



# Davis Rotary Newsletter

September 11, 2023



The Noon Club, est. 1926

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President Derragh Dawson

## Weekly Programs

**Sept 11** "James A. Kidd Center for the Arts" Jim Kidd.

**Sept 18** "Bees" Neal Williams PhD. Professor of Entomology at UCD

**Sept 25** John Passalacqua, executive director of Dependency Legal Services

**Oct 2** - TBA

## Meals on Wheels

**9/07** Coord: Paul Hart  
Ted Puntillo  
Ryan Lucas

**9/14** Coord: Jen Kukis  
Dave Scheiber  
John Vaughn

**9/21** Coord: Greg Phister  
Bill Roe  
Sharon Shoemaker

**9/28** Coord: Dave Scheiber  
Ed Green  
Virgil Smith

**10/05** Coord: John Siemens  
Allan Telford  
John Vaughn

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## President's Report & Announcements

August 28th, 2023

Club **President Derragh** encouraged members to gift to the Maui Fires Relief Fund. Flyers were passed around with more info and a QR code.

5160 Asst. District Govt. Ramon Urbano spoke to the club about

upcoming events: 1) World Polio Day October 24<sup>th</sup> 2) September 17<sup>th</sup> is the upcoming Fall Seminar for the district. Ramon recommended the event for all members, especially incoming Committee chairs, attendees can gain some valuable information about Rotary and how to lead their committees.

**J D Denton** – Co-MOW chair reminded members to check the MOW Schedules they have been updated online now through mid-March. Please make sure you do the updated security training for MOW.

**Mark Berman** was looking for another volunteer to help him and **John Siemens** hang the Rotary banners for our meetings – thank you **Perry Eggleston** for eagerly volunteering.

Derragh was happy to introduce the latest of the 1.4mm members of Rotary International and our new club member!

**Rachel Wulff** – Classification – News Media  
Thank you to her sponsor **Dean Labadie**. We gave a warm Rotary welcome to Rachel and are excited to have her as a member!

## Sergeant's Report **Bruce Hartsough**

**Dean Labadie**-Congratulated him on donating flowers to help raise funds for some local charities/fundraisers.

**Greg P & Dave S**- What's the future of Homeowners insurance & costs? It was a bit of a sore subject with the local agents.

**John Vaughn** –What does the Civil Engineer think about our aging infrastructure and robot inspectors? Thought it may be good, if it works.

**Perry Eggleston**-Is it true UCD no longer uses the Park Mobile app? Yes Oct. 1 they will introduce Aggie Park – it will be a much better experience for users!

**Brian Horsfield** -What does the Ag Engineer think about specialty crops

needing to automate harvest, do to lack of workers? It could work well for some specialty crops but automation is expensive.

## **Kelli Wilkerson, Los Rios Community College District Trustee**

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Kelli Wilkerson is a local long-time Journalism teacher at DHS. In 2022 she was elected to the Los Rios Community College district Board of Trustees (4-year term). She has always felt passionately about education. She believes that the California Community College system is one of our best ideas that a lot of people don't know about.

She spoke of a surprising stat from 2018 – less than 50% of DHS grads six years after high school had attained a four-year college degree. What about the 50% that didn't attend Universities? What was being done at DHS to help prepare those students for life after high school? Not enough! There are many high-wage/high-demand professions that don't require a bachelor's degree. She was convinced the HS students need to be asked the question "What do you want to do after HS to prepare for the life you want to have? Not just what college are you going to attend? Los Rios Community college has a wide array of education and training options: ranging from general AA degrees to certificates in Dental Hygiene, Cosmetology, diesel technology, Fire Technology, Welding, just to name a few. Classes are also free for most students!