



Meeting Date: June 9, 2016

Day Editor Dave Dennis

Redding Parks and Recreation Update



Bill Howland entertained us with his beautiful piano music before the meeting. Thanks, **Bill**.

President Dave introduced **Ross Domke**, Co-Captain of Team 6, who got things going. The pledge was led by **James Tate**. **Rick Fauss** gave the Sunshine Report and the invocation. **Ross Carter's** son is improving at UC Davis. **PP Kathy Anderson** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

Announcements: **President Dave** pointed out the Honor to Service plaque at the front desk to honor the Veterans in our club.

Bill Howland entertained us **Demotion:** **Amelia Ward** reminded us that the demotion is on June 23rd at Richard Malotky's home. Tickets are still available. See **Amelia** or contact the Rotary office.

Committee Assignments for next year. **President Dave** reminded us once again to fill out our choices for committees for the next year.

Veterans who were members of our club and who passed away during this Rotary year were remembered. They are **Dick Dickerson, Russ Livingston, Al Peckenpaugh, Bob Williams, Ray Williams, and Frank Wilson**. We miss and remember them.

New Member: **President Dave** inducted **Jessica Whitlow** whose classification is Commercial Real Estate. **Jessica** is co-sponsored by **Michelle Dell** and **Jean King**.



L-R Michelle Dell, Jessica Whitlow, President Dave

Paul Harris Presentations: **John Mathena**, **Bob Place** and **President Dave** awarded new Paul Harris Fellowships today. A Paul Harris Fellowship, PHF, is awarded upon donation of one thousand dollars to Rotary International Foundation. The money is used to fund charitable projects around the world. Pictured below from left to right are **Maurice Johannessen** awarded his ninth PHF, **PP Steve Westlake** awarded his third PHF, **PP Gary Burks** awarded his fourth PHF, **Jay Farquhar** awarded his second PHF, **Ken Price** awarded his first PHF purchased by his wife **Judy Price**. Congratulations to all.



Today's Recipients of Paul Harris Fellowships

Recognitions: **Dar Barzin** assembled a BBQ inside his house that wouldn't fit through door. Whatever I owe. Thanks **Dar**.

Parvin Carter met **Bill Clinton** at his appearance in Redding. \$100 to club. Thanks, **Parvin**.

Dan Waldrop is the new Exalted Ruler at the Elks club. Whatever I owe. Thanks, **Dan**.

Cathy Wyatt, Executive Director of Northern Valley Catholic Social Services gave \$100 to her Shan to commemorate the 30th anniversary of her agency, Thanks, **Cathy**.



Leslie Williemi

Leslie Williemi gave her craft talk today. **Leslie** is a fifth generation resident of Shasta County so she has deep roots in the area. She is the daughter of our former member, **Larry Goddard**, and now owns and manages Robert S. Bryant General Contractor, Inc.

Eva Jimenez also gave her craft talk today. **Eva** had a Star Wars theme and was dressed as a Jedi. **Eva** currently serves as Dean of Economics and Workforce Development at Shasta College.



Eva Jimenez

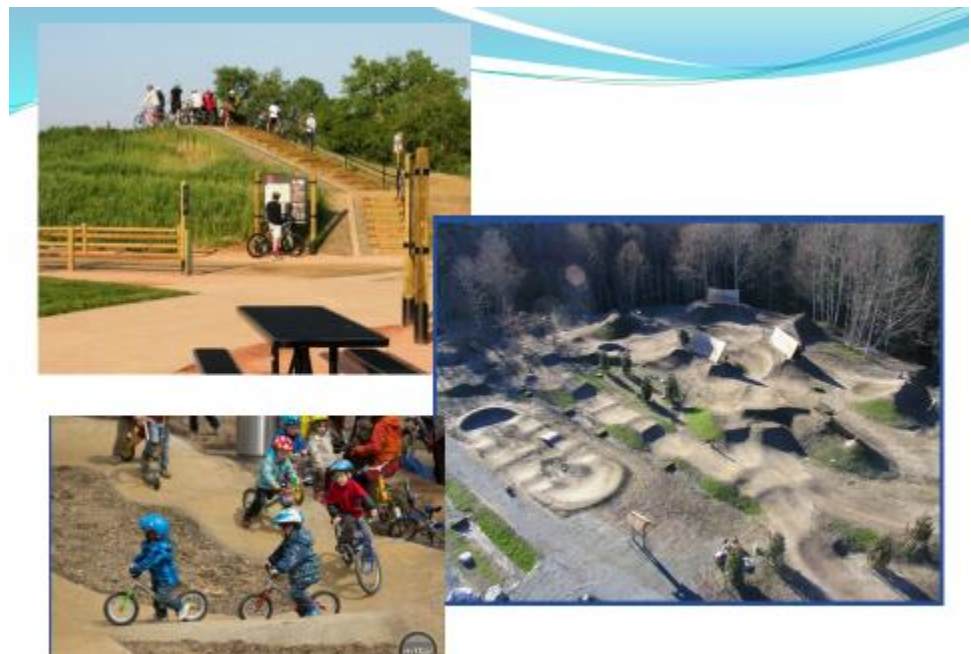
Both Craft Talks were well done and we know **Leslie** and **Eva** a little better now.

Program: PP Ross Domke Introduced **Kim Neimer** from City of Redding, the manager of Parks and Recreation. Putting it mildly, **Kim** is a busy person. She manages a department that has over 14,000 annual participants not including swim or special events. She gets the biggest water bill in Redding, as you might imagine with all the city parks and associated infrastructure. Kim related that they are constantly repairing, adjusting, and updating sprinkler systems.



Kim Neimer

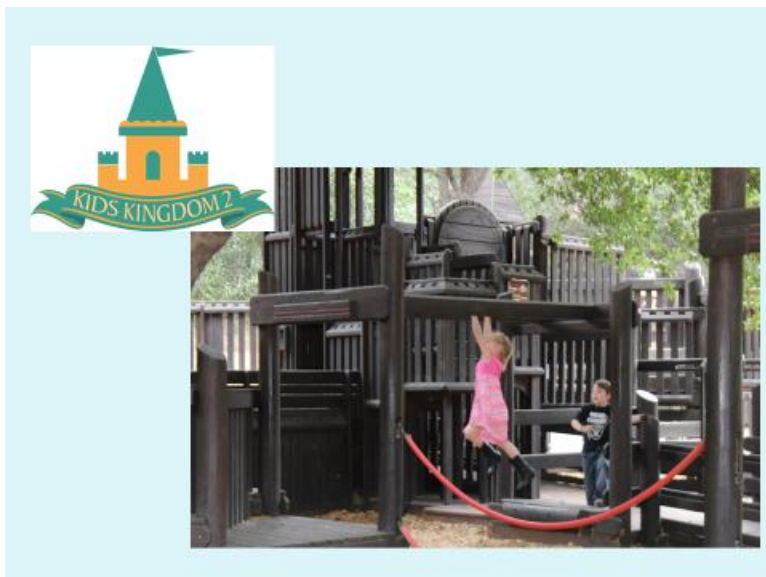
Kim outlined many projects that are either underway or in late planning stages. Pictured below is the planned “**Pump Park**”. This is a way for mountain bikers to test and improve their skills in an urban environment. These parks have proven to be very popular and heavily used in other communities. It is currently planned to be sited in Enterprise Park.



Pump Park

Another project is the renovation of **Kid's Kingdom**. The current one is showing its age and needs to be updated. The new Kingdom will try to include children who may suffer from sensory or physical deficits. The plan is to allow all children to have a meaningful interactive experience. Plans are being finalized and fundraising is underway.

Slide The City is returning as an idea for this Fall. The permit process is underway and the scheduled date is September 17th. This is a huge water slide to be placed on Placer Street hill. A person will be able to slide for about two blocks. It looks to be an amazing event a thrilling ride.



Kid's Kingdom



Slide The City

Kim spoke of many many more projects. It's pretty obvious that Parks and Recreation are very busy and progressive. Nice program.

Calendar

June 16	TBA
June 23 rd	No noon meeting. Demotion Richard Malotky's 5:30 PM

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