Whether in his career as a nuclear engineer or his hobby as a baker, Rick Parks practiced exacting precision – and now his life would depend on the same. Surgery to remove an aggressive throat cancer could also damage major arteries or his ability to speak, eat or control facial expressions. Rick’s medical team paired robotic and traditional surgery to remove the cancer along with a unique new UC Davis research technology – a laser that may enhance surgical precision and help revolutionize cancer care. Rick emerged with minimal side effects, an excellent prognosis – and a reason to smile.

See Rick’s story at healthierworld.ucdavis.edu