



## Open World Program : An Avenue for International Understanding

### Mission Statement:-

To enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and the countries of Eurasia by developing a network of leaders in the region who have gained significant, firsthand exposure to America's democratic, accountable government and its free-market system.

The Open World Leadership Center administers the Open World program, one of the most effective U.S. exchange programs with post-Soviet countries. Begun as a pilot program in 1999 and established as a permanent entity in late 2000, the Center is the first and only international exchange agency in the U.S. Legislative Branch. Through Open World, more than 24,000 current and future leaders from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan have meaningfully engaged and interacted with Members of Congress, Congressional staff, and thousands of other Americans, many the direct professional counterparts of these Eurasian leaders.



Open World both supports Congressional outreach to Eurasia and conducts exchanges that establish lasting professional relationships between the up-and-coming leaders of Open World countries and Americans dedicated to showcasing U.S. values and democratic institutions. While

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all Open World countries are important to U.S. strategic interests, many also have growing economies with important opportunities for foreign investment and trade. Program results include new Congressional and other legislative relationships, and foreign partnerships with American government officials, jurists, nongovernmental organizations, universities, and sister cities. In this way, Open World supports the Eurasian-related interests, projects, and partnerships of Americans across the country.

Delegations consist of political and civic leaders selected through a competitive vetting process. Open World has always focused on recruiting leaders who came of age in the post-Soviet era—a goal that was reemphasized in 2011, when the program launched an initiative to have 30 percent of each year's delegates be younger than 30.

While in the United States, delegates take part in tailored, in-depth exchanges in themes of interest to Congress and of transnational impact, including human-trafficking prevention, government and court transparency, nuclear nonproliferation, and environmental protection. Most Open World hosting programs examine the role that legislative bodies play in these issues and in democracies, and provide opportunities for the delegates to share their expertise with their U.S. counterparts and host communities.

Since its 1999 inception, the Center has awarded hosting grants to 61 organizations headquartered in 25 different states and the District of Columbia. These grantee organizations host delegations themselves or award sub-grants to local host organizations to do so. By the end of 2011, some 800 local host organizations—including universities and community colleges, Rotary clubs and other service organizations, sister-city associations, local government agencies, and international visitor councils and other nonprofits in all 50 states and the District of Columbia—had conducted Open World exchanges for the Center. Some 8,000 American families have hosted participants in over 2,400 communities around the country.

*(Editor: excerpt from <http://www.openworld.gov/> was used in the above context)*

## Ukrainian Team Shines at Rotary Meeting

The meeting of Oct 29th 2015 was hosted by Team Malotky and Campbell.

Rotary Club of Redding past-president Kathy Anderson applied a grant to host Ukrainian delegates from Rotary International, and was approved! Our Club became the first Rotary Club in California to host these Open World delegates. A team of young professional ladies, mostly from capital city Kiev, Ukraine arrived Redding for a one-week visit. Their goal is to further their study and understanding into the prevention and management of domestic violence, human trafficking, teenager behavioral problems and human right issues. This is also the first ex-



Mariya Moskovko (speaking) was the facilitator who helped to organize the week long activities



posure to the United States for most of them.

The delegates included: - Kateryna Sergeieva, Nina Semikop, Myroslava Dihtyar, Iryna Svavolya, Anna Trehugenko, and Facilitator Mariya Moskovko. Our interpreter was Alexander Krainiy.

Host Families were: Dennis and Amelia Ward; Francesca Huntsman Siemer (friend of Ken and Judy Price); Jeanne Jelke: Judy and Ken Price; Jeff and Rhonda Darling; Randy and Judy Smith, and Mark and Mary Lascelles.

The delegates arrived at the Sacramento Airport on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They were put through a tight schedule. They went to Hawes Farm; house-boating on Shasta Lake; visited One Safe Place; visited Spiritus Solutions, a high-tech business consulting firm, Innespace Productions, which makes the Seabreach watercraft, Moseley Family Cellars, a family-owned winery, Anderson Teen Center, EDC-sponsored Shasta Venture HUB, the business incubator in the Mountain Lakes Industrial Park; met with Shasta Superior Court Judge Molly Bigelow, Redding City Council; visited Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Head Start, the Shasta Family YMCA, the Youth Violence Prevention Council, Shasta County Juvenile Hall and many other facilities.



President Dave accepted a flag from Iryna Svavolya, representing the Kyiv-Sophia Rotary Club in Ukraine.

On Thursday Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, these Ukrainian delegates attended our regular meeting. Each delegate stood up and presented their country Ukraine to the audience. They talked about history, geography, culture, food, industry, agriculture, education and what they hope is the future for a young vibrant country. They all thanked the rotary Club of Redding and the Open World program to make this possible. The Redding Rotarians sincerely appreciated the opportunity to meet such energetic group and learned about their country.

## Recognitions

Bill Speer seemed a little sleep-deprived. He is a new father of baby boy Liam, arrived on Sep 19<sup>th</sup> 2015. Bill donated \$200 for Shan/Paul Harris. The Club members collected a gift of \$313.60 US dollars and \$8 Hryvnia...Ukrainian currency for Liam's future education.



Greg Dunbar was all smiles, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of engineering firm Sharrah, Dunlap, Sawyer Inc. Greg donated \$100 for the Club. How about John Dunlap, the founder of the company? He tried to exempt himself from fine but failed. \$100.

Ken Wood was also celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his company Upstate Hearing Instruments. Ken gladly donated \$250.

#### **Auction:**

Amelia created a Halloween theme for the meeting. PP Mark Lascelles auctioned the two animated Halloween props. Mark Rincon paid \$180 for the first one (old man), the Jeff Avery paid \$140 for the other (witch lady).

#### **Lucky Card Game and Door Prize:**

We had three lucky players for the card game: Dar Barzin, Dave Dennis, and guest Iryna Svavolya. None of them won. For consolation, Amelia gave each a gift basket (wine and goodies).

The door prize was won by Bill Speer.



Amelia chose Halloween theme for the meeting.



Playing at the pumpkin patch at Hawes Farm



House boating at Shasta Lake



Kateryna Sergeieva (left) and Anna Tregubenko (right) introduced the Country of Ukraine to the audience.

# Membership Census

## Rotary District 5160-Redding Terminated Membership Listing

Terminated Members From: Jul-01-2015 To: Oct-24-2015

5 Members Listed

Member Name	Member Type	Term Date	Term Reason	Start Date	Club	Sponsor
Livingston, Russell G. (RUSSELL)	Honorary	7/17/2015	Deceased	NO DATE	Redding	
Parker, Deanne E (DEANNE)	Active	8/11/2015	Business Obligations	3/20/2014	Redding	Trudy L. Tavares
Pike, Bradley (BRAD)	Active	9/3/2015	Family Obligations	1/16/2014	Redding	Jason Richart
Pope, Jim (JIM)	Honorary	10/15/2015	Health/Personal	4/16/2015	Redding	
Williams, W Ray (RAY)	Honorary	7/8/2015	Deceased	4/24/1975	Redding	

## Rotary District 5160-Redding New Membership Listing

New Members From: Jul-01-2015 To: Oct-24-2015

10 Members Listed

Member Name	Member-Type	Start Date	Club	Sponsor	Classification
Anderson, Jonathan (JONATHAN)	Active	7/16/2015	Redding	Mike Mangas	Social Services, Administration
Bridgett, Stephanie (STEPHANIE)	Active	7/16/2015	Redding	Anand Jesrani	Law - D.A.
Crain, Dan (DAN)	Active	10/8/2015	Redding	Michelle Nystrom	Construction - Contractor
Finnegan, Jennifer (JENNIFER)	Active	9/3/2015	Redding	John R. Mathena	Non-Profit, Lassen Park Foundation
Karnatz, Karen Mary (KAREN)	Active	9/3/2015	Redding	Janice Cunningham	Funeral Home Manager
Morgan, Matt (MATT)	Active	7/30/2015	Redding	Brent Weaver F. Edward Rullman	On-Line Marketing
Ranger, Bobby (BOBBY)	Active-DM	7/23/2015	Redding	Gary R. Burks	Banking, Administration
Schmidt, Liesl (LIESL)	Active	9/3/2015	Redding	Victoria P. McArthur	Banking
Stone, Marjeanne (MARJEANNE)	Active	10/8/2015	Redding	Jeanne Jelke David L Dennis	Social Services - Empire Recovery
Williams, Aaron (AARON)	Active	7/16/2015	Redding	Victoria P. McArthur Mike Mangas	

## Calendar

No information received by Spillway Committee



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Ayer, Joe (JOE)	24-Nov
Blodget, Rush M (RUSH)	3-Nov
Burris, Douglas S. (DOUGLAS)	23-Nov
Chapin, James D. (JIM)	30-Nov
Cibula, Mark (MARK)	2-Nov
Cresto, Joseph A (JOSEPH)	28-Nov
Domke, Ross (ROSS)	7-Nov
Downard, Sherrie (SHERRIE)	4-Nov
Dunbar, Greg (GREG)	23-Nov
Fry, Duane (DUANE)	24-Nov
Gerard, David S. (DAVE)	11-Nov
Jeter, Lisa (LISA)	4-Nov
Kehoe, David (DAVID)	16-Nov
Lees, Larry (LARRY)	10-Nov
McElvain, Courtney (COURTNEY)	15-Nov
Preston, Tracy (TRACY)	28-Nov
Price, Judy (JUDE)	23-Nov
Putnam, Richard Scott (SCOTT)	9-Nov
Salter, Judith E. (JUDY)	10-Nov
Starman, Kurt (KURT)	16-Nov
Stovall, Karen (KAREN)	3-Nov
Streeter, Noble M. (NOBLE)	23-Nov
Tam, Edward W (ED)	27-Nov
Ward, Amelia Delatorre (AMELIA)	15-Nov
Williams, Aaron (AARON)	16-Nov
Williams, Bob (BOB)	3-Nov

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Drennan, Gerald M (GERALD)	1-Nov-79	36
Fitch, Stephen (STEPHEN)	4-Nov-93	22
Johannessen, K. Maurice (K. MAURICE)	11-Nov-04	11
Nowak, Chester J. (CHET)	6-Nov-97	18
Streeter, Noble M. (NOBLE)	14-Nov-68	47

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Adams, Teresa N (TERESA)	Greg	1-Nov	12
Darling, Jeff (JEFF)	Rhonda	2-Nov	13
Dunlap, John C (JOHN)	Pat	27-Nov	25
Hill, Rick (RICK)	Pam	26-Nov	38
Tate, James D (JAMES)	Yuvonne	16-Nov	17



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