



# Spillway

The Rotary Club of Redding, California

District 5160 Club No. 456 Chartered May 20th 1924

October, 2015

Club President: Dave Gerard  
District 5160 Governor: Kenneth Corville

Meeting Thursday 12 noon Riverview Country Club, 4200 Bechelli Lane, Redding

## October 1st Meeting

### Before the meeting begins...

Thanks to all our Rotary musicians who entertain us with their skills each week. A special "thanks" goes out to **Rick Hill** for serenading us on his guitar this week.



### Introductions

**Greg Balkovek** introduced the members of Team 5 (**Greg Balkovek/Courtney McElvain** captain/co-captain) Those who helped out in today's meeting: **Bill Howland** led the pledge. **Mark Rincon** gave the invocation. Past President **Art Smithson** introduced our guests and visitors. **Scot Putnam** and **Nikki Anthony** were the Sergeant-at-Arms. **Brent Weaver, Randy Tate, Courtney McElvain** were our greeters, **Millie Hamilton** was the sole Keyway Greeter. **Amelia Ward** sold the fundraising tickets.

### On the mic today...



**Our President...**  
bringing us to order



**Greg...**  
with team introductions



**Art...**  
welcoming our guests



**Mark...**  
with the invocation

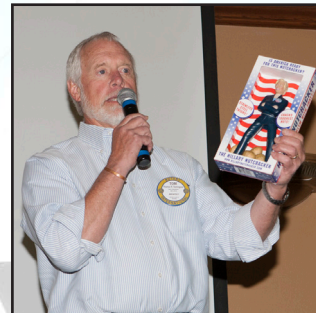


## Announcements

- **Dave Dennis** mentioned the need for additional volunteers to help with the Reading Rotarians program at Manzanita School. If you can help, see **Dave**.
- Our October meeting for October 15th will not take place at noon, but rather will be held at the Cascade Theater beginning at 5:15 and will feature international speaker Deepa Willingham presenting a program on human trafficking. Please see the story on this below in the Spillway.
- There are still many tickets available for the upcoming Lobster Feed benefit. President **Dave** encouraged everyone to attend.
- Blood donations will not be collected at our noon meetings this year, but will instead take place at the Blood Source Center. Four times a year there will be a competition among the Rotary Clubs in Redding for giving the most blood. The first round in this new format will take place the last week of October; go by during their regular hours and give! Also, a new program called Source Partners is starting up whereby cash donations will be made to the non-profit of your choice (Rotary Club of Redding!) in your honor whenever you give plasma or platelets. Contact Blood Source for more information.

## A Special Recognition

**Judy Salter** gifted our past President **Tom Semingson** with his very own Hillary Clinton nutcracker. Trying to decide who should share in the inappropriateness of the gift, President **Dave Gerard** assessed both parties \$50 each.



## Club Elections

Past President **Tom** announced the results of our club elections which took place at today's meeting. Here are the results:

- President Elect and Vice President for 2016 - 2017 Rotary year - **Richard Malotky**.
- Secretary for the 2016 -2017 Rotary Year - **Erik Poole**
- Treasurer for the 2016 -2017 Rotary Year - **Trudy Tavares**
- Directors to serve a 2 year term from July 2016 - June 2018:
  - **Mark Ball**
  - **Kristi Davis**
  - **Rick Fauss**

**Congrats to all and our thanks for being willing to serve!**

## Calendar

Oct. 8	Team 6 - TBD
Oct. 9	Service for Ray Williams will be at 12:30 p.m. Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Igo
Oct. 15	Meeting at Cascade Theater at 5:15 instead of noon meeting Redding Rotary
Oct. 17	Lobster Feed, 5:00 p.m., Turtle Bay Arboretum



# Program

**Lou Gerard** introduced our speaker for the meeting, **Ken Corville**, our District 5160 Governor. In his introduction, **Lou** gave some background into the process of becoming a district governor and the commitment of time and effort it requires.

**Ken** encouraged us to be focused on several challenges for the year, many of them he explained to be “just fun”. Here are some of those challenges:

- Keep members engaged & have a high retention rate. One way to do this is to talk about and be focused on the great things Rotary does for our local community.
- Continue to donate to our Rotary Foundation. Rotary is able to do significant projects internationally because our money goes a long way in the countries we do work in. Our success in the effort to eradicate polio was one example he gave. Overall, **Ken** projects our District’s total giving for this year will be \$2.5 million.
- Continue to support youth programs. In particular he mentioned Camp Royal, Youth Exchange, and Camp Venture. Also, he said that in our District alone, there are 4,000 - 5,000 high school students who are involved with Interact.
- Make sure the community knows what we’re doing. It’s OK to do a bit of PR to let people in our area know about the good we’re doing.
- Attend our District Conference which will be held in Woodland this year on April 1,2,3, cost is just \$99. He is hoping to have 600- 700 in attendance.
- Random Acts of Kindness Box - **Ken** left us a “donation styled” cardboard box with instructions to write little anonymous notes about the little acts of kindness we do from day to day. The goal of this exercise is to display all the notes from all the clubs in our District at our District Conference later this year.



**Lou Gerard...**  
introducing our speaker



**Ken Corville**  
our District Governor



Following Rotary International's theme for this year of “Be a Gift to the World”, **Ken** awarded **Kathy Anderson** with a special “Gift to the World” award for the service she gives to our community and to the world. Congrats **Kathy**!

## Paul Harris Fellows

Seven Paul Harris Fellows were recognized at today's meeting: **Leslie Morgan, Michelle Nystrom, Erik Poole, Judy Salter, Greg Balkovek, Richard Green, Dee Domke.**





# Special Guest Speaker For October 15th Meeting

International speaker Deepa Willingham will be in Redding for an all Rotary club presentation on October 15 2015! Here are the details:

- Date: Thursday October 15, 2015
- Time: 5:30 reception followed by a 6:00 presentation
- Location: Cascade Theater
- Cost: Free admission - underwritten by Redding-Riverview Sunset Rotary and partners to be named later

Mrs. Deepa Biswas Willingham, a naturalized citizen of the United States, was born and brought up in Calcutta, India where she obtained her primary and secondary education under the stewardship of Mother Teresa, who was her teacher, undergraduate degree at the University of Calcutta and came to the United States in 1964 to pursue graduate degrees.



Mrs. Willingham's professional life was spent in health-care management, education and entrepreneurship. She and her husband, Mr. Richard Willingham, are business owners. Currently, however, most of Mrs. Willingham's time and personal resources are spent in the non-profit sector. She is an active Rotarian and she is the Founder/Chair of PACE Universal. Through PACE Universal and the Piyali Learning Center (PLC) she is meticulously "selling" the concept of allowing girls to be educated instead of being married in early childhood or being sent to work, or being sold for sex trade. Through her efforts and use of personal resources she is determined to make PLC a poverty eradication prototype model that others can duplicate to heal a hurting planet.

When asked why Mrs. Willingham started this school for girls in the country of her birth, she answers, "It is the fulfillment of a life-long dream...to give back the gift of education, particularly to girls. Girls' education in many severely poverty stricken areas like India, is still a luxury for far too many and it is certainly not a given. And yet when girls are educated, they grow up to be responsible citizens, changing not only their own lives but also the lives of their children and their communities. When it is such a win-win situation, how can I not do it?"

Mrs. Willingham is the winner of many humanitarian awards.

## Progress Being Made On YMCA Pool Renovation Project!

This from our own **Kristen Lyons**, CEO of the Shasta Family YMCA:

*Thanks again for your support of our pool project. We have reached our \$83,000 goal so the project is 100% community funded. The outdoor pool is empty and the border coping is already removed. The pool only took 4.5 hours to drain – much faster than I anticipated. The pool is expected to be completed no later than November 1st. Our members and community are very excited about the much needed update. Thanks again for all of your help and support.*



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# Community Creek Cleanup



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# Community Creek Clean Up Summary

The following came to us from **Randy Smith** on Saturday afternoon:

*To write that this morning's 10th Annual CCCU event was a huge success would be a serious understatement. Hundreds of volunteers including City Park staff using everything from their hands to seven giant chipping machines restored a riparian savanna along the Sacramento River which had been missing since the building of Shasta Dam. Many community groups and individuals numbering over five hundred reclaimed in four hours what decades of non-native plant intrusion had encumbered along the North Sacramento River Trail from Carter Creek to Harlan Drive.*

*Several giant piles of wood chips totaling an estimated 150 cubic yards will be used as pathway surface on new access to the River from the asphalt. A pleasant meander in several places replaces an impenetrable barrier of Himalayan blackberry which not only prevented approach to the River, but completely blocked even a view of this lovely watercourse. A Lake Redding Drive resident declared that he had lived in his home for thirty four years and never had seen the River from the Trail in this area.*

*At least three generations of workers, many wearing shirts of their respective community origins, converged on the project area and never issued a word of complaint or disharmony. These volunteers gave a lasting gift to users of this popular trail and the City. Besides access to the River, fire danger reduction, restoration of a healthy natural ecology; trail users can now visit a long river margin of native azalea formerly lost in the tangle of unwanted vegetation.*

*There will be further enhancements coming to this area of prodigious effort. Careful piles of blackberry cane will be covered, burned when it is safe to do so and then California poppy seeds sown on the weed free charcoal beds. Herbicide application to any regenerating infiltrators will be performed. And other native plant installations will occur.*

*Thank you to everyone who came and gave their time and effort. This was the best so far and showed Redding's sincere devotion to its open spaces.*

*Randall R. Smith 3 Oct 2015*

***"In Wildness is the preservation of the world."***

***-Henry David Thoreau 1862***

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