions.

It seems fencing largely moved from the battlefield to the French royal court, where duels to the death were eventually banned because of unacceptable losses to the ranks. Dueling was still legal, but each match ended after a single touch.

At present, people practice fencing as a means of competition and/or living history. They use various weapons, ranging from the very light foil, to the epee, saber and heavier rapier. For official competitions with the thrusting weapons such as the foil and epee, each sword is equipped with a sensor at the tip so contact is recorded electrically rather than by eye, keeping the competitors honest. A top competitor usually concentrates on a single type of sword, while the history buffs may work with a wide range of weapons.

Might you or your kids be interested? Simon accepts students as young as six and as old as they are still game. With nearly a hundred students he's certain to have someone to practice with at almost any skill level. Fencing appears to be good exercise and clearly develops motor skills. It also improves table manners, as each match begins with a salute to the audience as well as the opponent.

On a side note, Puck's wife spent time in South America as a Rotary Scholar and therefore is a likely candidate for Gretchen Peralta's Rotary Alumni Celebration in June.



My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My Country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims; pride,
From every mountainside
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love:
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Birthdays

Jennifer	La Plante	1	20
Marjorie	Maxwell	1	30

Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary we all sing to you,
Love and joy be yours always
May your dreams come true.

Bill	Hollingshead	1	17
Doug	Jena	1	21
Allan	Telford	1	27

The Four Way Test

In all things a Rotarian does and says, s/he is guided by these four questions:

- **Is it the TRUTH?**
- **Is it FAIR TO ALL concerned?**
- **Will it BUILD GOODWILL & better FRIENDSHIPS?**
- **Will it be BENEFICIAL to ALL concerned?**

Members

⊕	Adler, Jerry	Civil Litigation
+	Alassaad, Samer	Dentistry
⊕ ⁷	Alston, Randy	Investment Management
+	Amaya, Alex	Banking
⊕ ²	Anderson, Jennifer	Hardware – Retail
⊕	Bailey, Dean	Commercial Real Estate
+	Bailey, Robert	Investments
⊕	Baldwin, Mary Ellen	Retired
⊕ ² β*	Bartholomew, Jacqu	Banking – Lending
⊕ ¹ *	Below, Lou	Residential Appraisal
⊕ ¹	Bick, Steve	Accountant – Financial Planning
⊕	Chen, Grace	Prop. Mgmt. – Commercial
+	Clinton, Yvonne	Education - Private Music (piano)
+	Copeland, Heather	Insurance – Personal
+	Cruz, David	Emergency Medical Equipmt.
⊕	Davis, Debbie	Print Journalism
⊕	Denton, JD	Sports Equipment - Retail
⊕	Donaldson, Dick	Exporting – Wholesale
+	Donaldson, Richelle	Development Manager
+	Dowling, Andrew	Real Estate
+	Famula, Michelle	Univ. Health Center Admin.
⊕	Fish, Don	Banking Administration - retired
+	Fisher, Ron	USAF - retired
⊕	Galbreath, Doug	Printer
⊕ ² *	Gambatese, Roger	Civil Law
⊕	Garoyan, Lee	Ag. Extension–Ag. Econ., Emeritus
⊕ ² β*	Gibbs, Greg	Insurance – Fire
⊕	Goodman, Michael	Gynecology
+	Gregoire, Robert	Business and Facility Consulting
⊕	Hamel, John	Banking
⊕	Hamlyn, Diane	Travel Agent
⊕ ¹ *	Hart, Paul	Waste Removal
⊕ ¹ *	Hartsough, Bruce	Education – Ag. Engineering
⊕ ³	Head, Ernie	Laboratory Business Mgr
+	Hendricks, Linda	Marriage & Family Therapy
⊕ ¹	Hollingshead, Bill	Entertainment Mgmt.
+	Horsfield, Brian	Engineering
⊕	Howard, Howdy	Education – Ecology
⊕ ² *	Hoyt, Margaret	Law – Family Law
+	Jayaweera, Gamani	Schools – Private
+	Jena, Doug	Non-Profit – Administration
⊕	Johnston, Bob	Educ. – Secondary Schools
⊕	Jones, Jeanne	Biotechnical – Management
⊕ ⁹ *	Kessler, Don	Insurance – Commercial
⊕ ² *	King, Becky	Property Mgmt – Residential
⊕	Koivunen, Tapani	International Consulting
+	Kowes, Jeff	Pest Management
⊕ ¹ *	Labadie, Dean	Florist
+	Landry, Claudette	Education - Primary
+	LaPlante, Jennifer	Accountancy
+	Lawrance, Benjamin	Education – History
+	Magnusson, Liz	Consulting – Marketing
⊕ ⁹	Mansfield, Marilyn	Secondary Education
+	Martin, Chris	Landscaping
⊕ ¹	Maxwell, Marjorie	Dentistry
+	Morris, Michael	Retirement Health Care Admin.
⊕ ²	Murphy, David	Education – Administration
⊕	Nicholes, Jim	Employee Benefits
⊕ ¹ *	Pearl, Bob	Ag. Ext. – Food Tech.
⊕ ¹ *	Peterson, Michael	Law – Estates
+	Phister, Greg	Insurance
+	Pinkner, Frank	Dentistry – General
+	Pinto, David	Insurance
+	Portello, Les	Property Management
⊕ ¹	Puntillo, Sherry	Human Resources
⊕ ¹ β*	Puntillo, Ted	Postal Service – Retired
	Puntillo, Ted Sr.	Honorary
⊕ ¹	Resler, Kay	University Administration
⊕	Robinson, Michael	Sky Diver
⊕ ² β*	Roe, Bill	Building Construction
+	Rosenberg, David	Honorary
+	Schaffer, Marisa	Hotelier
⊕	Scheiber, Dave	Insurance, Personal; Financial Serv.
⊕ ¹ *	Schrader, Wayne	Optometry
⊕	Shoemaker, Sharon	Education and Research
⊕ ⁹ β&&	Shwe, Hla	Education – Physics
⊕	Siemens, John	Education – Ag Engineering
+	Silva, Maurice	Cosmetology
+	Stallard, Liz	Civil Litigation
⊕	Smalley, Ty	Architecture – Commercial
⊕	Smith, Virgil	Accountant – Certified Public
+	Spencer, Margy	Accounting
⊕ ² *	Stehli, Al	Real Estate – Relocation
⊕ ⁸	Streng, Bill	General Contracting
+	Stromberg, Jeff	Attorney – Estate Litigation
+	Sturges, Brian	Art Supplies
+	Swanson, Rochelle	Land Use Consulting
⊕	Symms, Charlotte	Environmental Chemistry
+	Telford, Allan	Financial Advice
	Vanderhoef, Larry	Honorary
+	von Rusten, Claudette	Retired Store Owner
⊕	Walgenbach, Gary	Plumbing Contractor
+	White, Kathy	Honorary
+	Willett, Jim	Law – Trusts & Estate Plng.
⊕ ¹ β*	Wolf, Bud	Yacht Broker
⊕	Wolf, Judy	Medical Administration
+	Wolk, Lois	Honorary
	Yamada, Mariko	Honorary
⊕	Young, Darla	Banking – Retail
⊕ ¹ β*	Young, Steve	Mortgage Broker

+ Paul Harris Sustaining Member	β Rotary Foundation Benefactor
⊕ Paul Harris Fellow	§ Rotary Foundation Bequest Soc.
⊕ ^(P) Additional PHF Recognitions	* Past President
	& Past District Governor

Where To Make Up

Mon:	Sacramento South – 12:15 pm, Casa de Los Niños
Tues:	Vacaville Sunrise – 7:15 am, Opera House Woodland – 12:00 pm, Hotel Woodland
Wed:	Davis Sunset – 6:00 pm, Bistro 33 Dixon – 12:00 pm, Fairgrounds, Madden Hall
Thurs:	Winters – 12:10 pm, Buckhorn Woodland-Luna Vista – 6 pm, Woodland Community Center Vacaville – 12:15 pm, Opera House Woodland Sunrise – 7:00 am, Cracchiolo's Catering
Fri:	Capay Valley – 7 am, C2 Restaurant, Cache Creek Casino Davis Sunrise – 7 am, Senior Center West Sacramento – 12:15 pm, Pheasant Club