



# Davis Rotary Newsletter

May 8, 2023



P.O. Box 185, Davis, CA 95617

The Noon Club, est. 1926

President Peter Leon-Guerrero

## Weekly Programs

**May 8** Malcolm Bond, Bondolio Olive Oil and Angela Flight West, Winters.

**May 15** Senator Bill Dodd

**May 22** Jessica Hubbard, Executive director of Yolo County Foundation

**May 29 – No meeting -holiday**

## Meals on Wheels

**5/11** Coord: Paul Hart  
Donna Prebys  
Kay Resler

**5/18** Coord: John Vaughn  
Bill Roe  
Rich Rose

**5/25** Coord: John Siemens  
Dave Scheiber  
Sharon Shoemaker

**6/01** Coord: Jen Kukis  
John Siemens  
Allan Telford

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## President's Report & Announcements

May 1, 2023

\*Former Pres. Jen Kukis presiding

Correction and apology for last week – President Peter is suffering from kidney stones and was not at a SF Giants game. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Announcements: President Peter's demotion is scheduled for June 15. Yvonne Clinton announced that dues statements for the coming

fiscal year will be mailed out June 7. Baby Big Night seems to be scheduled for May 14 but since that is Mother's Day the date may be subject to change. Tickets are \$40/ person or \$265 for a table of 8. There will be a social get-together at Paul Hart's home on June 11.

Guests at today's meeting were: Abby Taylor-Silva who was our speaker for the day and who is president of the Rotary Club of Salinas, David Olgive, Arima Kozina, and Dr. Jacalyn Mara Beck.

Birthdays and anniversaries - none

**Sergeant's Report** Sgt. Bruce Went down the alphabet – what's interesting or new?

Recognition started with Sharon Shoemaker who presented the spontaneous program described below. Virgil Smith CPA was asked about extensions of time to file income tax returns and said he tries to complete as many returns as possible without the need for extensions. Vigil was asked about a couple who tried to dispose of a yacht by donating it to a charity—seems they used an inflated value and had to pay a hefty penalty to IRS. Jim Willett, John Siemens, & Roger Gambatese were asked about young people joining AARP to get in on discounts AARP has for its members. Kay Resler who has many contacts in the jewelry business was asked about "permanent jewelry" which may cause problems when one passes through security at airports.

**Mini Program: Travels with Sharon:** Sharon was scheduled to attend several events at different locations recently. At Chicago the plane made a hard landing causing the emergency chutes to open. She found herself stranded at Chicago's O'Hare airport due to severe thunderstorms that caused all flights to be cancelled. She

had a 4 hour wait to retrieve her baggage at O'Hare. Her words to the wise were to be cautious, be courteous, and try to travel light.

**Today's program:** Our official speaker of the day was introduced by **Louis Ferguson**, UCD Professor Emeritus. Our speaker, **Abby Taylor-Silva** who is currently the president of the Rotary Club of Salinas, is the Executive Vice President of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation which is in its 54<sup>th</sup> year. The foundation is committed to leadership training and transformational learning experiences in partnership with 4 California universities: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Cal Poly Pomona; California State U. Fresno; and UC Davis. The foundation supports the longest continuously-operating leadership training experience of its kind in the USA and is considered the premier program in its niche. Abby is a California native whose family farmed in Monterey County for over 50 years growing sugar beets and other crops. Abby herself went through the leadership program in the 2014-16 period. The program trains people in many ways in a variety of topics including learning about leadership and confronting challenges. Those in the program attend 12 seminars in 17 months including a year of receiving coaching in leadership skills. The program includes an international trip that shows how people in a different environment live. A good candidate for the program is an experienced leader in an agriculturally related business. Program applicants go through a 3 month process in which they and their spouses are interviewed. David Olgive and Arima Kozina are graduates of the program and spoke briefly of their experiences.



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