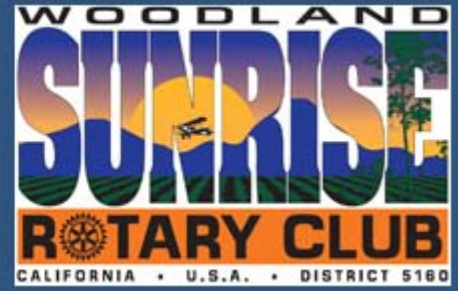




Woodland Sunrise Wake Up Call



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WOODLAND SUNRISE ROTARY WHERE WE PUT SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE!

Notes by: **Robyn Drivon**
May 18, 2023

Welcome by our Board Member **Patty Arriaga**, Flag Salute led by **John Beatty** with our low-keyed **Sunrise Choir**.

Guests: Rotarian and Woodland Noon Club member **Fritz Vander Hook** and **Emily Gillette** visiting until school is done.

Speakers

April 13, 2023

[Jessica Hubbard](#)

Yolo Community Foundation

April 20, 2023

[TBD](#)

Field Trip to Four Wheel Popup Campers

April 27, 2023

[Bruce Watts](#)

Field Trip to Watts-Woodland Airport: Wings and Wheels Prep

Events

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- 5/19 Service Project – Third Graders in the Park (Tentative)
- 5/25 Kerry Carmichael, Peace Corp
- 6/1 Rotary Year in Review
- 6/8 James Morrison, New Member Bio
- 6/22 Wayne Ginsburg & Tom Wendt, A "Down Under" Sojourn
- 6/29 Presidential Demotion
- 7/6 Tom Wendt, An Effing Good Time
- 7/20 Jaleh Janatpour, Exotic Animals



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Arriaga shared our packed agenda, preceded with some light humor:

What do you call it when the Round Table Knights meet? A Sir-cumfrance

Why are barbers the best drivers? They know all the shortcuts. [Ba-dum-bum]

HAPPY BUCKS

Dave Dumars – Happy that the 30th Anniversary Party was great at the Sears Building. Dave's mom and sister were in town to share the evening. It's amazing how quickly 30 Years goes by quickly.



Greg Stille - Getting crayons together to fill out an application. He is hoping someone can help with a need/want for a new shop in the back, he needs a dozen distressed corrugated tin sheets for wainscoting – send him ideas, if you have any.

Keith Rode – Happy to have attended, as President of the California Veterinary Association, the Western University Veterinary School graduation this weekend. Gets to administer the oath to students. Next week is UCD – very much looking forward to that.

Jim Gillette – 25 years old sofa is being replaced – this was the thing during COVID they planned. Finally, they got the light-colored couch, we'll see as the college student returns this weekend



how it holds up.

Lynn Jepsen -heard from all 3 kids on Mother's Day – When each asked, 'am I the first to call?' all were told yes.

Aaron Schmoekel – Happy \$2 for his recent visits to Finland and Germany, sorry he missed the party. Thinks he needs sauna.

Sue Westwood– Recently rode the motorcycle to Hollister/Taft through the hills and signed up for 10 days in November in the Himalayas on vintage motorcycles.

Dave Yust – Happy and grateful that daughter has been offered 3 different teaching jobs. At the Honey Festival, a puppy was adopted by the Yust family which is a 9 weeks Shepard/lab. No, the furniture is not safe. Dave's In-Laws left on Tuesday with their kids and grandkids – Happy.

Jim Hilliard – Tonight is the Epicurean Esprit – benefiting Meals on Wheels. Their Friends put it on. He is doing sound equipment all day for a really cool band.

Bob Pye – Happy that at the Anniversary dinner Dave's mother told a story about Pye babies. Dave was supposed to be one, but was born on Dr. Pye's birthday, so he's not a Pye baby.

Patty Arriaga – The kids have moved from Texas to Newport Beach which means the grandbabies have moved from Texas to Newport. Happy her family is in the state now.

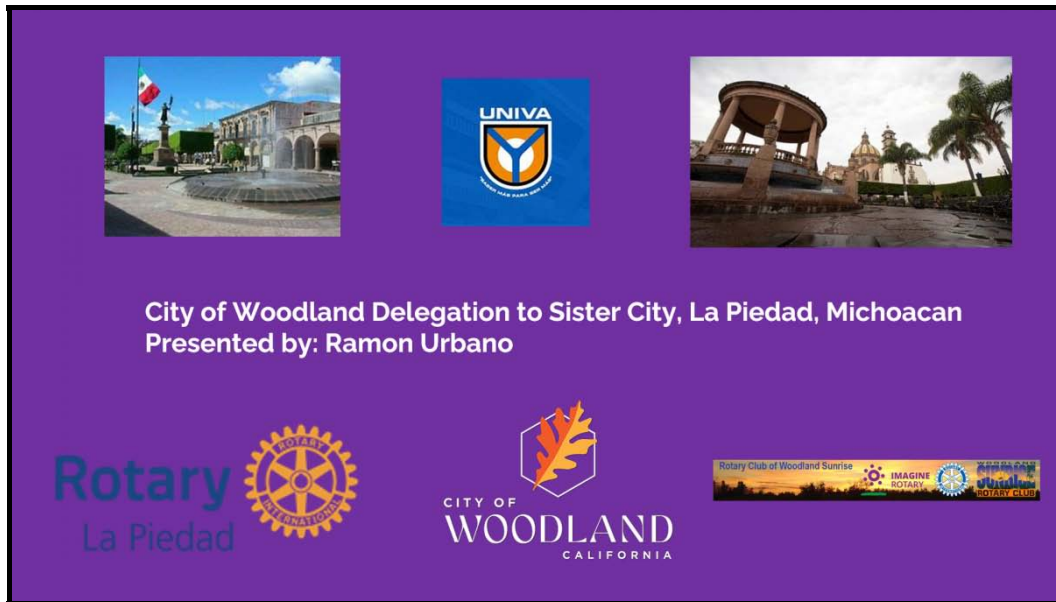
Patty talked about the **SERVICE PROJECT** – Someone was contacted at the Fly In, Linda Hannigan oversees the Dinner on Main, their mission is to work with 3rd graders to promote locally based agriculture education through community outreach. They work with the Dinner on Main to show the link between farming, food, health and local economics. 4 different stations at their site helps to educate kids with mock-government, history, learn about food production, taste fresh veggies and how food is grown and prepare 4th & Hope food baskets, then they take home garden baskets. They need 6 helpers in 2-hour time slots 9:30-11:30 or 11:30 – 1:30. If you can help herd children and would like to help, you can pick the station you want to work at.

CHEERS for 30 YEARS – Thanks to the crew who organized our event.

*Cheers
to
30
Years*

Lynn Jepsen, Larry Peterson, Tom Wendt, Brad Miller, Bob Pye (Not Rick Pomeroy) Robyn Drivon, Patty Arriaga and Ellen Burris. A lot goes on in the background – there are times when those behind the scenes are not thanked, but this should not be one of those. Ellen Burris worked tirelessly, she carried umbrellas and patio stands all of which made the place look so good. Sound man Jim Hilliard was a great supporter, too.

DON SHARP – What is our Raffle status? There are 6 cards left - \$2,975 is the joker value.



PROGRAM – RAMON URBANO, *City of Woodland Delegation to Sister City, La Piedad, Michoacan.*

Welcome to our own Past President and current Assistant District Governor. Ramon reached the podium and explained that his experience as president was during covid, it is nice to address the group live. He explained that he is now Assistant Governor of this Rotary District, which is mostly incoming president support.

LA PIEDAD – Ramon’s connection to La Piedad is through his father, who came from La Piedad in the 1930’s. He himself has picked tomatoes and irrigated alfalfa. He spent 10 years living in Mexico, Guatemala and San Salvador. During his career, Ramon worked throughout Latin America. Ramon also works with the Yolo Interfaith Immigration center – working with youth and DACA scholarships. He advocates for controlled immigration and the integration of immigrants in our area. At UCD he is on a committee to assist the University be an immigrant serving educational institution. He was one of the first Hispanic graduates of UCD.

[The Rotary Club of La Piedad](#), 4140, was founded in 1928 and are now led by Jose Bastion, who is also the head of their district.

This is a progressive club, like Woodland Sunrise. Their areas of concentration are Education, Health, Eyeglasses distribution and Environment – the River Lerma is being cleaned with the help of schools, military and other volunteers. They have built trails, rest stops and have



achieved awards for their efforts from Canada.



Ramon was at a special session of their club to recognize WSR. They had a choir, flag, military band, folkloric dancers and feast of local produce. His presentation about WSR was a pittance compared to their efforts.



The stage of the events is pictured. Band, Dancers, dignitaries. There was a business introduction club. The events were very formal. Ramon thanked them. A unique feature is their Women's Club – they have their own projects and interests.



FLAG PRESENTATION – 2 Michoacan flags were shared with the club. One of their discussion sessions was perspectives on what are possible efforts we could do together as a sister clubs? It is a process to develop a common interest and solicit proposals about a joint project. There was a discussion about a simple project with a likelihood of success: hands-on projects which are doable. However it happens, logistics are fairly easy. There is a daily flight to Guadalajara, this is an easy way to get there after a few hours drive from there.

PROJECTS – The groups need to sit down to discuss possibilities. The La Piedad group is coming back in October, that would be a good time to talk. They are looking forward to purchasing a new fire truck. The City of Woodland is already planning on sending them a fire truck. Another possibility – cleaning the river. What could we help on? That appears to be their focus.

CONNECTIONS - The City of La Piedad and Woodland are sister cities. 45% of Woodland residents came from La Piedad and are hardworking citizens. The sister city arose out of this relationship in 2005. There has been a school bus sent in the past to assist La Piedad get children to school. Teachers have visited La Piedad in an exchange of teaching methods. The group that visited included Dr. Natalia Bravo. She is a powerful force and instrumental in our future efforts. February this year there were 15 people who went from Woodland to La Piedad. Ramon listed how this trip was greeted: honored, recognized, hosted, fed, transported by dignitaries. Treated like royalty. He predicts it would be hard to top that. When they come, we should try to show our very best efforts.

LEADERSHIP - Informationally, personally, Ramon was so inspired by the group who went – leaders in the community. Most are either immigrants or son/daughter of immigrants. City Council and School Board members with humble beginnings. Giving an education makes all the difference: This is our community. The bus included lots of English/Spanish and combinations of both together.

PICTURES: The women’s group is called “Zamora” and are in one of the pictures. The cathedral is pictured from a small town with fireworks. It was a



fabulous time. The security was very well protected with the bodyguards of all the dignitaries.

QUESTIONS: Are there talks of them coming and helping us with a project? They have sent people up in the past; is there parity? Noon club had trouble sending a fire truck during COVID. More school buses are planned to go there. Many tomatoes and avocados are shipped here from La Piedad – there is thought of putting the buses on the return ship.

Have you seen the river? Ramon didn’t see it but has seen pictures – there is a lot of work to be done. Brad Miller – recalling the La Piedad visit last year, their talk of the polluted river, the local Rotary Club is working on the area closest to town. The riverbanks are full of stuff, they have already cleared many miles and established walking paths and parks for community enjoyment. There are many small projects will likely be part of the bigger picture of the river cleanup. This river is lengthy through much of that area – it is a big job. Organizing each town to help is a task in itself a task.

Sue Westwood – Is there a program more than physical presence, like teaching pride in the area – ‘Don’t Dump Here,’ etc.

Lynn Jepsen – They have a women’s club, is that because women are not in the bigger club? No, just that they have started their own club, it is commendable. She said, ‘we are doing our thing.’ **BRAD MILLER** – what was Karen’s highlight? When leaving La Piedad, in the van with many of the folks. They were chatting and the school district board member shared that she picked tomatoes when she first arrived and now she is on the board.

Karen, who is not Latina – honorary now, said as they talked about backgrounds, she said that as the only gringo on the trip, she felt inspired as part of the group and not hard for her to feel incorporated into the group. She had a great time.

Ramon is available for more questions. It was very inspiring personally, looks forward to future projects and future endeavors. **THANK YOU**, a book for him to sign that will go to a local elementary school. ‘Beginners’ Guide to Being Human.’

Patty Arriaga and Brad Miller read **ARTICLE 12 – TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP**, to put to a vote:

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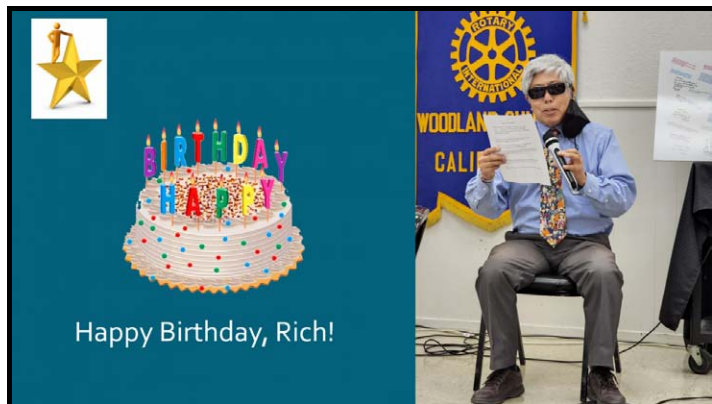
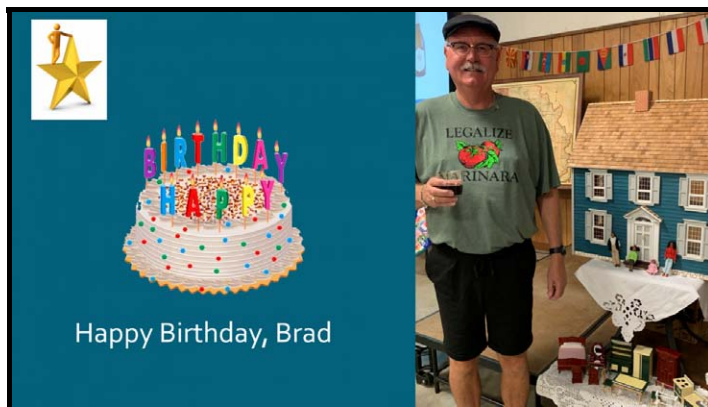
of the Club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other Club, except for the right to visit the other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.”

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RECOGNITION with RON LITTLE, he's moving up.

In a recent conversation with his wife, Ron said, 'Honey your underwear is too tight and too revealing. She said, "Wear your own then."

Brad Miller – Birthday – Brad shares with Blues Legend Robert Johnson's birthday. Margo and he had a late lunch – then they went to Portland visiting their youngest daughter. Portland is neat for the most part, they did get the hot weather of 90 degrees. Bell.

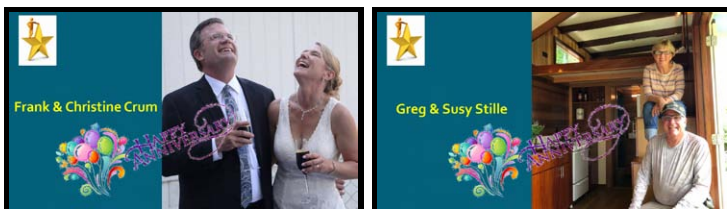


Rich Sakai - Happy Birthday Rich Sakai – Rich shares with Charlotte Eckers. Rich said they stayed in San Francisco at the Biltmore and saw Branson Marsalis, had a fine dining experience. They are still trying to get to Alcatraz. Bell.

Shared Club Induction: Frank Crum, Dave Dumars, Lynn Jepsen, Don Kingdon, Charles Mack, Cap Thomson and Bob Pye. Lynn has known Bob Pye for 30 years and liked him for 28.

Frank Crum – Anniversary, next time.

Greg Stille – 38 Years of wonder and enjoyment.



Charles Mack – 30 years ago, he would have breakfast with a Noon Club member. One Wednesday they had breakfast and there across the room was Mark Faye, Tom Vail and he heard they were having a discussion about a morning club. He was asked if he was 'in,' and he said yes. It's been a great ride.

RAFFLE with DON SHARP

Don gets the World Famous Keith Rode for selecting the winning ticket of #698 which belongs to Dennis Miller, who was sitting next to Keith. Walking to the table where there are 6 cards. **DRUM ROLL... HE WON!** He also gets a free breakfast. Way to go DENNIS – he felt lucky when he got up this morning, cuz he woke up. Keith Sanchez looks forward to a Foundation donation.

ENDING ON A HAPPY NOTE, Patty has 2 more one liners:

My dream job is to start a hot air balloon business, but can't seem to get it off the ground (Yes, there is a writer's strike going on)

Do you hate it when a person answers their own questions? I certainly do.

Thanks to Bob/Rick for being there. Thanks to Brad Miller, for the opportunity. Thanks for being here **Fritz Vander Hook**.

DENNIS MILLER – led the 4-way test



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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