



Davis Rotary Newsletter

December 11, 2023



P.O. Box 185, Davis, CA 95617

The Noon Club, est. 1926

President Derragh Dawson

Weekly Programs

Jan. 8 - "The Ichuni Kenya Community Water Project, A Showcase project of Sunrise Rotary Club."

Jan. 15 - No Meeting – MLK Holiday

Jan. 22 - Autumn Bernstein, Executive Director, Yolo Transportation District.

Jan. 29 - Todd Henry, Deputy Chief, Davis Police Department.

Meals on Wheels

1/11 Coord: John Siemens
David Macko
Anand Mamidi

1/18 Coord: Jen Kukis
Jennifer Nitzkowski
Bonnie Plummer

1/25 Coord: Allan Telford
Greg Phister
Donna Prebys

2/01 Coord: Dave Scheiber
Kay Resler
Bill Roe

2/08 Coord: Greg Phister
Rich Rose
Dave Scheiber

2/15 Coord: Paul Hart
Jason Reynolds
Ted Puntillo

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President's Report & Announcements

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Sharon Shoemaker reminded the club that "Big Night 2024" is almost upon us! The fundraiser is slated for

Saturday 2/24 at El Macero CC. The success of the event is dependent upon the money raised from Sponsorships, Auction and Silent Auction items, please let Sharon or Donna P know if you would like to sponsor the event or make a donation for the Auction.

Jonathan Bayless encouraged us to support the Rotary Foundation, with the minimum goal of \$25 a person for our club.

Congratulations to **Peter Leon-Guerrero** as he and his wife Linda had a baby, there were some complications so keep them in your prayers.

The social-guru **Kay Resler** informed the club that we will be having a club mixer at **Bob Crow's** January 20th – an afternoon appetizer event!

Sergeant's Report **Bruce Hartsough**

***Dave Scheiber** was recognized for bringing the 1st bottle of wine for the "Big Night" Auction. Now we just need 49 more from each member!

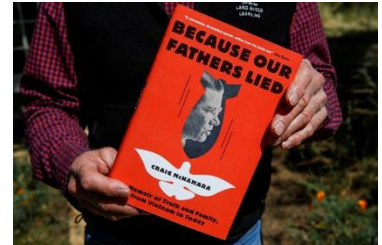
***Jason Reynolds**- Was the painter aware of the 2024 official paint tone of the year? Of course he was -Peach Fuzz!

***Greg Phister** – Was there a marshmallow roast at his office? Unfortunately not, there was a fire started outside of the building that has kept him out of commission for a little while. The good news – is he has great insurance!

***Brian Horsfield** – Does he know about St. Lucia's annual candlelit holiday procession? His memory was jogged about the annual Christmas celebration.

***Ted Puntillo** – Busy time of the year for his friends at the US Postal Service? 60 cents is still the best deal of the holidays!

"Because Our Fathers Lied" A Conversation About Truth & Family from Vietnam to Today. **Craig McNamara, Yolo County author, Farmer & Businessman**



Craig McNamara is a local Yolo County sustainable walnut farmer, who runs Sierra Orchards in Winters. Craig also happens to be the son of former defense secretary Robert McNamara one of the chief architects of the Vietnam War. Craig felt his father lied to us as a nation and him as a son about the war. The Vietnam war claimed 58 thousand US lives and 2-3 million Vietemese and Cambodian lives during the long conflict. He remembers his father as a brilliant business-man who ran Ford prior to being asked to be in the administration by President Kennedy. As a young adult Craig began to grapple with the war-himself, he participated in anti-war demonstrations and moved to Chile to find himself and learn about farming. Later in life when he tried to talk with his dad about the war, he would always deflect when it came to talking about the war and what happened. Eventually, he admitted he knew the Vietnam War was unwinnable, but felt a loyalty to the country and the administration kept him adamant about keeping the US in the conflict. Craig left us with the quote, that we shouldn't forget, but can forgive in order to move on.