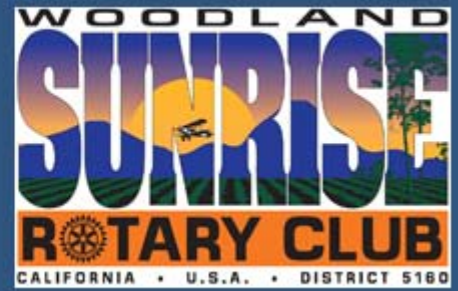




Woodland Sunrise Wake Up Call



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WOODLAND SUNRISE ROTARY WHERE WE PUT SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE!

Notes by: **John Roncoroni**
November 14, 2024

.**President Rick Pomeroy** called the meeting to order. **Kenvin Sanchez** led us in the pledge of allegiance. **Jim Hilliard** led the Woodland Sunrise.

Honoring our Veterans – President Pomeroy asked for a moment of silence to remember the Veterans.



Guests – **Chuck Santoni's** guest was **Ryan Kinnan**, the new City of Woodland Police Chief. As he will be our Speaker on January 9th, he would save introductions until then. **Bruce Watts** introduced our speaker, **Dr. Michelle Hawkins**. And today is **Emily Gillette's** birthday--she and Father **Jim Gillette** brought cookies!



Happy Holiday Brass Trio played Happy Birthday--**Robyn Drivon, Jim Hilliard, and Dave Yust** made up the happy trio.



PROGRAM – CALIFORNIA RAPTOR CENTER by **Dr. Michelle Hawkins**, Director of the California Raptor Center at UC Davis. Michelle Hawkins received her veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1997 and completed a residency and fellowship in Avian and Exotic Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of California, Davis in 2001. She became board-certified in Avian Practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practice in 2002. After 2 years in private practice, she joined the faculty of the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently Professor of Avian and Exotic Animal Medicine and Surgery at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis and Director of the

Speakers

November 14, 2024
[Dr. Michelle Hawkins, UC Raptor Center](#)

Raptors of the Area

November 21, 2024
[Geoff Hulbert](#)

Woodland Community College, Dept of Supportive Programs and Services

November 28, 2024
[Thanksgiving - Club is dark](#)

December 05, 2024
[Laura Valdes](#)

Victims Services Office with Yolo County District Attorney

Events

No Events found



California Raptor Center. Her research focuses on anesthesia, analgesia and critical patient care for companion and wild birds.



Thanks for inviting her this morning. Dr. Hawkins said that she is always happy to talk about the Raptor Center, which is fifty years old. She has been there for the past twenty-five years.

Volunteers make up a lot of what is done at the Raptor center. Volunteer training and operational support are funded from donations. They have full-time staff of 1.5 equivalent operational staff who perform volunteer training and fund-raising.

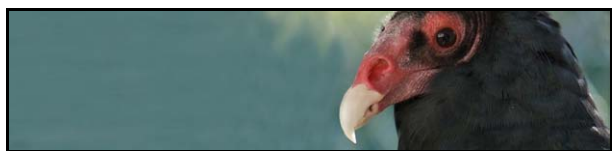


What do they do at the California Raptor Center? A lot. This includes a lot of surgery; these are correcting injuries from being hit or flying into wires, which are the most common reason for care. 1-2 surgeries per week a lot on wings.

The Center also helps train surgeons and students from vet school. Other care includes oil removal - inland, too, not only ocean.

Rescued animals and birds are generally re-released back to their native habitat. Raptors should be released within 15 miles of where they came from. One example of a raptor that was not moved back to where it originally came from was moved to the Sutter Buttes as a new location. This was a pleasant re-homing to a new habitat. A falconer put out "food" in situations for the bird until it gets acclimated to surroundings and could feed on its own.

One of their roles is to train Vet students on proper physical exam and X-rays. They formally refer to this as a "train the trainer program." These occur during three events per year.



A special offering to students at the Raptor Center is avian optometry (looking in eyes of birds important). The California Raptor center in conjunction with

the Vet school can do this: there are only two other centers in the US that can provide this same service. This is important because birds may look okay but maybe can't see - especially at night. A bird released with improper vision will not survive in the wild. It will be unsuccessful hunting and feeding itself.

Due to their small numbers of staff, there is a lot of cross training with the Vet school for the benefit of both the Raptor Center and UC. This is unique among Raptor centers.

Outreach – In order to increase the future participation with the Raptor center, there is a Vet summer enrichment program for K-12 grades. This has been a very successful introductory program and is very popular with the children.



Fundraising is constant. They are currently attempting to raise the capital for a new facility. "Ambassador birds" are very helpful in the fundraising for a new facility. The new facility will be located in the UC Davis Arboretum near the Vet School with build out of the new facility hopefully in 3-5 years.

Research - Raptor Center is also able to produce scientific publications- important to research and reputation. Besides coordination with Vet school and class offerings, they also offer a Master's Degree program. The Raptor Center is proud of its 60% release rate of raptors back to nature. Others become ambassador birds

Dr. Hawkins reported that she just received a \$300,000 equipment grant. This will help with their testing program. Biosecurity is very important - Avian flu has been devastating the wild bird population. For example 23 Endangered California Condors were lost to Avian flu recently.

Video was played "A minute with Mark"- Mark Stetter, Dean of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, this one highlighted the work of the Raptor

center.



Questions? **Phil Marler** asked about a comment that the center being able to do transfusions. The center has some donor birds. They were able to do a transfusion on a Peregrine Falcon- maybe the only place that can.

Kevin Sanchez (I think) asked about Falconers bringing in their birds. The Raptor center will work on them but due to university policy they charge for service.

John Beatty - What happens to birds you can't release? They can become ambassador birds. Or they can become teaching birds in other districts, but they must adhere to US Fish and Wildlife protocol and proper channels of distribution.

Tom Wendt – asked what is considered a raptor? Are vultures and condors?
Yes

Kevin Sanchez - How do you volunteer? Sign-ups are on the website.

John Martin - What are secondary rodenticides that you mentioned and how do they affect the raptors. They eat the rodents that eat the poison and get sick or die.

Jim Gillette asked if we could help with physical labor – Dr. Hawkins said she “brought a list with her.”

THANK YOU, Dr. Hawkins and book signing.

President Pomeroy – More Announcements – Winters Rotary will be collecting slightly used clothes and stuffed dolls and will be taking them to Ensenada, Mexico in January. They have asked for donations.

Bruce Watts – WSR is serving Breakfast this Saturday at the airport for a DISPLAY DAY - there will be planes and old cars, too.

Don Easton - We need to get Target and/or Walmart \$25 dollar gift cards to bring next week for Foster Kids program - Or \$10 from local coffee and other local shops.

President Rick - We are looking for someone to do morning check-ins, so Lynn Jepsen won't have to. Please, see Rick or Lynn.

RECOGNITION with PHIL MARLER.



Sunrise Rotarians in the News...

Mostly a 2012 edition -

Community notoriety

A refresher from 12 years ago -

Don Sharp and Nick Ponticello

were in the Daily Democrat -

Don thinks he paid fee in 2012.

Kevin Sanchez – total \$117-

\$100 for being interviewed by

KCRA 2012.

Now in 2024, Kevin Sanchez

was interviewed on KCRA last

week about Roundabouts. He

provided a wise comment that this is about roadway beautification. What are

the fines for something like this? Well, said Phil, it is the same amount, but inflation must be taken into consideration and who was doing d interview. There was a joke somebody paid a buck for, but it is unrepeatable. To satisfy the fees, Kevin will buy 4- 25\$ gift cards and so will Phil.

Jim Gillette reminded folks there is a meeting at the Housing Authority parking lot after this meeting for Holiday Parade Marshal details.

Happy Bucks

Jim & Emily Gillette will donate \$100 to Polio Plus for her birthday. Keith Rode is happy because we have had veterinarians speak the last three meetings, and he warned us that his son will be operating the spotlight at the Opera House this weekend.

Sue Westwood - Happy Bucks because her creatinine levels are coming up! Yea! She is seeing an SF doctor who might be able to save her kidney! President Rick lamented about moving in and out of storage and Oregon but was happy his latest move was only to the garage while the floors are being redone.

John Martin had a Question dollar - since Rick is moving to the garage will that affect his insurance (directed to Jim Hilliard - Jim said No) ...luckily.

Don Sharp was happy he didn't have to list a house for Rick...again....

RAFFLE with Don Sharp

The Joker was worth \$623. **Dr. Hawkins** drew a ticket. **Dave Yust** won the draw and a Free Breakfast!

REMINDER - The Club is Dark on Thanksgiving Day and December 26th and January 2nd.

Dave Yust led us in the 4-way test.

President Rick Pomeroy adjourned the meeting. **Bell!**

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

Meeting ID: 856 8891 3321
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