

WOODLAND SUNRISE ROTARY WHERE WE PUT SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE!

Notes by: **Julia Larson**
March 29, 2018

President Bob Hulbert presiding

Flag Salute by John Martin, followed by WSR Choir

Visiting Rotarian: Lori Ross from Woodland Noon and United Way.

Guests: Our speaker, Americorps Vista Intern Michael Rooke-Ley, and Rocio Saldana, United Way's other Americorps Intern; Bruce Watts' guest Tom Eaton from Eaton Drilling; Jim Odusola's wife, Ayo, and his daughters Moye and Nicole. Gary Wright's assistant Desmond.

Guest of the Club: Jim Odusola

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank You from Empower Yolo for the opportunity to speak to the club, share their mission and needs. She forgot to mention thanking us for helping paint at the Davis house after a recent remodel. Heartfelt thank you for this.

Jim Gillette - May 12 tree planting at the Fairgrounds - should be about 50 trees to plant. This should bring us to our goal of one tree per member for the year!

Larry Peterson - April 7 District Assembly learning, fellowship, 8 AM - 1 PM, there is room in the car to join him, Wayne, and Lynn Jepsen.

Bob Hulbert - Digital Minds high school robotics teams competed at UCD, Pioneer had 25 students participating, impressive to see all the teams. Their team won 3 out of 5 matches. Carolina Perez is their team captain. We have helped sponsor their team.

25th Anniversary Party: Friday, May 11 at Woodland Watts Airport. Tom Eaton is sharing his hangar space. Please sign up for our potluck. Contact Julia Larson or Bob Hulbert for details. Cost is \$15/person. The club will provide the tri-tip. Social hour starts at 5:30 PM.

Rotary Mystery Golf: Wednesday, May 16 - see Julia Larson or Chuck Santoni, space is limited.

Tototlan Medical Equipment project - The club is taking donations for new and used medical equipment for a few more weeks - Ramon is picking up some donations from the Davis Senior Center this week.

Frank Crum - Mentoring Training will be April 10, breakfast meeting

Gibson work day got rained out and will be rescheduled

Work Day at Woodland Cemetery Saturday, March 31
morning 9-11 AM

April 26 Field trip to Spring Lake Elementary, on site visit

May 4-6 Rotary District Conference, Incline Village, NV

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: Jim Odusola, sponsored by Gary Wright. Classification Home HealthCare. The club has reviewed and approved his membership. Jim, his family and Gary Wright came forward for the ceremony. Rotary is a family affair. We welcome you to the fellowship of Rotary here and throughout the world. We are confident that you will share in our mission and values. It is an honor to present you with your Rotary pin and welcome you to Woodland Sunrise Rotary! Traditional hand shake.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: Recognition with John Martin: Jon Lindstrom PHF+1, Neil Rutger



PHF +1; and Lynn Clark PHF+7. The PHF is recognition named after our founder Paul Harris who formed Rotary with three other associates. In 1957 The Rotary Foundation was developed to recognize donations to the foundation. A donation of \$1,000 to TRF makes you a PHF, and then you are recognized each time your additional contributions bring you to another \$1,000 step. Your donations to TRF help to fight poverty, provide for maternal health, water and food safety throughout the world. Your donations change lives around the world. Quote from Paul Harris in the 1923 Rotarian Magazine "love your fellow man." Thank you for

helping Rotary and the world.

RECOGNITION: Tom Wendt

Upcoming Speakers

April 05, 2018

[Ed Prieto - Yolo County Sheriff](#)
School Security

April 12, 2018

[Robyn Miller](#)
Spring Lake Elementary Tour

April 19, 2018

[Ioanna Iatridis](#)
Align Capital / Valley Visions

April 26, 2018

[Open](#)

May 10, 2018

[Dark - No Meeting](#)

June 14, 2018

[Bob Hulbert / Keith Rode](#)
Bob Hulbert Debunking

[List All Speakers](#)

Abigail Rode - Keith's daughter, found a painted rock on St. Patrick's day - very happy to have found it.

Robb Wallace - Anniversary - Cheri 31 years ago, he asked her dad for permission to marry her and he was a strong silent type, intimidating, and when Robb walked in to the house and said, "Bud, I think it's time" - and Bud responded - "Are you leaving?" No, staying! Bell.

Robyn Drivon - Anniversary with Stephen, 34 years April 4-6 - family event and judge event, actually a 2-year renewable contract is being renewed again. Bell.

Al Aldrete - Induction Anniversary - 5 years - but in 1985 his dad was first brought into Rotary and Al began his Rotary duties helping his dad with Rotary events and never looked back. Bell.

Kenny Calhoun - Induction Anniversary - 5 years, blisters on his hands from planting trees, enjoying taking photos for the club. Bell.

John Martin - Induction Anniversary - 1999 - Katie Woodward was his sponsor, it's been fantastic, enjoyed and will give to TRF. Tom shares a few great photos of John's Rotary travels. Bell.

Byron MacConnell - Birthday - not sure what he did for his birthday but it was good. Bell.

Don Easton - Birthday - 3/29/1967 - Today! Singing - it's all downhill now. Bell.



HAPPY BUCKS:

Jim Hilliard - Today is son Josh's birthday. He was appointed as acting battalion chief of Woodland Fire Department.

Kevin Sanchez - Tuesday his son took the first round of investments and he is able to start hiring more employees, three year old start up company is doing well, nice article in Forbes magazines about the company.

Christi Skibbins - Meals on Wheels has been concerned about losing some federal funding. They were able to keep them for this year and gave MOW some additional funding for the year and it is good news. Thankful they are still operating at capacity.

Larry Peterson - Happy dollar for Brad Miller, joined the board of 4th and Hope

Lori Ross - thank you for sponsoring and supporting Woodland Kids Read, a United Way and Rotary Event, recognizing all three Rotary clubs at their luncheon on April 12

Brad Miller - Thank you to Larry for inviting him to be part of their board. He shares a passion to help those in need.

Robyn Miller - going to Montgomery, Alabama, for spring break, missed going for Christmas because she got sick, looking forward to spending time with daughter and grandson, so excited. Also got to move into her school yesterday! Excited for our April 26 field trip!

Cleve Baker - Last week was a beautiful weekend for the Zamora sheep dog trials and proud to have people from all over the states come to compete. His daughter will be moving back to Woodland and looking forward to having her back.

Patty Arriaga - Happy for her godson doing well with his leukemia treatment.

Bob Hulbert - Happy to have Jim and his family now part of Woodland Sunrise Rotary.

PROGRAM: Creating Tailwinds in America's Heartland

Michael Rooke-Ley

Eric Miller introduced our speaker today. Michael Rooke-Ley is a retired law professor, having taught at nine law schools across the United States, as well as overseas in Sri Lanka, Uganda Croatia and Germany. His particular area of expertise is constitutional law, concentrating on issues of race, gender and poverty.

In the 1960s, Michael, a San Francisco native, served as a VISTA community worker in poor neighborhoods in Texas as part of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty". On the 50th anniversary of that experience, Michael re-enlisted in the AmeriCorps VISTA program, serving here in town with Lori Ross at Woodland United Way. He joins us today to reflect on his last 15 months in and around Woodland.



At the risk of over sharing, his kids always say TMI...but he will share that he has fallen in love. It has been

extraordinary and he has fallen in love with Woodland. This community is truly a special place. Thank you to all of you who have embraced him into this community.

Native of San Francisco but raised kids up in Eugene, Oregon. Then started to develop a feeling of dissatisfaction with the way things were going in the world and wanted to make a difference. His children were grown and starting their own lives and he wanted to do more to help others.

There are so many who are left out of the prosperity of the nation. There is concern that our nation is not doing enough to foster community and take care of each other.

What could he do to make more of a connection with those around him, to engage each other to take care of those who may not be able to take care of themselves?

There has to be more of a long term solution to providing for homeless. The lesser income underserved people in our community needed more resources. He started to feel strongly that those who have affluence have an obligation to take care of those in our community that are not so fortunate.

What can we do to foster inspiration and confidence in our high school and young adults community members? How can we help them to be successful participants in society? What are we doing to help prevent them from becoming disengaged and drifting to drugs and homelessness. He felt the need to get more involved in being part of the solution. He was encouraged to move back to California and he was connected with United Way in Woodland. He is grateful for the opportunity to get involved in making real changes in our community.

We need to start with our young kids with quality reading programs and support. The *Woodland Kids Read* program is a part of this goal.

We need more opportunities for full day child care to allow parents to earn a decent wage to provide for their families without the high cost of child care.

We need to foster growth and support for public schools to keep them healthy and successful. The private schools have created a divide in affluence and those in need and this divide continues into young adulthood. We need more teachers, we need more support for quality of education in our public schools.

Job readiness is also a focus for helping high school kids to be prepared for filling out applications, showing up for work, technical skills and soft skills helping kids to be confident in interacting with adults and leaders in their community. We need to encourage civic engagement and a desire to be involved in their community.

In the last general election there was a large apathy in not being involved in the process of democracy. There is a summer at city hall program to get kids to spend time in internships for the summer.

We have more lower income kids starting college but the graduation rates are low. We need to do more to help them stay in school once they get there.

Rocio has joined the staff at Woodland United Way, local student now working in our community, first generation to graduate from college, UCD Political Science Degree.

So many issues that we need to continue to address as a community. We need to build some bridges between the halves and have notes. We need better role models.

Creating Tailwinds in America's Heartland - The book he recently published is available for a donation, our own Kenny Calhoun took the photos in the book.

Thank you to our speaker our guests and especially to Jim Odusola and his family for joining us today. Welcome to the club Jim!

RAFFLE: Don Sharp. Joker worth somewhere around \$2,600 \$64 side pool.

Jim Hilliard won. Free breakfast.

Second chance raffle is Byron MacConnell

Jim Hilliard led the 4way test. Bell.

