

## New Year's Message From Pres. Dave

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends and are ready for 2016!

January 1st marks the halfway point in our Rotary year. Our Club accomplished quite a lot in the past six months: We inducted 10 new members; We honored Crown Camera with the Vocational Service Business Award; We've helped children learn to read; We hosted a delegation from the Ukraine through Rotary's Open World Program; We participated in the Annual Community Creek Clean-Up on the Sacramento River Trail; We honored several students for their achievements; We held a successful 1st Annual Lobster Feed; We participated in an off-site meeting addressing human trafficking; We honored our Veterans; We fed over 300 families at Thanksgiving; We made Christmas brighter for the less fortunate through the Adopt a Family program; We rang bells collectively for almost 200 hours benefiting the Salvation Army; and we had a beautiful Christmas Party! Impressive accomplishments and the Rotary year's only half-over!

Clearly, Rotary is not a spectator sport! Our Club has a long legacy of service to this community we all can be proudof. In the weeks and months ahead, our members will continue to go about their work making Redding a better place to live. Consider your role in the Club: Is there a committee that could use your talents and skills to be that much better? Is there a need in the community you'd like to see our Club get involved with? Talk to the Director responsible for that area of focus. Most of our Club's committees were started by one or more Rotarians who had an idea.

While we Rotarians work hard for our community and the world, we also like to have fun! Make sure to save the date of Saturday, March 5th on your social calendar. Past President Greg Balkovek and his epicurean team will be plying their culinary skills at the Redding Elks Lodge as we reprise our Club's Wild Game Dinner. This is an event you won't want to miss!

I also want to encourage you to attend your Team's Socials. They're a lot of fun and a great way to become better acquainted with your fellow Rotarians. If your team hasn't scheduled one, consider offering to host one at your home. You'll be glad you did.

Also, consider attending the District 5160 Conference April 1-3 in Woodland. This informal annual event is an opportunity to get together with Rotarians from our district to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and enjoy fellowship with each other.

I want to thank each of you for your role in making The Rotary Club of Redding the premier club in our district!

Here's to a fantastic 2016!

Dave Gerard

# Rotary Christmas Project

Redding Rotary's Adopt a Family Committee was busy again this year making a real difference in the lives of people in our own community. Our special thanks go out to this year's committee members Teresa Adams, Rachel McVean, Amelia Ward, Julie Gussenhoven, Don Gallino, Janice Cunningham, Duane Fry, Cindy Fisher, Lisa Jeter and her daughters. Committee head Stephanie Schwartz brings us the following report.

Family #108 will not be having Christmas this year. Tara 5, Rachell,7 and 8-year-old Emily will not receive gifts at Christmas. Mom got sick this year and now needs dialysis, she can no longer work. Dad has been working off and on in the construction industry. They are trying to hold on to their home, and the car needs repairs, so gifts are out of the question.

Christmas inspires us to be better people to give more and our Rotary Adopt a Family Committee heard the call and gave their best. Rotary Christmas Committee provided gifts to 9 families in our community this year. The stories of our families are a mixture of circumstances such as illness, abuse, homelessness, or drugs. Sometimes the family circumstances are due to bad judgments but many times it's a fire, a death or illness that puts this family in dire financial circumstance.

Our budget allotted by Rotary is \$1,500 our Christmas Committee spent \$2400! Rotarians on the Christmas committee reached into their hearts and pulled out cash. They spent a lot of their own money to satisfy the family gift requests. Our families ask for shoes, underwear, coats, and cookware as well as the typical toys and games. Reading about each family gives us a peek into their lives, we feel so much empathy for our families, especially the children who do not understand why there are no presents this year.

The members of the Rotary Christmas Committee are great shoppers they can stretch a dollar until it hollers. Then bring home the gifts and spend more time wrapping and tagging. It is such a dedicated, selfless group who's ambition is to provide presents and good cheer to others in our community. Often special Christmas Cards with words of encouragement are included as well.

When I look at the mountain of gifts and the hours of work given so that others can have a Christmas, I am filled with pride to be part of such a wonderful club. Christmas inspires us to be better people, to give more and our Rotary Adopt a Family Committee heard the call and gave service above self.

Thank you Christmas Committee so much.



### **Redding Rotary Ding-a-Lings**

Thanks to Dee Domke for her usual great organizational and motivational skills in rallying our club to get out and be part of the seasonal landscape in support of the Salvation Army. Here's a report from Dee on our efforts:

Once again, our "Ding-a-Ling" gang did an outstanding (in the rain, wind & cold) effort on behalf of the Salvation Army to help spread Christmas cheer. With the help of family and friends, our Rotarians rang 190 hours to raise \$4,587.79. A big Thank You to all who helped, especially to those who stepped up for multiple shifts. We also had members of our Interact Club ringing at the Cascade Theatre prior to Cascade Christmas performances raising \$564.84.

Happy New Year to all.....Keep that wrist nimble and we will do it again this year!

~ Dee Domke ~



The two Julies, Gussenhoven and Winter....



... and the Lyons, Silas & Kristen plus boys

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

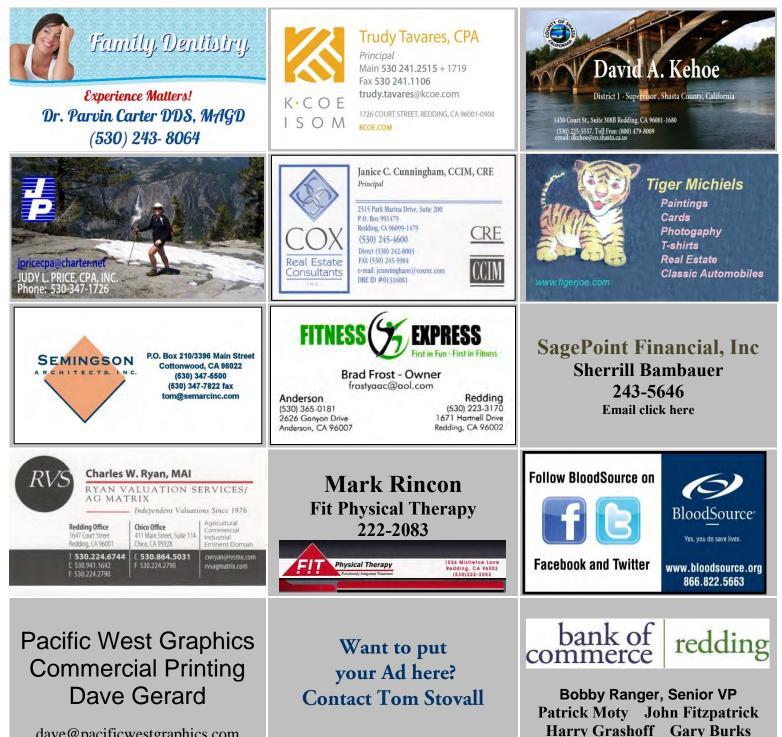
#### Birthdays and Anniversaries for 01/01/2016 to 01/31/2016

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Bosenko, Tom (TOM)	11-Jan
Carter, Parvin (PARVIN)	21-Jan
Corey, Patrick (PATRICK)	25-Jan
Dacquisto, Michael (MICHAEL)	2-Jan
Drennan, Gerald M (GERALD)	16-Jan
Fisher, Cindy (CINDY)	8-Jan
Ghidinelli, Dante W. (DAN)	4-Jan
Hill, Rick (RICK)	30-Jan
Hurst, Fred (FRED)	26-Jan
Kipp, William P. (BILL)	22-Jan
Michiels, Tiger Joe (TIGER)	19-Jan
Salter, Lee W. (LEE)	31-Jan
Waybright, Jason (JASON)	23-Jan
Winter, Julie (JULIE)	24-Jan

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years
Anthony, Nikki (NIKKI)	1/3/13	3
Blodget, Rush M (RUSH)	1/26/56	60
Carter, Parvin (PARVIN)	1/17/13	3
Davis, Todd (TODD)	1/16/14	2
Green, Richard W. (RICHARD)	1/31/65	51
Lascelles, Mark (MARK)	1/26/95	21
Marler, Vickie (VICKIE)	1/22/04	12
Maurer, Robert E. (ROBERT)	1/3/91	25
Nickravesh, Sheva (SHEVA)	1/29/15	1
Orozco, Maria T (MO)	1/17/02	14
Preston, Tobias J (TOBY)	1/19/06	10
Putnam, Richard Scott (SCOTT)	1/10/02	14
Rincon, Mark A (MARK)	1/10/02	14
Schwartz, Stephanie (STEPHANIE)	1/29/04	12
Stewart, Kasey (KASEY)	1/26/12	4
Ward, Dennis A. (DENNIS)	1/22/98	18

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Ball, Mark D. M.D.(MARK)	Kelly	6-Jan	15
Reynolds, Charles Ron (RON)	Carole	6-Jan	20
Salter, Judith E. (JUDY)	Lee	3-Jan	13
Salter, Lee W. (LEE)	Judy	3-Jan	13
Tavares, Trudy L. (TRUDY)	Ernie	10-Jan	35





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