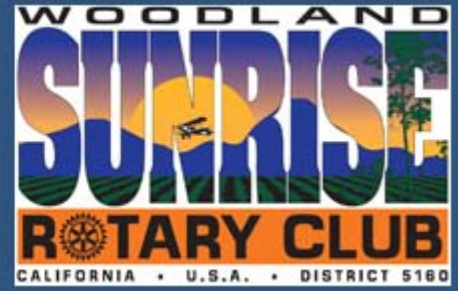




Woodland Sunrise Wake Up Call



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WOODLAND SUNRISE ROTARY WHERE WE PUT SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE!

Notes by: Robyn Drivon
January 30, 2025

WELCOME by President Rick Pomeroy. Charles Mack led the pledge. Jim Hilliard and a really large group of singers sang Rotary Grace.



GUESTS – Wayne Ginsburg shared that Dr. Lizette Navarette is here from Woodland Community College and she is our speaker today. Visiting Rotarian Nick Roncoroni from Woodland Noon club was introduced by Don Easton. The nephew of John Roncoroni, Nick is the Noon Club’s presidential nominee, and his classification is crop science. [It was affirmed that two Roncoroni’s can’t be in the same place at the same time. The reason is still a mystery.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Pomeroy hopes that some from WSR will attend the upcoming District Grants training. It’s on Zoom, which means you can wear your pj’s. It would be good if someone from the club attended, he said. John Martin and Jim Gillette volunteered.

President Pomeroy announced that John Smythe is present. John said that he is happy to be seen after a total hip replacement. It was also commented that it is nice to see Charles Mack in three dimensions, rather than on screen.

PROGRAM - WOODLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE with Dr. Lizette Navarette.

Wayne Ginsburg introduced Dr. Navarette: "It is my honor to introduce Dr. Lizette Navarette, a distinguished leader and passionate advocate for student-centered education, with nearly two decades of experience in higher education and local government. Born in Southern California, and a resident

Speakers

February 06, 2025

[Josh Flushman, senior](#)
[Associate, Athletics Dir of Football](#)

UC Davis Football

February 13, 2025

[Ken Hiatt, City Manager](#), and
[Councilman Tom Stallard](#)

Woodlands High Tech Park

February 20, 2025

[Josh Pulley, Tiechert Construction](#)

West Sac to Davis I-80
Construction

February 27, 2025

[Raylene Ewing](#)
Train Depot Project

Events

No Events found





of Sacramento for over a decade, Dr. Navarette can easily be described as a relentless champion for student success, affordability, and equitable educational opportunities.

Dr. Navarette, has broken new ground as the first woman to hold the position of Vice Chancellor of College Finance and Facilities Planning for California Community Colleges. She also served as Vice President of the Community College League of California, Associate Director of Regional Relations for the University of California Riverside, Youth & Education Coordinator for the City of Riverside and now President of Woodland Community College [WCC].

As a proud first-generation graduate, she is an inspiration to many. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science and international relations from UC Riverside, a master's degree in public administration from the University of La Verne, and a doctorate in education from UC Davis.

In the words of her colleagues, since joining Woodland Community College as President in the spring of 2024, 'Dr. Navarette has been a supportive, innovative leader, bringing Woodland Community College to greater heights'. She is known for her ultimate balance of cool, calm and collected presence.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Lizette Navarette."

Dr. Navarette began with a compliment to Wayne Ginsburg, who is a great champion at WCC and thanked him on behalf of our community and our college. He was instrumental in greeting her when she came to the college a year ago.

As to Rotary, Dr. Navarette said that In graduate school, she did a graduate study abroad as part of a Rotary Program. She worked with Rotarians in Southern California and said that she appreciates the great work that Rotary does around the country and the world.

WOODLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE. She has been there for a year now. When she got there a few things were happening, such as the opening of the Performing Arts and Culinary Center and unveiling of the newly revised culinary program. Soccer fields were in progress, enrollment was down post-pandemic and preparations were underway for accreditation to be renewed. The campus revealed to her that the staff is passionate, and stable leadership would assist them in doing the high quality of work they were already doing. She has brought a slide show which can be shared digitally, also. **THE MISSION** – Your Future is Our Purpose – is the



WCC mission statement. This is the driving force of both staff and students. She would like the community to know that the students are their purpose. Opportunities can be created for entire families and communities to see better societal outcome through the achievement of these goals. The strategic plan is driven by this purpose.

THIS PAST YEAR – This last academic year has shown increased achievement: 52% more students have matriculated to 4-year colleges and universities. More students have completed the gateway courses of transfer-level English

and Math courses. The number of students accessing support services is increasing to help ensure their achievement regardless of abilities. "We have seen related increases in student wages."

ACCREDITATION – Ensures financial aid and this September a team comes for evaluation.

ENROLLMENT – Pre-pandemic losses were replaced with an 18% increase of enrollment and continued growth. The spring term is beginning now with a 9% increase over last year. Now WCC is an 8,000 student campus. More students and families are finding them. That is what they want.

STRATEGIC PLAN – Yes, it is usually boring stuff with sticky notes on sheets of paper on the wall. Her goal was to distill the purpose of the college. Here it is: END POVERTY. Why do people attend college? Social mobility. Community College serves 100% of persons seeking a greater economic opportunity. Can we do it alone? No. Should we try? Yes. The Public Policy Institute of California cites that Yolo Co. has the 2nd highest in the state population, well below the mean income level. **February 22nd** is a film screening about ending homelessness and poverty. This is an example of Rotary tackling a very big problem, hopefully, with very big results. All the more reason to strategically plan to end poverty.



ROTARY CLUBS IN WOODLAND PRESENT COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

Engage, learn, and add
your voice to the
Unhoused Conversation.

Special Guests Opt. Tour: Fourth & Hope Campus

- Paul Freedman, Emmy Award Winning documentary filmmaker, *The Dirty Divide*
- Doug Zeck, Executive Director, Fourth & Hope
- Jayne Williams, Executive Director, All Leaders Must Serve
- Charlene Eckels, Basic Needs Specialist, Woodland Community College

Homeless Services

Treatment

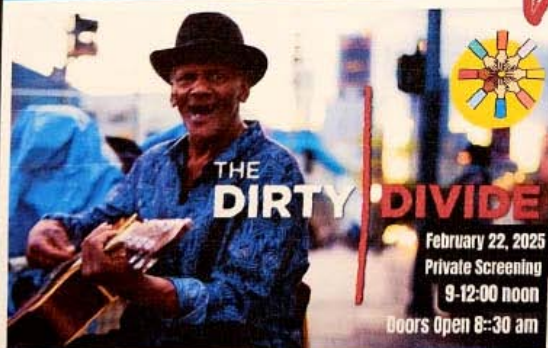
Housing



PRIVATE SCREENING

With Documentary
Filmmaker Paul Freedman

Through the intimate stories of 6 residents on LA's Skid Row, be prepared to have your notions of poverty and privilege challenged, along with the myths of our unhoused neighbors.



Location. Woodland Community College
Performing Arts Center

Info: Homelessness@Rotary5160.org

Free Tickets: [Click Here](#)



OTHER THINGS – WCC opened the community college Performing Arts Center. Hosted Christmas sing-a-long – the room was packed. More concerts are set in March and May. They will share information and hope that you will attend these programs and taste the culinary delights. The culinary program has been revamped so that the students do more than work in the café. They will now be placed in restaurants in the community, and they leave the program with jobs. Economic mobility is a key element.

Soccer – Intercollegiate started 2 years ago at the college. She does not take credit for that initiative but now shares that 2 championships have been won. This could be a movie! Expectations were low and they won. Second year, second championship. The field is now set to follow. The DSA – Department of State Architect – has the plans, and they are waiting for approval. Then the project goes to bid. Hopefully, the field will be finished in a year from now. 2026 should be a season on the new field. Women's soccer program is off the ground this year with a full team, and they're recruiting.

Men and Women's soccer teams are now in full force.

Faculty – The State Chancellor's office has acknowledged them as a top performer with 3% of students placing in higher English and Math – these advancements have been hard work, and they are on track to continue this success.

SUPPORT - WCC is doing a lot of work to have support service for students to thrive as individuals. Many are the first in the family to attend college. Dr. Navarette said that she can relate to this. Navigating this experience requires a community of support. WCC has resources that provide food and meal vouchers for students and programs that support with textbooks, tutoring, career center preparation, and also have partnerships with the County to offer career fairs and are working to establish apprenticeships in a number of areas. A Success Center also provides hands-on support in partnership with UCD and certain professions. There are an array of opportunities for students which will build their economic trajectory long term.

PLANNING – The Strategic Plan will help to build a framework for the expenditures related to achieving college goals. More importantly, it drives everyday work. Accountability to the community is intended in the plan, as well. Clear, succinct goals are essential; we have three that can be remembered and can show accountability. Ending poverty – is something which can be incrementally documented, defined and demonstrably changed. This will be the foundation for safety and security without barriers to success. Programs will lead to jobs and support will assist with some of the costs. We can't do this alone; community partners will be identified who can help with this goal. Yolo Food Bank is a partner in this effort. Weekly distributions illustrate the community need. The space facilitates students coming together in partnership on this issue. VISIT and come see the campus and its changes. Including things in the plan for the future. Thank you for the opportunity to share this information with Rotary.



Questions? John Smythe – Can you talk about the culinary arts program; what does it prepare students for? The program was launched in August 2024. They are preparing students to transfer to a culinary institute or go

directly into the private sector. The curriculum has been adjusted for this dual purpose. Students are also prepared to run their own business with accounting and business classes. Early partners have Michelin star listings already. They anticipate a renowned chef to come out of the program eventually. Much testing was addressed for a big team of cooks and there is a great teacher/chef leading the program now.

John Beatty – Can you talk about career outreach into agriculture? Yes, there are dual enrollment partnerships in the counties they serve: Yolo, Colusa and Lake. The seed program starts students in high school and takes them through WCC and an associate's degree, which can be achieved in one year out of high school. In the fall of 2025, there will be a cohort with an ag mechanics program in partnership with UCD, too. This is a shift in the industry in response to workforce needs.

John Martin – Can older adults take classes to improve their cooking skills? They are in conversations about how to meet those needs of the community.

Dave Dumars – What do you think the soccer facility will cost and will it need another bond? This is a basic skills entity, isn't it? Can't we get basic education and move them on? Full sports teams seem like too much.

Answer – Funding is from existing resources and costs were calculated based on existing and future needs. Student athletes attend academics full time and have some of the highest graduating and transfer rates to upper education institutions. The field will cost about \$5 million. It will not have "competition" grass, the cost will be kept lower and have a life span of about 25 years with a maintenance cost kept low so it can be used year-round. They believe this is a good investment for the community as well as the college with the activities, participants and supporters it will bring to Woodland.

President Pomeroy – Book Signing and Thank you! RotarAct might be a possibility for a successful partnership with Woodland Sunrise Rotary, linking the goals to end poverty. Warning – more to follow! GO EAGLES!

President Pomeroy gave some other announcements: Tomorrow – Foundation Meeting @ 7am at Remax Realty. District Grants – remember. The Unhoused Film Preview – see the flyer. Bob Hulbert – Coming up Blood Drive #3 of 4 – on February 20th – Thanks for sign ups, and we need more. Same location at Woodland Ace Hardware – sign up or get ahold of him to get on the list.

Committees. 2024- 25

29 different individuals are involved out of 47 active members

- Club Administration - Jim Odusola
 - Programs - Chuck Santoni, Eric Engstrom, Dennis Miller, John Roncoroni, Greg Stille, Laurie Brignolo, Mark Johnson, Dave Dumars, Ken Price, Jim Odusola
 - Shenanigans - Phil Marler
 - Meeting management
 - AV/Zoom/Internet - Larry Peterson
 - Raffle - Don Sharp
 - Set-up - Byron MacConnell
 - Check-in - Lynn Jepsen
 - Happy Horns – Jim H., Jon L., Robyn, Dave Y.

- Membership - Tom Wendt
 - Education - John Beatty- Bob Pye, Chuck Santoni
 - Retention -
 - Recruitment –

- Public Image - Ellen Burris & Wayne Ginsburg
 - Publicity - Wayne
 - Social Media – Keith, Patty, Wayne
 - Website -Wayne, Larry
 - Photo / History - Sue Westwood
 - Wake-Up Call - Robyn Drivon, Jon, John O., John R. Lynn, Bob H.

- Service Projects - Mark Johnson & Jim Gillette
 - International Service
 - Youth Service - Dave Dumars
 - Community Projects - Jim Gillette
 - Foster Youth - Don Easton
 - Literacy - Ellen Burris

- Foundation - John Martin & Lynn Jepsen
 - Donations -
 - District Grants - John Martin
 - Paul Harris - John Martin

Check your tables, there are lists of committees – get your name on the list. Rick wants to hand Jim Odusola a full complement of committee lists. Bob Pye noticed that Rick Pomeroy needs to be CHAIR of Rotaract committee – he said he knew that was coming.





Jim Odusola presents Don Easton with the HAT! Getting ready for the fall fundraiser, it is his turn to pass the hat! He wishes all the best and the

reign of terror has begun. The theme will be Halloween ideas or Masquerade Ball or something as yet to be thoroughly articulated – Don will wear his kilt. The three Johns can be the Reservoir Dogs. Ideas are abounding. The crowd is confused. The Founding Fathers. Moving on and more to follow. More announcements?

RECOGNITION

Aaron Schmoekel – January 19th is his birthday and wedding anniversary. He asked if he could skip the final, but had to take it. So, he took the final on a Wednesday, had a wedding and then drove to Seattle for the honeymoon and came back to class shortly afterwards.

Jon Lindstrom – Rick Pomeroy forgot he was there. Bickering about whether it was Dave or Ken... Birthday was January 22nd and he golfed, got home and played music with the group. He rings the Bell. Bell.



Jim Odusola – President Rick asked if your birthday is today, please stand. Jim O. standing and Jim Hilliard on the trombone. Bell! Thanks Jim H. with the happy horn.

Wayne Ginsburg – Induction Anniversary – inducted in the fall, but the records show it to have been in January. It was so agreed with Lynn Clark. An early memory – he was still teaching and had a first period class and

getting from this meeting to class was a problem. He had a great class, so staff friends opened the door and the students usually behaved. He tried to get there by the bell. It was when we met at the bowling alley, not far from Woodland High School. It worked for a few years.

Jim Hilliard – Induction was sometime about 20 years ago. Bobbie Cahn – was his sponsor. Fond memory was the Corkwood at the bowling alley. The president at the end of the year, Gary McLaughlin left right after he joined. **Bell.**

Don Easton – Induction anniversary and commented that he was a wallflower when he first joined. Tom Wendt took a while to get him to join. He heard about a school that had lead paint which needed removing and the school was called Easton, so he had to join. Can't remember who the president was, it was "the Dude" (otherwise known as Rick Pomeroy.)

Bob Hulbert – Wedding Anniversary – 57 years ago. Chico State graduate on one Saturday and married the next Saturday. Blissful 57 years and Bell.
Patty Arriaga – Wedding anniversary to celebrate next week. It is supposed to be a warning.
Bruce Watts – Bruce was reminded that February 1st is his 37th anniversary. He just remembered not to forget. Rick Pomeroy – yes, it is to be a reminder.
Charles Mack – Birthday celebration. Feb 2nd, 1935. He was born 20 minutes after midnight at Sutter Hospital in Sacramento – Dr. Rudizel assisted his mother's delivery of him. He will be 90 years old on this Feb 2nd. And you can ring the Bell!

HAPPY BUCKS

Greg Stille – January 17th he shared a birthday with Cassius Clay. He is starting his 70th birthday year. He lived at 11 Elliott Street when he was born and the population in Woodland was under 13,000. Bell.
Jim Hilliard – Happy to find a mechanic who loves the truck and can work on it and make it run better. He hopes it is a minor expense, so you might see him driving it soon.
Rick Pomeroy – Happy to be ending his hotel stay soon and moving back home on Saturday – more to be revealed soon.
John Smythe – Happy to be here – ½ of last year his hip was not working, 44 days ago had a total hip replaced, and he's happy to be here – not exactly dancing, but happy.
Charles Mack – Happy to have a cataract removed and able to see us.
Don Sharp – Happy about many things.
John Martin – 32 years ago his son was born.

RAFFLE with Don Sharp

\$1,013 and a side pool of \$67. Nick Roncoroni picked a red ticket #932 which belongs to **Dave Yust**. FREE BREAKFAST.

President Pomeroy noted that we are without Sunshine yet this morning, so it's up to us to put it in someone's life. Have a good week.

Dave Yust led the four way test.
BELL.



For those unable to attend the next meeting,
Join Zoom Meeting HERE: [ZOOM LINK](#)

Meeting ID: 856 8891 3321
Passcode: 730031

