



Meeting Date: November 12, 2015

Honoring Our Veterans

New member Marjeanne Stone, entertained us with her beautiful piano playing before the meeting. Thanks **Marjeanne**. **President Dave** introduced **PP Greg Balkovek** who got the meeting going. **Kristi Davis** led the pledge and then introduced **PP Bill Kipp** who led us in God Bless America. The invocation was given by **Robin Dummer**. **PP Art Smithson** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. We were pleased to have several Veterans present as well as current members of the Armed Forces.

Announcements:

Thanksgiving Food Project: **Dar Barzin** announced we still need more drivers and warehouse workers for the Thanksgiving project. For many years, we have collected, filled, and delivered over 300 boxes of food to needy families in the Redding area. For new members who may not be familiar with this project, it is one we have done for over twenty years. The warehouse workers are needed

Thursday and Friday, November 19, 20 from 4-6 pm to help fill the Thanksgiving boxes. Starting Saturday morning at 8:30, the drivers start delivering the food. Many Rotarians have brought their children or grandchildren along to introduce them to a giving and sharing project. We sometimes forget how blessed we are to be in a position to help people who are less so. We all join Rotary to help out in our community. This is a project that is tailor made for us. Get in, get out, and

leave a lot of good in our wake.



Contact **Dar Barzin** at 524-1408 or darbarzin@pacbell.net or **Bob Allen** at 524-2628 or ballen@raymorgan.com. Or, show up at **Pat Corey's** Sign Company at 3707 Electro Way. This is close to Rancho Road and Airport Road.

Bell Ringers Needed: This is another traditional project our club has done for over 20 years. We help the Salvation Army raise funds by ringing bells at various locations around the Redding and Anderson area. **Dee Dome** is the head "Ding A Ling" and coordinates all the activity. Please pair up with someone if you like, or take pot luck for a partner. Contact **Dee** and sign up for one or more two hour shifts. It is very worthwhile and another way to give back to your community. **Dee** can be reached at 246-1585, 949-1247, or djdomke@outlook.com.



Adecco Staffing's 4th Annual Food Drive: **Nikki Anthony** announced a food drive to benefit People of Progress Food Bank. Bring donations to her office at 1080 E Cypress in the Safeway shopping center. Donations accept until Friday November 20th. Contact Nikki at 226-5050 or Nicole.anthony@adeccona.com.

Turkey Drive: **Michelle Nystrom, of O2 Staffing**, at 915 Mistletoe Lane announced a frozen turkey, or money, drive to benefit the Good News Rescue Mission. On November 17th they will be collecting donations for the GNRM to help with their Thanksgiving Dinner. **Michelle** can be reached at 223-4674 or michelle@O2staffing.com.

November is Foundation Month: Next Thursday is "Paul Harris Proud Day". Please wear your Rotary pin including Paul Harris awards to our meeting. **Bob Place** gave a short talk on Paul Harris Fellowships and Foundation Points. It's the end of the year. Consider a tax deductible donation to your Paul Harris Fellowship. You'll be able to do well by doing good. Contact **Bob** at 244-7110 or info@redding.ethanallen.com.

Blue Badge: **Matt Morgan** got his Blue Badge today in 82 days! Red Badgers who have been out there for months and months, are you listening? Good work, **Matt!** **Matt** is the CEO and Founder of Optimize Worldwide, a successful local online marketing company. Thanks also for the \$25.

New Member: **President Dave** inducted **Eva Jimenez** today. **Eva** is Dean of Economic & Workforce Development Division at Shasta College. **Eva** was sponsored by **Joe Wyse**, President of Shasta College. Welcome, **Eva**.



L-R Joe Wyse, Eva Jimenez, Pres. Dave



L-R Pres. Dave, Matt Morgan

Rudy Balma honored: The chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and retired Chief of Police, **Len Moty**, (lower left), presented **Rudy Balma** with an Award of Excellence from the Board of Supervisors. This award honored **Rudy** for his service during the Korean War, his many hours of community involvement. **President Dave**, (lower right), then presented **Rudy** with the Rotary Medal of Freedom. **Rudy** has been a Rotarian since 1953 and was President of the Rotary Club of Rotary in 1964-65.



Program: Today was dedicated to honoring the servicemen, servicewomen, and veterans. **Amelia** and her committee had decorated the tables with American flags and beautiful centerpieces. Thank you for your efforts.

Our speaker today was one of our own members who has done a tremendous amount of work for veterans. **Maurice Johannessen** came to this country at age 17 from Norway. He ultimately settled in the northstate and eventually went into politics. He ultimately served as the California State

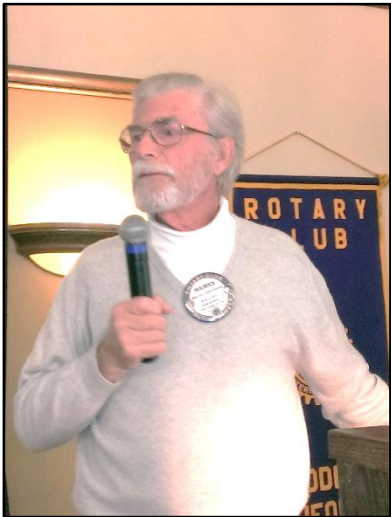


Beautiful table decorations by Amelia and her committee

Senator from our district. Upon leaving the Senate, he served as the Department head for the California Department of Veteran’s Affairs for several years.

He has always been a champion of veterans. Some of the projects he has either started, or seen through to completion, are the Veteran’s Cemetery in Igo, the Chapel at the Veteran’s cemetery, and the Veteran’s Home on Knighten Road. He currently owns the land across from the Veteran’s

home and has plans to build a 97 unit apartment complex and a clinic for veterans. Maurice is a humble man and much of what he does goes unreported, Suffice it so say that the veterans of California have a champion in Senator Maurice Johannessen.




Senator Maurice Johannessen spoke about Veteran affairs

At the conclusion of Maurice’s stalk, champagne glasses engrave with the Rotary Club of Redding and Honored Veteran were filled and handed to the veterans in the room. A toast was offered to commemorate and thank the servicemen, servicewomen, and the veterans for their current and past service. Nice program.

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