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Weekly Programs

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

Programs

- 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
- Mar. 8: Julie Hayes – Police Dogs
- Mar. 15: Supporting our Troops Overseas – Dave Feliz
- Mar. 22: Shall and Pramila Sinha, Rotary Peace Ambassadors from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- Mar. 29: Chancellor Linda Katehi

Meals on Wheels

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

Coordinator: Greg Gibbs
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2/19: Bob Gregoire & Michael Goodman

Coming Events

- February 6: Tenth Annual Big Night for Child Abuse Prevention Program
- Feb. 18: Sunrise Rotary Trivia Bowl
- Mar 5: Rotary Ski Challenge, Lake Tahoe
- Apr. 24: Rotarians at Work Day
- May 15: Rotary BBQ, Davis Central Park
- June 20-23: Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Canada
- June 28: President Debbie's Demotion

Announcements – Jan. 25

President Debbie announced Board approval of these actions:

\$1800 (\$20 per member) to the Rotary District including Haiti for earthquake reconstruction.

\$500 to Davis Boy Scouts for meeting space.

\$1600 to rebuild Yolo County Fairgrounds shade structure.

\$600 to Rotoplast Project.

President Debbie recognized Grace Chen for sponsoring two new members this year.

Brazilian Andrea Fanato is this year's Rotary Exchange student at Davis High (sponsored by Davis Sunrise). She's working with Interact there to raise funds to purchase another Shelter Box for Haiti – passing the hat at last Monday's meeting collected \$354 of the \$500 more they needed for the Shelterbox.

Member Spotlight was on John Siemens. John joined our club a few years ago, but has been a Rotarian since 1972. He is an ag engineering graduate of UC Davis, and taught at the University of Illinois for 32 years before retiring to Davis. A little known fact about John is that he was on the UCD football team for two years.

Big Night February 6 fast approaches. Char Symms put out a last call for auction items; Jacque Bartholomew is collecting bottles or \$20 contributions toward the instant wine cellar auction; Bud Wolf thanked the club for its support and announced two speakers who have worked in child abuse prevention programs.

Sgt. Mike Robinson took the floor, and fined Al Stehli for a first: In appreciation for Al's work through Rotary to provide dairy cows in Peru,

A new cow barn there has been named the "Al Stehli Stable."

District 5160 seeks outstanding college students to apply for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships for study abroad. Deadline is April 10. Info at: rotary5160.org/district-information

LN-4 Artificial Hand Project

Jim Yoder of Walnut Creek Sunrise Rotary told us about the LN-4 Artificial Hand Project, which has been supported by several Rotary Clubs and District 5160.

The LN-4 is a simple artificial hand that can easily be fitted to people in third world countries who have lost a hand. Jim passed out sample hands for all to see. The device has 35 plastic or metal parts; no electronics. Its five fingers are held in place by ratchets and springs; they're moved by the user's other hand, or by pushing the LN-4 against a solid object. Each hand costs about \$50 to make. A video showed how the hand can be used for activities like writing, cutting food, tying shoes, etc.

Over 4,000 L-N 4 hands are in use around the world. The LN-4 Foundation is seeking help extending the project to more places. Specifically, they want traveling Rotarians to discuss the project when they make up at club meetings in other countries, and even take sample hands with them to demonstrate. This personal contact works – Dean Labadie recently traveled to Ecuador to visit his daughter there, and a contact he made at a Rotary meeting will result in at least 36 LN-4 hands being given to amputees there. The LN-4 Foundation estimates there are about a million people in the world who could use this simple artificial hand.

Lots more information about the LN-4 hand is available at the LN-4 Foundation website: www.ln-4.org