

Meeting Date: July 21<sup>st</sup> 2016

# What's Up At The Redding Chamber of Commerce

Before the meeting, **Jennifer Finnegan** and **Rick Hill** entertained us with their excellent musical skills. Thanks, **Jennifer** and **Rick**.

Getting Started: President Ray announced that the meeting was brought by Team 3, with Team Captains Ed Rullman, Lisa Jeter, and Pat Corey. The invocation was provided by Betty Harrison Smith.

#### **Announcements:**

 President Ray announced that Carl Ebersole was turning 90 years old on July 22. Carl first joined Redding Rotary in 1985 and has been a valued member of the Club for 31 years. Congratulations Carl and Happy Birthday!



Jennifer Finnegan & Rick Hill



- **Jeff Avery** announced that the Club will be hosting an exchange student from Belgium and a host family is needed for her for the months of March through June. For those interested in participating in this worthwhile experience, please contact **Jeff.**
- **Dr. Gurpreet Sandhoo** announced that there will be an upcoming luncheon to help feed the homeless in Shasta County. For more information, please contact **Gurpreet**.



• **Judy Price** announced that the Rotary Club of Redding Camp Out will be from October 7-9 at Manzanita Lake Campgrounds in Lassen Volcanic National Park. There will be kayaking, hiking, and other fun filled activities! They need to know how many are planning to attend, and whether people will be bringing RV's, tents, or will need cabins. For those interested, please contact either **Judy Price** at (530) 945-5450 or **Jennifer Finnegan** at (619) 867-7526 for details. Please RSVP before September 2.

Manzanita Lake

- Karen Stovall announced that she is collecting trial size toiletries (shampoo, soap, etc.) to
  provide to Empire Recovery Center and the Good News Rescue Mission. Please contact
  Karen if you would like to donate any of these items. Also, Karen will accept monetary
  donations, which will be used to purchase the items to donate to these worthwhile causes.
- Vickie Marler provided information about several community projects, such as the restroom restoration at Clear Creek Preserve, and the installation of awnings at the People of Progress building. She said that volunteers are needed on August 5-6 to help install borders around the playground equipment at Chrysalis Charter School. For more information, please contact Vickie.

#### **Recognitions:**

**Jean King:** For her trip to London and Oxford. \$200.

**David Howland:** For his opening of a Subway restaurant in Red Bluff and his acquisition of several Izzy's franchise locations in Oregon, converting them to Round Table Pizza restaurants. \$200.

Maggie Redmon: For her trip to Ireland. \$200.



**Jake Mangas** 

**Program:** Due to the unavailability of the scheduled program speaker, the Club's own **Jake Mangas** stepped up and gave an impromptu program about the Redding Chamber of Commerce. For over 100 years, the Chamber has been dedicated to creating and enhancing the business climate in Redding. As the new President/CEO of the Chamber, Jake inherited some of the efforts to re-brand the Chamber, such as its new logo and its new slogan: "We champion your business." The Chamber strives to work in partnership with other business associations, such as the Economic Development Corporation, Cascade Wonderland Association, and the Builders' Exchange. The Chamber wants the business community to think of the

Chamber as its champion and to go to the Chamber first for assistance. The Chamber has established a Facebook presence and upgraded its website to make it easier for businesses to obtain answers to their questions. The Chamber provides tangible value opportunities for its membership,

such as discounts through Office Depot/Office Max, free advertising vouchers, and digital outreach through social media. The Chamber is also working on a program geared to professional and career advancement for 21-39 year olds. Stay tuned for more details as that program is rolled out. The ongoing philosophy of the Chamber can be summed up in the following words: "We owe it to our community to outshine its challenges." Thank you **Jake** for an insightful and informative presentation, especially done on short notice.



Calendar	
July 28th	Homeless Rock Stars - Nigel Skeet
August 4th	Cancer Sniffing Dog – Mike Mangas
August 11th	Plans for the Redding Police Dept. – Police Chief Rob Paoletti

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