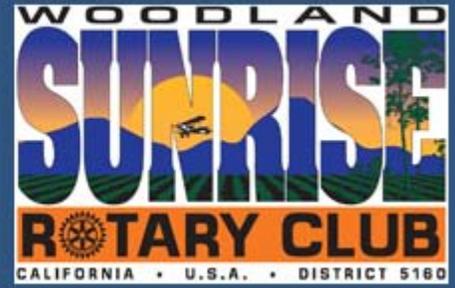




# Woodland Sunrise Wake Up Call



## WOODLAND SUNRISE ROTARY WHERE WE PUT SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE!

Notes by: **Robyn Drivon**  
April 18, 2019

**President Larry Peterson welcomed the WSR morning meeting to order and led the flag salute which was followed by a well-conducted, energetic Sunrise Choir.**

**Visiting Rotarians:** Julia Larson introduced our District Governor Jon Dwyer, our District First Lady Bonnie Dwyer, and our Assistant District Governor Duane Ewing, who is also a Guest of Club with a classification Education. D.G. Dwyer shared that the other important visiting Rotarian is Raylene Ewing from Luna Vista.

**Guest:** Alex Pike's guest today is his girlfriend, Dr. Danielle Cooper, welcome!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

4/19 ♦ Lee Middle School Career Day with more than 15 Rotarians participating.

4/25 ♦ Celebrate Rotary! Our regular meeting with MANY Guests ♦ program will be great.

4/26 - Free Shredding event - 10 AM to 2 PM, 120 Main Street, Woodland - donations can be made to the YMCA to benefit summer camp scholarships.

4/30 ♦ Woodland Kids Read at Woodland Community College.

5/1 ♦ Mystery Golf? (It's a mystery) Not Pebble Beach.

5/17-19 ♦ District 5160 Four Way Fest, Reno's Peppermill, still time enough to make your plans to attend.

Other events:

5/4 ♦ 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Big Night ♦ City of Stars ♦ - Money raised will provide support to mothers in Brazil which is the Davis RotarAct Club's big fundraiser. "All proceeds will go towards our international project, Baby Packs. These care packages include formula, bottles, clothes, and other necessities that will be sent to mothers in Brazil. In addition, over this past year, Rotaract members have been hand sewing baby caps and bibs for our Baby Packs.

We will have live entertainment, raffle prizes, silent auction, and delicious food!!" If you have any questions, email Anh at [charitydinner@crcdavis.org](mailto:charitydinner@crcdavis.org).

6/21 ♦ 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodland United Way Golf Tournament at Yocha Dehe Golf Club, Friday, June 21. The proceeds go to Woodland United Way and support many youth programs and activities in our community. Please consider putting together a team or sponsoring the event. For more



### Speakers

April 25, 2019  
[Membership Committee](#)  
Membership Drive

May 09, 2019  
[Lori Ross](#)  
Woodland Kids Read

### Events

April 30th  
[Woodland Kids Read](#)



information. President Larry is looking for members to join his team. Visit the website: [woodlandunitedway.org](http://woodlandunitedway.org)

**WSRF President Eric Engstrom:** Eric is pleased with the push we made for requests for BBQ proceeds. He is happy to announce that this year's efforts will go towards NorCal Trykers in the amount of \$15,000 for a trailer and Yolo Employment Services \$10,000 for a used van. So \$25,000 from the next BBQ has been decided. The corpus of the Foundation now has over \$200,000 the new goal is \$1,000,000 hope to get there soon. Lots more to come on this topic now we just need to do it. A fund of that amount will enable us to gift from the interest proceeds quite generously. More reports to follow.

**Dr. Michael White** Sent the club a recent happy/sad note of thanks to all of you. They are moving closer to the girls in Sacramento and will be living in Land Park it all happened within a three week period. He will be commuting as he finishes his tenure at WCC. He is so pleased to have met us and joined in fellowship with Woodland Sunrise Rotary, many thanks.

**DG Jon Dwyer** A few comments: in August he came as his 4<sup>th</sup> visit without his wife, because her mother was ill. Today she was determined to attend. The Four Way Fest in Reno had the word Rotary added to its name because some younger members suggested that without it, it might be misleading to some. There are still hotel spaces available, if the inspiration strikes you. Traveling around the district, it is incredible what occurs in this district he was in Weaverville last week where the auction raised \$100,000, incredible. Their auctioneer was outstanding and is a speaker at the Reno event. Thanks for all you Rotarians and your club good things in communities are thanks to Rotarians. Paradise is rebuilding, thanks in large part to Rotarians.

**John Martin, our Foundation Chair joined DG Jon** up at the podium for 2 presentations to make today: **Lynn Clark** **Paul Harris plus 8** -



\$9,000 gifted. This is unique in that Lynn makes his donations on-line, John Martin doesn't know until the awards come in the mail during tax season the awards came. He also got the notice that **Lynn Clark had made Major Donation status. This means he has given a total of over \$10,000 to TRF!** The Foundation is like Lynn Clark both are silent leaders, working hard in the background, and they help make life

better for everyone, often unnoticed or realized by the beneficiaries of those efforts. In this club, no worries are present because of Lynn Clark's fine efforts we are seamlessly well-represented and paperwork happens in a timely fashion. Lynn also decided some time ago that he wanted to help the foundation out his focus area is generally to the General Fund, leaving decisions to those who know best. Some of his efforts do go towards Polio Plus; this has been in the background, and he signed up to give regularly.

**Jon Dwyer** the Foundation efforts go globally to people you may never meet. For every \$1,000 donated, 4 people will be kept alive due to your efforts In the case of Lynn Clark, 40 people are sustained due to Lynn's efforts! Presentation of Pin and Crystal! [Standing Ovation].

### **RECOGNITION with Sue Westwood**

**Jen e Rawlings - Birthday** April 12<sup>th</sup> game this that or the other Pick endangered species, kung fu movie or Secret Service Code: King Eagle Kung Fu Movie; Bow Hunter SS Code; Futuna's Emperor Endangered Species Fish; Fencing Master SS Code; Angler SS

Code(Bill Cheney); Magnificent Poacher ♦ Kung Fu Movie. This was Jenee ♦s 50<sup>th</sup> and she said it was a Great Birthday. Her youngest daughter also had a birthday, she turned 18, so they celebrated at the same time with a family gathering at Mojo ♦s and Bell.

**Alex Pike - Birthday 4/17** ♦ Comic ♦ The defense requests a reduced bail, as my client is not a flight risk, ♦ said the lawyer representing the penguin. TEST: Pick the heroic lawyer: Willie E. made prospective clients watch videos of his own Bentley; Also the Cleveland Brown ♦s counsel who provided ♦ helpful hints ♦ and the Florida lawyer who increased exposure with his drunk driving picture in the newspaper next to an ad for his law firm. Alex had a great birthday meal with grandparents at Zocolo with not too much tequila consumed by all.

**Eric Engstrom ♦ Birthday.** As a test of his Wells Fargo knowledge: What does Eric know of the Wells Fargo Wagon song from the Music Man? Quiz: Who was the child actor Winthrop? Ron Howard. Meredith Wilson profited most from? The Beatles ♦ version of the song ♦ Til There was You. Happy Birthday, and Eric is now 57 years young, still he ♦s younger than his wife. They dined in Sacramento with friends and happy to be here, Bell.

**Buzz James ♦ Induction Anniversary** ♦ Chesapeake Bridge opened this day, President Taft through out the first opening day baseball pitch in 1910, Abe Lincoln died in 1865, the City of S.F. incorporated this day. It ♦s an easy day to remember. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> Rotary year for Buzz which ♦ blows him a way. ♦ John Martin was President and John Smythe was his sponsor. Buzz gave to Rotary International, Bell.

**Eric Engstrom - Anniversary** ♦ Ole and Lena: Lena went to the kitchen to talk with Ole. She said that she could really use a compliment as she is feeling bad about herself. She notes that she ♦s overweight, things are sagging that didn ♦t used to, her bones are aching, her feet are flat, she ♦s looking like the bloom is off the rose. Ole said, ♦ Well Lena, your eyesight is as good as ever. ♦ Happy Anniversary, it ♦s been 28 years on Saturday. Eric shared that it is a joy to be married to his wife and best friend, Sheila. They have 2 great kids ♦ going wine tasting. Bell.

**Don Sharp ♦ Anniversary** ♦ Plans for the 23<sup>rd</sup>? They got married in 1988 and it ♦s been 31 great years this year ♦ all good. Bell, with the donation to our club foundation.

**Beja Springer - Special Day** for Beja because April 8<sup>th</sup> is her daughter ♦s 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a Mickey fantastic day ♦ Bell.

**Don Easton ♦ Foster Kids Life Essentials Bag Announcement** ♦ this year, at the kids ♦ request, they are adding feminine products to the appropriate bags. The graduation rate for youth in this County is 90% from high school ♦ this is a much greater average than elsewhere. Don says they usually spend about \$150 per bag and we don ♦t know how many this year, but the average spent each year is \$3 ♦ 4,000.

**Jon Dwyer** ♦ Announced that tomorrow is Jon & Bonnie Dwyer ♦s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. They realized recently that for 40 years they have been celebrating their anniversary on Thursdays. This year they would like to donate \$100 to the Foster Kid backpacks! Congratulations and the kids Thank You.

## **PROGRAM - CAL FIRE AVIATION**

### **DENNIS BROWN, Chief of Aviation, Eric Miller introduction**

Dennis Brown, Chief of Aviation, CAL FIRE, began his career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1971 as a temporary firefighter on the Plumas National Forest. He worked on engines and hand

crews prior to a stint as a smokejumper in Redding, CA in 1973-74. He was then transferred to the Klamath National Forest in 1979 as a Fuels Management Officer. Dennis was involved in the prescribed burning and aerial ignition programs on the KNF. He became the primary Air Tactical Group Supervisor the KNF in 1981 and filled that role in an exclusive use ATGS platform for 21 years, and became the Forest Aviation Officer in 1997. He supervised the Helicopter Rappelling pilot test for Region 5 in 1989 and was a qualified rappeller. Dennis assumed the Region 5



Aviation Safety Manager's position in September of 2001 and was involved with the Aerial Fire Simulation project and Cobra helicopter project in the



region. Dennis is a private pilot, owning his own antique/classic airplane. Following his career with US Forest Service, Dennis chose to join CAL FIRE and has served as Aviation Officer, Chief of Flight Operations and is currently the Senior Chief of Aviation based in McClellan, California. Dennis enjoys flying and hunting in his spare time. Please join me in welcoming Dennis Brown!

For more information, please visit the website: [CAL FIRE](#)

Chief Brown explained to the WSR that he has been involved with fire suppression since high school. After the mandatory US Forest Service retirement at the age of 57, Dennis went to work with CAL FIRE. Chief Brown was a pilot in the past and now works as a tactical decision maker. He has been the Senior Aviation Chief since January, a job he has mainly done for the last 2 years. The Chief explained that he has a lot of information to get through in 20 minutes and will rush through some information.

Most importantly for this morning, Chief Brown wants to thank each of the club members for their support. As a statewide organization, they are tax supported for a suppression task which is 95% effective, the 5% or others are what you hear about be assured there are many you don't hear about.



What is CAL FIRE aviation program? It's primary goal: To provide aircraft on site of a fire within 20 minutes air support is deployed all up and down the state. 95% of the fires are suppressed quickly. Fleet includes 15

Vietnam era planes Rockwell Bronco's which is an aircraft as a spotter plane, the backseat personnel are fire coordinators and keeping the airspace

safe for those plans bringing suppression. He did this for 23 years. This is a rewarding activity, usually.

Fleet includes 23 air tankers ♦ former Navy planes are converted to turbo-prop engines and can drop 1,200 pounds of retardant. There are planes more modern that can drop much more, but these planes are quick for that initial attack.

Vietnam Era Super Huey Helicopters are used with upgrades for highperformance aircraft purposes.

These are acquired through the federal excess program ♦ then they are rebuilt from the carcass of these aircraft. Ex-military aircraft are excellent for these purposes.

Changes are coming include the ability to acquire water from a variety of sources and fixed buckets.

Some former National Guard aircraft are used an interim hiring process.

Private companies can be hired on call, if needed, also. Some international arrangements have been negotiated, as well. A variety of contracts allow for a variety of other aircraft types, both jets and propeller driven.

They are in the process of buying 12 brand new Blackhawk



Firehawk helicopters ♦ pictured. These should be delivered in June/July. These are exciting upgrades to the fleet of Huey helicopters ♦ these are much more capable ♦ more capacity and faster for quick responses. They will also add the ability to fly at night ♦ they are comfortable with these aircraft as they are dual engines.

Senator John McCain added to the budget 7C-130 Hercules 4000 gallon air tankers to be given to Cal Fire ♦ Senator Feinstein championed them as the beneficiary of these after they ♦ve been upgraded out of the National Defense Operational Budget. These will be on site in 2020 or 2021, California will greatly benefit from these efforts.

Retardant drops support for the ground crews, it is put in the fire ♦s path to chemically react at the greater temperatures. The drop distance is designed for it to come down like rain gently. No fire is too small for them to attack, in particular risk time or location, they will be on it right away.

Pictured the 747, like having a variety tool box ♦ this is the big guy, may be overkill for small fires, but perfect for a big or huge fire.

Hard to say that last year was the worst fire season ever. Paradise is in many peoples ♦ minds, it is a different environment out there. The former drought and now the grass will be grown out and fire problems. The Redding Carr Fire was the most horrific he had ever personally witness. He knew a pilot killed in the event ♦ some things were



different in the behavior of this fire. Examples were given of the Camp Fire illustrating the time

event captured from a distant camera. The fire tanker was on it quickly and early, with winds prohibiting safe drops due to the dangerous configurations ♦ this was highly unusual. Smoke was so thick that it prohibited fixed wing aircraft from entering those spaces. Some helicopters could go underneath it. Pictures of the wind sending flames ahead that reduced the effectiveness of retardant. The most destructive fire in California History!

Thanks for your support, again, as it is very much appreciated. Chief Brown will stay afterwards to answer your questions.

**Thanks, Chief! Book signing.**

**RAFFLE with Don Sharp**

**Today's raffle is worth \$200. The ticket belongs to Lynn Jepsen, WHO IS A WINNER! Lynn donated her winnings toward the Foster Kids Bags.**

**Second Chance ticket belongs to Eric Miller.**

**Lynn Jepsen led the 4 way test. Bell.**