



Weekly Programs

Jan 4 "Gerrymandering" by Prof. Robert Ainsworth, U. of Florida

Jan 11 "Conglomerates in Korea" by Prof. Young-im Lee

Jan 18 **Holiday** – Martin Luther King Day

Jan 25 "My 50 Years with the City of Davis," by Bob Bowen

Meals on Wheels

12/31: Coordinator: Greg Phister
Jeremy Higgins
Greg Phister

01/07: Coordinator: Paul Hart
Jeff Kowes
Jen Kukis

01/14: Coordinator: John Vaughn
Paul Lacoste
Peter Leon-Guerrero

01/21: Coordinator: JD Denton
David Macko
Jennifer Nitzkowski

01/28: Coord: John Siemens
OPEN
Dave Scheiber

Reminders

Special Thanks to all members who contributed to our fund drive for The Rotary Foundation, helping to "Do Good in the World!" We've raised some **\$6,000** in addition to those who've donated independently!

President & Announcements

Dec. 14, 2020

Annual Meeting was held, with Club elections resulting in:

Club President 2022-23:

Peter Leon-Guerrero

Board of Directors 2021-2023:

Lou Below & Derraugh Dawson

Jennifer Nitzkowski & Marissa Sirota

Mark Berman noted Polio Warriors showed the cost of inoculations are down, but cases rose from 300+ last year to 700+ this year.

Tim Ainsworth reminded us that 2 days are left to donate to 6 charities the Club is supporting this year.

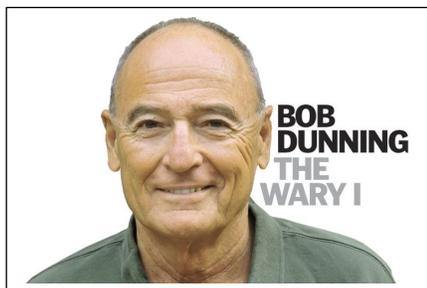
Sergeants Report

Taking a well-deserved holiday break, to return with the New Year!

"50 Years at the Enterprise"

by Bob Dunning

Dec. 14, 2020



I attended the (then) new Davis High School, and then UC Davis. The first Stop light in Davis came in 1962. In 1970, fresh out of College, I applied to Law School and went job hunting to tied me over. Applied to Taco Bell ("You're Overqualified"), Jack-in-the-Box (No openings) and Davis Enterprise, where I was offered a job as "Sports Editor." I was astonished, as I had only had "Bone Head" remedial English.

I started working for Joe White, and 7 years later when he was

retiring, I asked him about why he choose to hire me... "That's easy...You were the only applicant!" I started writing a twice-weekly sports column, but I wanted to break out into topics like Civil Rights, Wars, etc. Instead, they moved me to the Editorial page 5-times a week in 1976. Usually I wrote about local issues, and Davis was a target rich environment.

The recent law suit over the lack of minority representation on the City Council should have been opposed. We moved to District-wide elections to solve racial misrepresentation and now have elected three white guys! Santa Monica, a similarly sized city, fought District based elections and won. There are cities with geographic demographics where District Elections make sense, but not so here in Davis.

Growth has been a Big Issue. The improvement of the underpass at Richard's Boulevard was seen to create growth. It was defeated! In the 1970-80's, critics called me too liberal. Lately I've been labelled as too conservative. Everyone remembers some column that they hated!

Twenty years ago, I was asked (flattered) by the L.A. Times to work for them. Besides the 3pm to Midnight work schedule, I realized that I don't know L.A., so how could I write about it?

I have written a lot about Julie Partansky, my favorite politician. "Julie from Mars" was my nickname for her. Steven Colbert from Comedy Central did an interview with Julie about the frog tunnel in Davis. She also said she wanted a Police station made of straw. Colbert made the motion of smoking a reefer. Julie got mad about the clip, but I told her, it's Comedy Central, what else do you expect? We became good friends, and now that she's gone there is a park named after her. You have to be dead in Davis before they name anything after you. – Continued.....—



Bob Dunning, cont.....

What is the future of small-town newspapers? Well, it's hard to find rubber bands small enough to hold them! Now, online news is instantly available, but hometown news is still a valid use of the news media that is hard to replace. We are now (almost) an ex-urb of Sacramento, where all the surrounding communities (Elk Grove, Roseville, etc.) have lost their local papers.

In contrast, we're locally owned (Woodland) and many surviving local papers are full of canned articles from their Corporate Headquarters.

Challenges? We've seen the loss of Classified listings, loss of Ad revenue, and loss of subscriptions. And yes, subscriptions help, so please do!

There are rumors that I've recycled old columns, but that is false. With internet search engines, I'd get caught if I tried that. Ideas may repeat themselves, that's true. I've tried to vary my approaches between the serious and humorous.

If anyone is interested in contributing or donating to The Davis Enterprise, email TaylorBuley@enterprise.com.

Thank You.