

Meeting Date: November 18, 2014



Today's Meeting



On a brisk, overcast day **President Clyde** opened our meeting to a good audience. **Seth Wurzel** led the Pledge of Allegiance, while **Steve Venables** got us on a good tone for Rotary Grace.

President Clyde got us thinking with his quote of the day:

"The reason a dog has so many friends is because he wags his tail instead of his tongue". - author unknown.

Visiting Rotarians

None.

Guests of Rotarians

Kris Kristensen introduced his guest, **Lori Ross**, Executive Director of Woodland United Way. Lori thanked the Club for its active participation in United Way's Annual Golf Tournament in September.

Mike Chandler introduced guest **Josh Hilliard**, who attended on behalf the organizers of the 2014 Woodland Christmas Parade which will be held Saturday, December 6th. Josh is recruiting for volunteers to help marshal the event.

Scott Johnston introduced guest **Joe Bartlett**, CPA who is a prospective new member. **Christian Sherrill** introduced guest **Rob Strange**.



Announcements

Les Engelmann says the annual **Curmudgeons meeting** for all past Club presidents will be held 6pm Monday evening, December 1st at the Burger Saloon (First & Main).

President Clyde had several announcements today:

- **Linda Konietzko** is organizing a drive to deliver holiday gifts to children who must spend the Holidays in Pediatrics ICU at UC Davis Medical Center. See her message below:

RALLY THE HOLIDAY ELVES!



In the past our club has chosen one family in Yolo County to buy Holiday gifts for. This year we decided to buy gifts for many children that must spend the Holidays in the hospital.

Most children in Yolo County that are diagnosed with a life threatening illness are referred to the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. Many children have to live in the Oncology Department while undergoing treatment and others spend the holidays in Pediatrics ICU.

Attached you will find a list of items that would help put smiles on children's faces this Holiday Season and show their families that there are people who are thinking about their children.

Please bring the unwrapped gifts to our Rotary meetings, the Holiday Party or drop them off at River City Bank by December 17th. Clyde and I will personally deliver them to UC Davis Medical Center.

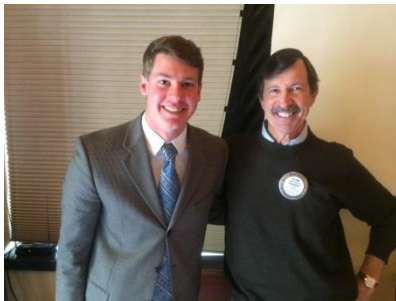
Thank you so very much.

Best Regards,

Linda Konietzko

Linda's attachment, the UC Davis Med Center Holiday Wish List can be viewed on the Club's website.

- The **Club Social** on November 13th was well attended; Clyde will work with Linda Konietzko to arrange for similar events in the future.
- The Club's last meeting before the holiday break, **December 16**, will again this year feature a program by the **Douglass Middle School Bands**. Spouses & guest are encouraged to join us.
- November is **Rotary Foundation Month**. Contributions to Rotary International this month earn the twice credit toward your Paul Harris Fellowship. **Mike Chandler, Jim McGibbon and Kris Kristensen** rang the bell this week with their contributions. See Tom Schwarzgruber for details.
- **Frank Gardner** had successful hip replacement surgery at Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento recently. Jim McGibbon said he visited Frank there and he appeared to be doing well. The Club has sent some 'get well soon' flowers to Frank.
- The annual **Rotary Christmas Party** will be held 6pm Thursday evening, December 11, 2014 at the Yolo Fliers Club. Dinner entrée options are salmon and BBQ tri-tip. \$45 per person. Contact Aniek Ramsey by December 4th to sign up. The Sunrise Rotary Club is organizing the event this year.
- The **Salvation Army** is looking for volunteer **bell ringers** this season. Contact Melanie Allen at Melanie.Allen@USA.salvationarmy.org for details.
- The **Woodland Tree Foundation** will be planting trees on Saturday, December 13 beginning at 9am. Register at www.woodlandtree.org or just show up.



President Clyde introduced **Tim Erickson**, a Boy Scout in local troop 133, who thanked the Club for its assistance in his Eagle Scout project to develop a shelter for rescued horses which will be used to acquire supplies for the effort. President Clyde presented Tim with a check for \$350 from the Club.

President-elect **Kris Kristensen** thanked the Club for voting today to select a capital project that the net proceeds (\$25,000-\$30,000 anticipated) from our **February 21st 2015 Dinner Auction** will go for. After some discussion the votes were tallied with the following results:

| <u>Project Idea</u> | <u>Votes in Favor</u> |
|---|-----------------------|
| Community electronic marquee at Woodland Community College | 26 |
| Refurbishing basketball courts at several City of Woodland parks | 16 |

The Club will work with Woodland Community College to pledge our upcoming Auction proceeds to the **Community Electronic Marquee**.

Gary Wegener reported the **Rotary Work Day** this past **November 15th** to help build a chicken coop at the **Sci-Tech Academy** (formerly Grafton School) in Knights Landing went very well. Participating members included Clyde Brooker, Alan Flory, Tom Schwarzgruber, Aniek Ramsey, Karl Diekman, Mark Ullrich, Dave Flory and Dick Hoppin. More work on the project is planned this week and volunteers are asked to meet there (9544 Mill Street) at **8:30am this Saturday, November 22**. Bring gloves and wear your 'Rotarians at Work' shirts. Contact Gary for details.

Alan Flory is still distributing 'Rotarians at Work' tee shirts to those members who had ordered them. Remember to wear them when we do a work project.

Birthdays



None.

Anniversaries



None.

Recognition

Mark Werum took the helm today.



Christy Hayes was happy about her recent trip to Thailand. She attended a local Rotary club meeting in Bangkok and returned home with a flag from that club to present to President Clyde.

Other happy Rotarians today included:

- **Shaun Seyk** was excited the competitive girls soccer team which he is coaching finished in first place with an 8-2 record this year and they are getting ready for the playoffs.
- **Tony Delevati** was happy about the success of the Club's gathering last week at Mojo's.
- **Jim Nolan** announced that his son Joseph is engaged to be married; no date has been set yet, but the couple plans to live in Davis.

- **Dan Stroski** was very happy with the experience of having a foreign exchange student living with he and his family. **Christian Sherrill** shared his happiness with this placement as well.
- **Mahlon Whittle** and **Kevin Haarberg** were happy with the fantastic meal they had with Marshall McKay in the C Squared restaurant at Yocha Dehe recently; a meal purchased at the 2014 Auction.
- **Jim McGibbon** was pleased with the results of the November statewide election, including the defeat of Proposition 46.



- **George Berrettoni** paid \$5, one for each interception the 49ers picked off NY Giants QB Eli Manning last Sunday, in his happiness for the Niners win.

- **Seth Wurzel**, despite the loss, enjoyed a trip to Seattle recently where he saw his N Y Giants play the Seahawks.
- **Dave Molinaro** is happy the Raiders are going for the #1 pick in next year's draft.

Rags to Riches



Jenna Green said the pot was at \$372 and there were 18 cards remaining. **George Burger** drew a free lunch.

Today's Program

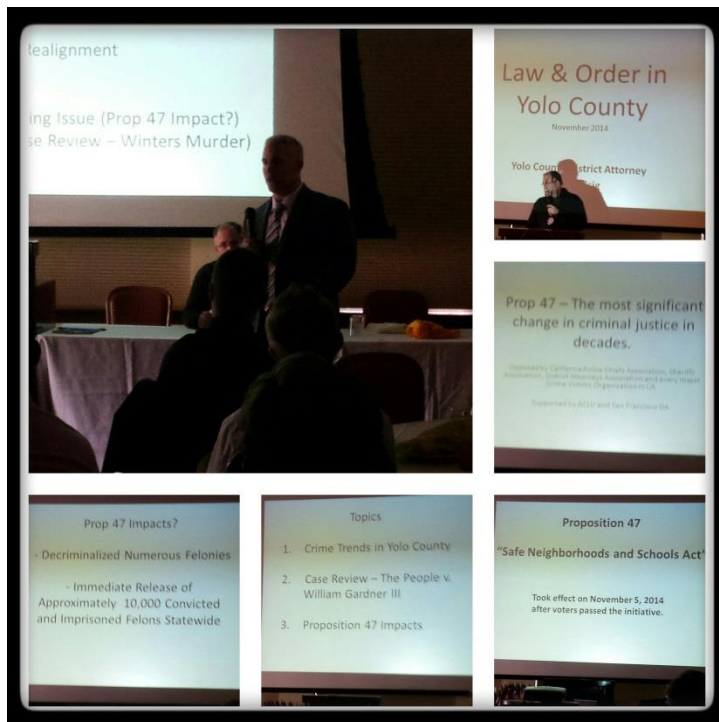
Dan Stroski introduced Yolo County District Attorney, and former Club member, **Jeff Reisig** as our speaker today. Before being elected to his current post Jeff was selected three times by his peers as Prosecutor of the Year in Yolo County.

Jeff was endorsed by prior DA Dave Henderson in his initial election to the office. Jeff ran unopposed in his subsequent reelection.

Jeff gave us an update on key law and order matters in Yolo County. He pointed out that the Yolo County District Attorney's office filed 4913 criminal complaints in 2013. This year that number is increasing. The biggest reason for the increase is property crimes: burglaries and auto thefts. This is particularly true in Woodland according to Jeff.



Jeff attributes the rise in property crimes to the implementation of AB 109, about two years ago, otherwise known as Realignment. This was legislation designed to relieve crowded State prisons by moving many prisoners convicted of less violent crimes to local county jails. This has had the effect of releasing numerous county jail prisoners, many with a history of petty crime and drug addiction, back into local communities where several repeat their earlier crimes. This has led to increased gang activity locally. And Jeff says we are also seeing an increase in domestic violence.



As an extreme example of the increase of domestic violence locally, Jeff gave us a detailed explanation of the case he successfully prosecuted this year in the murder of Leslie Pinkston in Winters by William Gardner III. The murder, which really was an execution, took place on November 18, 2013, exactly one year ago today. The case drew national attention. The jury took just three hours before rendering its guilty verdict. Gardner's sentencing is scheduled for December 1st. Jeff indicates he expect Gardner will receive a

life sentence.

Jeff also expressed his strong objection and emotional disgust at the passage of Proposition 47 on November 4th. He feels it is the worst thing to happen in California criminal justice in several decades. The new law which is currently being

implemented decriminalizes many felonies into misdemeanors and is expected to result in the release of more than 10,000 convicted felons now in prison. In his opinion, its passage will result in more stolen weapons with increased violence as a result. He expects its passage will also increase gang violence, drug addiction and street crime. Jeff feels the measure was a 'sneaker' that fooled many voters.

The Club appreciated this riveting program by the District Attorney.

Upcoming Programs

November 2014

25: **Doug Zeck**, Executive Director, 4th & Hope, Woodland; **Feeding the Hungry** (not just at Thanksgiving) <http://www.fourthandhope.org/>

December 2014

2: **Dr. Alborz Alali**, and Oncology Nurse Navigator **Jennifer Thietz**, Woodland Healthcare, "**What's New in Oncology in 2014**".

<http://www.healthgrades.com/physician/dr-alborz-alali-ypct7/background-check>

9: **Pete Martin** and **Don Hildebrandt**: **What Falconry Is and How Falconers Operate in California in 2014**. <http://www.calhawkingclub.org/>

See more program listings on the Club's website at <http://www.woodlandrotary.org/Programs.cfm>