



Woodland Sunrise Wake Up Call



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WOODLAND SUNRISE ROTARY WHERE WE PUT SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE!

Notes by: **Bob Hulbert**
April 4, 2024

President **Tom Wendt** presiding. Flag Salute led by **John Beatty**.
Rotary Grace by the **Woodland Sunrise Singers** with the infamous **Jim Hilliard** directing.
Visiting Rotarians/Guests/Guests of the Club: None
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- At 6:15 am today the Education Committee gave an overview of Fundraising and Club Finances.
- April 4 The UCD Primate Center field trip scheduled for this afternoon had to be postponed due to the forecasted rain. **Laurie Brignolo** will announce the new date when rescheduled.
- April 5 Honey Bee Haven Open House at UCD near the airport. **Rich Sakai**.
- April 6, 1:30 pm The **Cap Thomson Memorial Tree Dedication** at the Woodland Regional Park Preservation. President Tom displayed a map showing directions down Highway 102 turning East on County Road 25A. The Putah Creek Crawdads will be playing. There will be some seating provided but folding chairs are encouraged.
- April 10, 7:00 am Board of Directors Meeting.
- April 11 Program: Ukrainian Delegation. **Jim Nolan**.
- April 12, 4:30 pm Woodland Community College Fund "Eagles of Excellence" reception and dinner in the Culinary Arts Center. **Wayne Ginsburg** asked members to consider attending and sponsoring the College Fund. (Flyers on tables.)
- April 18 Program: Restoration of the Court and Walnut Cathedral. **Keenan Worrell**.
- April 20 Classic Aircraft and Car Show. **Bruce Watts** and **Dave Yust**.
- April 25 Program: Allergies. **Rajan Merchant**.
- April 25, 8:00-Noon Rotary Blood Drive, Ace Parking Lot. **Bob Hulbert**.
- April 26-29 District 5160 Field of Dreams, Sacramento.
- May 1 Mystery Golf "opening still available. **Chuck Santoni**.
- May 18 Woodland Street Cruisers C-10 Truck Show to promote restored grand prize for the Salmon BBQ. **Jimmy Odusula**.
- October 5 Salmon/Tri Tip BBQ, Waite Hall. **Jimmy Odusula**.
- TBA Program Committee is working on plans for a field trip for club members to see the new Culinary Arts Center at WCC.

PROGRAM: **John Smythe** introduced our newest member **John Roncoroni** to share with us his experience as University of California Weed Science Advisor and educate us on the UC Cooperative Extension. A local product, John was born and raised in Woodland, graduated from Woodland HS and attended UCD (Go Ags!) *because he couldn't get into Chico State (Go Wildcats!)*. John, his wife and their daughter currently reside in Woodland.

John R. began his talk acknowledging that he loves speaking in public, in private and even to himself. *It's a genetic thing*. Having worked initially on the UCD campus. John found his career with UC Cooperative Extension to be greatly rewarding.

Speakers

March 21, 2024
[Jeff Kunz, Yolo Fliers Club](#)
Yolo Fliers Club's 100 year History

March 28, 2024
[Ben Cadrenal](#)
Yolo County Library Foundation

April 04, 2024
[Rick P](#)
Fundraising & Club Finances

April 04, 2024
[John Roncoroni](#)
"What does a UC Weed Science Advisor do? And what is UC Cooperative Extension?"

April 11, 2024
[Jim Nolan](#)
Ukrainian Delegation

Events

No Events found



As an academic in the field, he considers CE to be the 11th campus in the UC system. With Extension offices in 57 of the 58 counties (all but Alpine) there are 150 advisors, 300+ community educators, and 120 campus/county-based specialists who serve statewide. In the Research and Extension Facilities division there are nine Research and Extension Centers, the Elkus Ranch Environmental Education Center (sheep and fire research) in Hopland; and 235 research projects ongoing. Within the Agricultural and Experimental Station division there are 560 researchers on 5 campuses engaged 800+ research projects in land-grant partnerships with USDA NIFA. Overseen also through UCCE are 13 statewide programs, ranging from 4-H Youth Development to UC Master Gardeners, with over 19,000 volunteers. John believes that working for UCCE was a good fit, as he considers himself to be pretty cooperative.

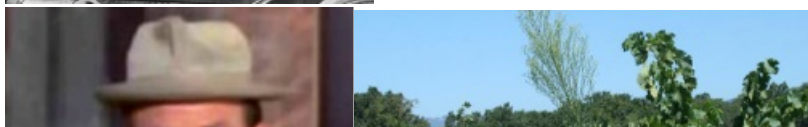
John then talked a bit about Cooperative Extension history going back to the establishment of Land Grant Universities by Congress in 1862, the founding of UC in 1868, the authorization of Agricultural Experiment Stations at Land Grants in 1887, UC's implementation of demonstration trainings in 1891, Cooperative Extension having been established with federal funding for USDA Extension Service approved by Congress with passage the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, and the three way cooperative arrangement of Federal, State (UC) and County funding that continues today.



Referencing the UCCE Capitol Corridor, which serves our area with administrative offices on Cottonwood St. and branch offices in Sacramento and Fairfield, John elaborated about his role as Farm Advisor in Napa County. Though science and research-based, he said the advice he gave farmers over the years often was conditional, beginning with "That depends" (Perhaps reminiscent of **Hank Kimball**, scatterbrained agricultural agent of



TV's Green Acres fame).





Research applied in the field many times meant finding out what worked for one farmer and passing it on to the next farmer down the road. However, for growers in Napa County he needed to educate them that crop rotation was more than going from reds to whites. Premium grapes are a great deal about location, as seen with the difference of Carneros crop value between those grown on the Napa side of the county line vs. those on the Sonoma side. In actuality, John has helped vintners produce premium grapes as far south as Santa Barbara County, east into the Sierra foothills, out into the Dunning Hills and down into the Delta. "Napa is not the real world" competition has led to a lot of consolidation. It's hard to compete. An aside: Franzia wines now wear a Bronco label, signaling the family's affiliation with Santa Clara U.

John next talked about his work with **Dr. Brad Hanson** citing the Woodland news article re: *Orobanche ramose* and tomato production. Dr. Hanson studied the problem in Chile and as advisors, what they say and how they are quoted is important. This was evident in a 1994 Stinkwort scare for vintners which was blown out of proportion. With subsequent slides, John commented on the use of drones for pesticide application in small vineyards for spot treating; some of the professional publications for which he has been responsible; and presentations he has made.

Transitioning to weed control, John talked first about Pacific mosquito fern and ponds in Sonoma County that he has seen completely covered with Mosquito fern. He explained about Aeration, the Striation of water, and how water has to be brought up from the bottom to be effective in helping eradicate Mosquito fern.

Aeration



What is a weed? Is a weed always a weed or just a "plant out of place"? It depends!

Annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*) can be a weed competing with winter vegetables, or a decent putting surface if managed on a golf course green. **Yellow Starthistle** (*Centaurea solstitialis*) is a weed on rangeland, but early in the season can be feed for cattle, sheep and goats. **Poison Oak** (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*) has adverse effects for hikers, but its leaves and seeds are an important food source for wildlife.

Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) can be a beautiful tree, but if cut and not painted, can produce sprouting roots for 50 feet in all directions and host the invasive Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*).

Why and when to control weeds? When they **compete** with desired plant species. When they detract from **aesthetics** of landscaping. When they trap unsightly **trash and debris**. When they **accelerate** the breakdown of pavement. When they **hinder visibility** for vehicles and pedestrians. When the impact **human health**. When they present **fire danger**. When they **promote other pests**, such as rodents and insects. (Due to his severe allergic reaction to bee stings, John carries an epi pen with him wherever he goes.)

Why Control Weeds?

- Competition
- Aesthetics



- Trap unsightly trash and debris
- Accelerate the breakdown of pavement
- **Hinder visibility**



How to control weeds? Know the proper method, choose the right chemical, use the right technique: Pulling to include the roots, cutting with a "weed eater"™, mulching. Timing usually means physical removal early, chemicals on perennials later. It's™ important to prioritize your resources with limited time and money.

Although members brought in about 10 bags of weed(s) for identification, because time was running short, John took a few questions/comments instead.

Rich Sakai thinks he has a problem with Dichondra and Clover. John will need to take a closer look to address the problem. **Ellen Burriss** is worried about wild grasses (Foxtail?) which endanger dogs. John recommends a grass herbicide. **John Smythe** commented about the new Roundup being less effective than the original. John concurred that it means more hoeing. Most CA crops are not Roundup ready. **Dave Dumars**, from a rice farmers perspective, noted that vs. LD50, Roundup is a lot safer. John concurred; Roundup doesn't™ move. The threat of herbicides has a lot to do with public perception. Table Salt can be more deadly. Leather dust and Wood dust both have the potential of being Carcinogenic.



Having run out of time, John said he couldn't™ take any more questions, but he will work for beer! Pale Ale or IPA preferred.

HAPPY BUCKS: Postponed due to a lack of time.

RECOGNITIONS:

Don Easton had to work on his birthday at Greengate School. Nevertheless it was a good day and he rang the bell.

Phil Marler noted that he was born on April 2 because his Mom refused to bring him into the world on April Fool's™ Day 76 years ago, for which he was grateful.

Jimmy Odusula celebrated his club Induction. Has it been 6 years already? He has had lot of fun memories and feels privileged to be a member of WSR. Being involved is a pleasure and he looks forward to chairing this year's™ Salmon BBQ as President Elect. "Thank you, and I'm looking forward to many more years of service."

RAFFLE:

With today's™ jackpot now at \$1606, it was **Rick Pomeroy's™** ticket #377100 that was drawn. He won a Free Breakfast and led us in:

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think say and do:

First - Is it the truth?

Second - Is it fair to all concerned?

Third - Will it build goodwill and better friendships

Fourth - Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BELL!

