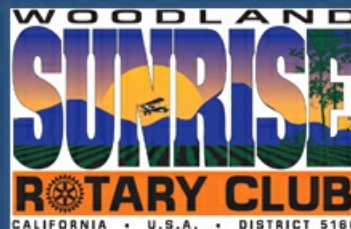




# Woodland Sunrise Wake Up Call



## Wake Up Call

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

Notes by: Robyn Drivon  
May 09, 2024

Welcome by President Tom Wendt; Jim Odusolo led the flag salute, and our



Woodland Sunrise Choir was in tune, on time and, frankly, above average this day.

**Guests:** Jim Odusolo's guest, Remmy Johnson is with us again; Jim Gillette's guest and daughter, Emmy, and Kevin Sanchez introduced his guests and our speakers today, Don Hildebrant and Pete Martin. Welcome All!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Date	Event	Contact/Speaker
May 9	Wolves of the Skye	Pete Martin
May 10	Yolo County Rotary Clubs Social Bowling Alley	Tom Wendt
May 16	Woodland Soccer Club	Shawn Seyk
May 18	Woodland Street Cruisers C-10 Truck Show	Jim Odusola
June 6	Education Session Meeting Structure & Programs	Rick Pomeroy
June 13	Red Badge Picnic & Club Social	Ron & Katie Little
June 15	Classic Car & Plane Show At Watt's Airport	Bruce Watts Dave Yust
Oct 5	Chevy to the Levee	Jim Odusola

**President Tom** announced that tomorrow, Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, go to the Bowling Alley between 6 & 9 pm to meet other Rotarians. It's the Yolo County 7 clubs' Rotarian Social, bring friends & family. Next week's speaker will be Shawn Sykes from Woodland Soccer Club/Woodland Noon Rotary.

**WOODLAND STREET CRUISERS—MAY 18, 2024**

**RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE**

**WOODLAND SUNRISE ROTARY BOOTH**

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**RAFFLE**

**GIVE YOUR CHEVY TO THE LEVEE**

Oct. 5, 2024  
Salmon/Tri-Tip BBQ  
Yolo Co. Fairgrounds -  
Waite Hall

## Speakers

**May 16, 2024**

[Shawn Seyk](#)  
Woodland Soccer Club

**May 23, 2024**

[To Be Announced by  
Program Committee](#)  
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**May 30, 2024**

[To Be Announced by  
Program Committee](#)  
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**June 06, 2024**

[Rick P](#)  
Avenues of Service

**June 06, 2024**

[President Tom](#)  
"Year in Review"

## Events

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**Jim Odusolo** – Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> on Main Street, the Woodland Street Cruisers event will be held in Downtown Woodland. Also, the Raffle Salmon BBQ Truck will be displayed – Woodland Sunrise Rotary will have a Rotary Table/Booth and will need people to person the booth near the truck. Greg Stille will bring his truck. Jim Gillette will bring banners and set up the tables and the shade structure. Wayne Ginsburg will bring Posters and Tickets to sell. Where will it be? Near the truck – assignment occurs closer to the event. Greg Stille suggests wearing Rotary regalia to self-identify. Good idea Greg! [This may be the earliest kickoff of Salmon BBQ sales EVER!]

**Laurie Brignolo** - PRIMATE TOUR – Laurie Brignolo has secured a spot on the calendar: June 6<sup>th</sup> out at the Primate Center. Signups are going around. We are happy that Laurie continues her countdown towards retirement!

#### PROGRAM – INTRODUCTION TO FALCONRY with DON HILDEBRANDT AND PETE MARTIN [not pictured below.]



**KEVIN SANCHEZ** introduced our speakers, Don Hildebrandt, and Pete Martin, who will present **CALIFORNIA HAWKING CLUB – Introduction to Falconry** [btw, thanks for leaving your small mice and voles at home this morning, said Kevin]. [Pete Martin is on the left, Don Hildrebrandt is on the right.]





**Don Hildebrandt** is a Master Falconer and has practiced the sport of falconry in CA for over 14 years. He is a member of the California Hawking Club and has been a director of the club since 2016. As a director of the club, Don participates on the CA Hunting & Conservation Coalition Committee working with other members assisting California Fish and Wildlife with regulations. He also participates in various club educational and informative programs and falconry workshops. Don helps the club at their annual event, managing its open house for the public and assisting with field activities. He currently flies three Harris Hawks and assists each year with mentoring new Apprentices as they begin their journey to becoming falconers.

**Pete Martin** is a Master Falconer and has practiced the sport of falconry in CA for over 11 years. He is a member of the California Hawking Club and has been a director of the club since 2015. As a director of the club, Pete also participates on the CA Hunting & Conservation Coalition Committee. He also participates in various club educational and informative programs and falconry workshops. Currently Pete is training 3 apprentice falconers. Pete and Don are active hunters that try to take their birds out hunting every other day during the falconry hunting season.



**Don Hildebrandt** began by telling us that he is happy to visit Woodland Sunrise Rotary and talk about Falconry. “Good to see all of you!” Don & Pete said that they have a no charge raffle, tickets will be passed round, and the prize is a framed photo of a falcon to take home, if you are interested.

**What is falconry?** Falconry is the ancient art of

taking game in its natural state with a bird of prey. The practice of falconry has evolved over time to be more associated with conservation, cultural heritage and social engagement within and amongst communities. Raptors used for falconry include hawks, falcons, eagles and, to a lesser degree, Owls.

**How old is the tradition of falconry?** The art of falconry can be traced back to 1700 BC in the far east and was a tool used to put food on the table. It reached the British Isles in 860 AD. Today it’s a pastime practiced as a field sport in many countries. Falconers consider falconry as providing a connection to the past.



**Raptors.** Common types of Raptors: Falcons-Long pointed wings, black eyes and toothed beak; Buteos-Short round wings, short tail, like to soar; and Accipiters-Short round wings, long tail, and fast wing beat. What is the difference between a hawk and a falcon? Answer: Hawks prey on the ground (or close to it) and falcons prey in the air using the classic “stoop” or dive. Each bird type has physical attributes which are aligned for success.



**Acquiring Birds.** There are a variety of ways raptors may be acquired. Some are trapped in the wild, while others may be bred in captivity. The captive bred birds can be identified by the gold bands on their legs which are placed at the time of hatching, and are registered with the government. Also, many falconers will work with rehab facilities to help condition and train injured and or annual hatched raptors displaced

from the nest. Many when they are ready are successfully released back to the

from the hawk many, then they are ready, and successfully released back to the wild.



Falconers go through a lengthy training program. Falconers usually use a bird familiar to the predator seeking game in the local area. **Robyn Drivon** volunteered a hunting ground, i.e. nature area, for the rabbits out near Wild Wings. Sometimes falconers use a dog to help flush the prey and retrieve it later. Hunting can be time-intensive. Falconry as a hobby or interest can evolve into a lifestyle. They do work with UC Davis for their rabbit population.

**Survival.** Birds in the wild have a tough time. Up to 80% of first year birds (passage birds) do not live to see their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday! They may not be successful at hunting, catch diseases or lose some of their hunting territory. Others suffer electrocution, or are eaten by other predators. Falconers create a positive impact because passage birds trapped by a falconer generally live longer when released back into the wild. A typical passage falconry bird is vaccinated, wormed, fed well, housed and learns to identify different (larger) prey options. So when it is released, it has survived its most difficult year (first year) and is healthier when it joins the wild raptor population.

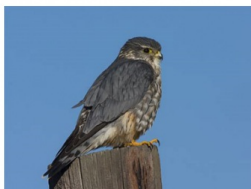
### Common Falcons used for Falconry



**Training Length.** It depends. It takes time to imprint to the falconer. Successful hunting is a process of rewards and adaptation to their environment. When they learn dependence upon you for food, they will be less inclined to fly away. It is always possible.

**Falconry Services.** Abatement – Uses birds of prey to drive pest species from a particular area -- wineries, airports and landfills. Rehab – re-condition/train displaced raptors (fall from the nest or minor injury) with the intent of releasing them back into the wild. Education – Use in instructional applications, schools and raptor facilities -- usually birds that cannot be released back into the wild. Agriculture facilities, including UC Davis, utilize falcons for pest removal-agricultural facilities-jackrabbits-pigeons.

### Common falcons used in falconry





**Risks to Falconry?** Loss of habitat and game “ every year, falconers lose prime hunting fields and our game population lose their habitat to development. Increasing regulatory requirements and expense, with any regulated hunting activity non participants just lack understanding of it or don’t like it all together. Fewer young people taking up the sport “ as the younger generations become further removed from our hunting roots, there is less exposure to and interest in our sport. That is why education events and school outreach are critical to our survival. Falconers are the ultimate conservationists because often Falconers, as most hunters, are the primary driving force behind conservation efforts in the US.

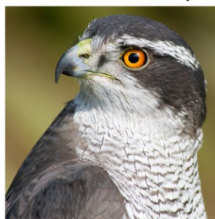
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**How to Help?** Join the CHC “ we have many non-falconry members who simply enjoy hawking with us, attending our meets, and supporting the causes. Support pro-hunting regulation and habitat maintenance and conservation activities. Join your local Ducks Unlimited, California Waterfowl, or other habitat conservation group and help maintain and develop habitat for the game species that we love. And, finally, donate \$\$ to help keep falconry a viable sport in CA.

**Pictures of Birds.** You can see that the birds have equipment on their legs: bells, telemetry (gps), and a third item. Bird’s eyesight is 8 times better than ours “ they can see prey and go for it beyond where you can contemplate.

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### Questions?

**Rick Pomeroy** “ Are there limited hunting times? Yes, the hunting seasons follow the game hunting regulations “ jack rabbit season is all year long, cotton tail has a season; but they have been given an extension from July to March (guns are October to January). Pheasant also has an extended period.

**John Smythe** “ as a duck hunter who waits in a blind, how do you hunt ducks with hawks? Typically, they like to be near a water feature. The hawk goes above the pond, the ducks come off the pond and the hawk comes down and gets a duck.

**Kevin Sanchez** - Were falcons used to intercept military used carrier homing



pigeons? Yes. There is a book about that. Germans had a program featuring rewards.

**Phil Marler** â€“ Wild Wings has rabbits and pigeons; how do you avoid small dogs or cats? Over time the birdâ€™s success is â€œowedâ€ to a certain game animal. Hopefully, they will be less inclined to take something else, though the occasional skunk or raccoon is attempted. Pete Martinâ€™s got a raccoon when she was young.

**Larry Peterson** â€“ 200 mph in the decline to catch prey, do they get injured? They can. They stun the prey or rake it with their claws as they swoop down.

**Lynn Jepsen** â€“ You could charge a fee to Wild Wings and generate some revenue.

**John Beatty** â€“ You can come get pigeons whenever you like. They will talk. A. Every type of prey may not work. Ground Squirrels are nasty creatures and not good hawking candidates.

**John Martin** â€“ can you hunt at night? Sometimes they do abatement in warehouses. Hunting is illegal at night, but abatement can be conducted at night. Wood rats can be hunted.

**John Ronconi** â€“ Saw a documentary about the toy company Whammo. The inventors were trying to launch meat balls for falcons because they wanted to be falconers. Instead, they ended up being toy manufacturers.

Jack Rabbits weigh 5- 6 lbs, whereas the hawk weighs about 2 lbs. They have evolved a hunting method to take down and â€œdispatchâ€ prey efficiently in spite of the weight differences. The hawks also hunt cooperatively.

**Pete Martin** introduced Ziva a Harris Hawk, weighs about 2 lbs. They train and treat them through the summer and then start hunting in the fall/winter. Her younger brother is Shooter â€“ they are at higher weight during the summer molting season. During hunting season, they get weighed twice a day. They hunt a day, get a good meal, no eating the next day, then go out the next day. A merlin hawk hunter friend goes out twice a day, every day during hunting season. The lifespan can be 20 or 30 years. He knew a hunter whose bird lived 35 years.

**Ken Price** â€“ Do falconers use Swenson Hawks? No longer endangered, not good for falconry.

**John Beatty** â€“ sleep on your bed? You would not want that. He has scars from her talons on his arms. Their talons can slice meat and are used for â€˜dispatching things.â€™

**Rick Pomeroy** â€“ will you keep them for their lives? He hopes to breed her and possibly will transfer her to another hunter if he is no longer able to hunt her. A flight chamber in their yards allows for flying and exercising. Many falcons are tethered to a perch unless they are hunting.

**Kevin Sanchez** â€“ female or male better hunters. Depends. Dad hunts while chicks are being raised. Males are faster and more maneuverable. They do work on a big jack rabbit together in groups. Often 2 females and a male make a good hunting group. Rabbits learn to head into a bush. The females learn to go around the bush and get them exiting around the back.

**Don** explained that it is productive and more fun to work in groups of 3 or 4 hawks. The birds have different personalities. Don & Pete have birds that get along, another part of knowing what to expect and what will happen. They have hunted with other less-socialized hawks that work less efficiently together.

**John Martin** â€“ are they protective, including other hawks? Could be. During nesting season, it can happen. Why is there a limit on cotton tails?



**Ellen Burriss** â€“ Do you each have more than one bird? Yes.

**Phil Marler** â€“ UC Davis, GO AGS, was named number 1 in the country for their veterinary school. Do you take your birds there? Yes. There is a bird specialist in Roseville, too. They have some medications that they generally can self-treat.

**Rick Pomeroy** â€“ Do all the birds have a flyway together? Ziva has her own. Several pairs of Donâ€™s are together, but chambers usually are separated.

**Pete Martin** â€“ If you visit him, he can show you stuff from his camera views on the birds, if you would like to come check it out any time.

Drawing time - **Rich Sakai** â€“ Wins the first picture of ZIVA! The Goss Hawke goes to **Grea Stille**.

Don Hildebrandt and Pete Martin –“ THANK YOU FOR LETTING US MEET YOU and YOUR BIRDS AND TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU LOVE TO DO.

Lynn Jepsen –“  
**ANNOUNCEMENT –“ DON EASTON** usually kicks off the **FOSTER BAG PROJECT**, which is an awesome thing we do. Contributions are welcome –“ \$199 dollars per bag fills it full of goodies. We have 20 kids. We will have an activity to fill the bags in an airport hangar some day in



early June. **You can Kick-Start our Funding by Donating [HERE](#).**


**Ramon Urbano** shared that at the 100 Men Who Give a Bleep –“ the winning



recipient was –œMake it Happen for Yolo County.â€ They work a lot with former foster kids. They got \$5,300. Frank Crum was the MC. **President Tom** –“ reminded us that **CHARTER DAY** was **MAY 7, 1993**. Charter members, if you are able, please stand. Pictures are on a board at the back of the room. Charles

Mack was involved in the Dixon Mayfair event. Putah Creek Crawdads are pictured before Wayne Ginsburg.



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2	Squeeze	Cigarette of a single man	0:03:31
3	Elvis Costello	Clubland	0:03:42
4	Talking Heads	Stay up late	0:03:44
5	Morrissey	We hate it when our friends become successful	0:02:30
6	Syence	Nice Girl	0:03:02
7	Blink-182	I miss you	0:03:47
8	Yellowcard	Back Home	0:03:56
9	R.E.M.	It's the end of the world as we know it	0:04:05
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**WHO WAS THE MUSIC MAESTRO** –“ not Tom Wentd–™s music? Ellen Burriss? Jon Lindstrom? It was Buzz James! Thought he would get some in THIS century–™s music and, by the way, No. 6, –œNice Girlâ€™ is by his son–™s

## HAPPY BUCKS

**John Smythe** â€“ Happy for his trip, though missed all the April meetings, because he was in Argentina and Uruguay dove hunting with his sons and a friend. It is fall in the southern hemisphere; unfortunately, he brought back the flu with him.



**Greg Stille** â€“ he and friends are going see the Rolling Stones in Vegas, tomorrow! Going while they are still making music!

**Keith Rode** â€“ Happy that he is going to Raleyâ€™s Field to see the Savannah Bananas â€“ Harlem Globe Trotters of baseball. They are going to be playing in West Sacramento at Rally Field! Should be great.



## RAFFLE with Don Sharp

The Raffle continues to baffle: the prize is up to \$1982, with a side pool of \$46. There are only 17 cards left. The drawn card is Purple and last three numbers are:305. Luis Garcia is not the winner, instead it is **Jim Gillette**. Jim wins a free breakfast! 16 next week. It could be you!


**Jim Gillette leads us in the 4-way test. Bell.**

## Next week's zoom:

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