



Charter Schools / Public Schools



Rotarian Kathy Milain introduced today's speakers: Shelle Peterson of University Preparatory School and Dr. Irene Salter of Chrysalis Charter School.

Mrs. Peterson told us that charter schools are about providing opportunities for students. "In California, we have had public charter schools since 1992. These charter schools give our families choices about their children's education."

University Preparatory School (UPrep) was authorized under Shasta Union High School District (SUHSD). Every five years, UPrep is up for re-authorization as are other charter schools. This five-year cycle is part of what helps hold charter schools accountable.

Mrs. Peterson debunked some myths about Charter schools:

- There are NOT test required to enter a charter school. Charter schools are public schools, and are therefor required to follow the same non-discriminatory

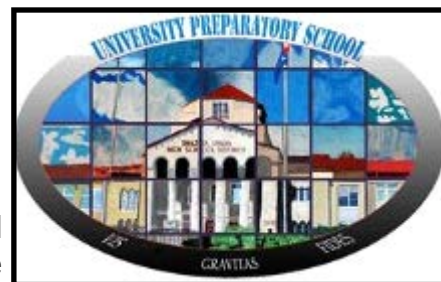
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This Week's Recognitions

Greg Balkovic and Tom Stovall each gave \$100 to the club for their trip to the Oshkosh Air Adventure 2016 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Jason Salter and his family spent six weeks in Hawaii and brought back three different banners, giving \$100 to the club. Steve Williams, Jake Mangas, and Jennifer Finnegan attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Volcano Adventure Camp at Lassen. Steve gave \$200 to the club and \$100 toward his Paul Harris; Jennifer gave \$50 to the club. President Ray won the FUNdraiser Card Game and donated it back to the club. Thanks, everyone!

Thanks Team Seven

Team captains Kristi & Todd Davis and Matt Morgan were in charge of this week's meeting. Greeters were Mitch VanWormer, Ken Seamans, and Don Gallino; Keyway greeters were Liesl Schmidt & Matt Morgan. The pledge was led by Matt Morgan. Sergeant at Arms were Steve Williams & Judy Price. Chuck Ryan introduced our visitors and Marjeanne Stone entertained us with her beautiful music on the piano. Thanks Team 7!



laws that other public schools must adhere to.

- There is no charge for admission at charter schools.
- Charter schools cannot dismiss or expel students for bad behavior. Like other public schools, charter schools must adhere to the same due process required for behavioral issues in its students.
- Charter schools are held to two separate accountability criteria:
 1. Fiscal Solvency
 2. Student Achievement

Mrs. Peterson further explained the contractual relationship between UPrep and SUHSD; a portion of UPREP fees go toward SUHSD for maintenance and general services. She went on to explain that charter schools have more flexibility where their fiscal reserves are concerned. While a public school may be capped at a 3% fiscal reserve, charter schools may hold more. For example, UPrep currently holds an 8% fiscal reserve.



Dr. Irene Salter of Chrysalis Charter School reiterated the statement that charter schools are non-discriminatory. She explained some of the history of charter schools in California, beginning with the 1992 Charter Schools Act.

Chrysalis Charter School was authorized in 1996 with a goal to increase learning, to give students options and diversify learning options for families.

"Charter schools are exempt from some parts of the California Education Code", reported Dr. Salter. "For example, we are not required to use the state adopted text books." This flexibility in learning materials allows the school to focus the learning experience to their desired teaching methods, while still adhering to the state educational standards and testing requirements.

The unique teaching method at Chrysalis goes to the root of the school's education process. At Chrysalis, the school is "Teacher-Led", meaning that the teachers propose the budget, hiring of staff, evaluation and renewal of staff contracts, setting salaries, etc. The schools' Board receives the teacher recommendations and does have the final say, but overall the teachers influence in the administration of the school leads to a positive and healthy learning environment.



Another aspect of Chrysalis is its focus on nature and their desire to teach for understanding (instead of test scores).

Rotary Calendar	
August 25	Laurie Baker - Shasta Cascade Wonderland Assoc./Redding Convention Bureau
September 1	Casey Bokavich - Force Options Training
September 8	Jennifer Finnegan - Volcano Adventure Camp
September 15	District Governor Program

Grant Receipt and Kids Kingdom Donation

Amelia Ward announced that Rotary Club of Redding received a \$15,000 Grant from Rotary District 5160. "Every year 50% of the money that all our clubs in District 5160 give to the Rotary Foundation, three years prior, comes back to the District," Amelia reported. "When District 5160 receives the money, it is set aside for grants. All the clubs throughout the district have a chance to write a grant request for a local or international project. Over all, the grants ranged from \$500 - \$15,000. In the "North", three rotary clubs received \$15,000 grants: (1) Rotary Club of Redding (Kids Kingdom), (2) Redding East (Pavilion in Palo Cedro), and (3) Burney/Fall River.



The funds granted to our club are being directed to Redding Park and Recreation to update Kids Kingdom. Redding Recreation director, Kim Niemer, was on hand to receive the check and expressed her thanks for Rotary's support once again for

Honor Youth Presentation

We were honored this week to add the Shasta County Sheriff's Department to our Honor to Youth award recipients. They join the Redding Police Department. Rotarian Kathy Milain introduced Officer M. Ortega of the Redding Police Department, and Deputy J. Soksoda of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office.



Officer Ortega introduced Explorer Bill who spent four years with the program, and reached the rank of Lieutenant. He will be attending College in Switzerland, leaving Monday. He was presented with an award and a small scholarship to help him on his journey. Bill joined the Explorers program in 2013.



Deputy Soksoda introduced Explorer Christian. Who attends Shasta Charter Academy and worked at Holiday Market. Christian thanked the club for the

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