

## Meeting Date: August 11, 2016

## Chief Paoletti Visits Our Club

**Rick Hill** entertained us with his beautiful guitar playing before the meeting started. Thanks, **Rick.** 

President Ray introduced Leslie Williem, Nikki Anthony, and **PP Gary Burks**, co captains of team 6, to get the meeting started. Mary Brace led the pledge, and Mike Mangas did the invocation. PP John Dunlap introduced visitors and quests.





Mathilde from Belgium is our incoming Exchange Student

Announcements: Our incoming Exchange Student has arrived.

Mathilde D. arrived Wednesday on the 11:00 plane from SF to spend the school year in Redding. Due to some zealous custom officials, she missed the 2:45 flight. She is seventeen with a birthday on September 29th. She is from Sauvenihre, Belgium and will attend Shasta High School. Lara Wells Osborne's family are currently hosting her. If you are going on any outings that Mathilde might enjoy, call Lara at 276-3026 to make arrangements. Welcome, Mathilde, and we hope you have a great experience in Redding.

Judy Price announced the Rotary Club Campout will be at Lassen Volcanic National Park on October 7-9. There will be signups on the table each week, but you can also contact **Jennifer Finnegan** or **Judy Price** for more details. There will be both camping and day activities if you want to come up for the day. Sounds like

fun. Editor's note: We are a little old for sleeping out, but plan to drive up Saturday for the fun.

**Kim Neimer**, from Redding Parks and Recreation, was here to collect a check from our club to help with the Kid's Kingdom remodel. Our club donated \$10,000 and Redding East Rotary donated \$5,000. The Rotary

Foundation matched the \$15,000 turning it into \$30,000. Nice! Turns out the check's in the mail. But while she was here, **Kim**, announced that "Slide the City" is a go and will be held September 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a chance to slide down Placer Street and raise some money for the Kid's Kingdom makeover.

**Craft Talk:** Jessica, (Jess), Whitlow gave her craft talk today. She was born in San Diego, went to Shasta High School and then on to UC Santa Barbara. She spent some time

New Member, Jess Whitlow



in SoCal doing property management. She and her husband and two young sons now live in Redding. She sells



commercial Real Estate for Haedrich and Company. Nice talk, **Jess**. Thanks.

Welcome New Member Jim Schlueter: President Ray inducted Jim Schlueter into Rotary today, with his wife, **Debbie**, looking on. Jim is the local Charles Schwab representative. He was previously in the Anderson Kiwanis Club and after moving to Redding says he is eager to start working on some "hands on"

L-R Dave Dennis, Jim Schlueter, President Ray says he is eager to projects. He was sponsored by Dave Dennis. Welcome to Rotary, Jim.

**New Paul Harris Fellows: President Ray** and **PDG Lou Gerard** awarded five new **Paul Harris Fellowships** today. In order to receive a **Paul Harris Fellowship**, you must have donated \$1,000 **to Rotary International Foundation.** You may receive the PHF yourself, or you may purchase one for another individual. Today, **Jeff Avery** purchased a PHF for his daughter **Allyson**. Several of the new "Fellows" received recognition for multiple PHFs. The money goes to the International Rotary Foundation and is used for humanitarian projects around the world. Thank you all for your donations.



L-R, PP Pat Corey, Jeff Avery, Allyson Avery, Norm Phelps, PDG Lou Gerard, Missy McArthur, President Ray

**Program: Redding Chief of Police, Rob Paoletti** spoke today of current and future activities of his department. He was proud of the success of the Neighborhood Police Unit.

Information from the RPD Webpage: On January 4, 2016, the Redding Police Department announced the implementation of the new Neighborhood Police Unit (NPU). This unit is comprised of one sergeant, one corporal, and four officers. NPU will work out of the patrol division. Their primary mission will focus on long-term solutions to crime in the downtown area and the Hilltop Drive business district. NPU will analyze crime trends in their designated areas and take appropriate enforcement action. This unit will maintain a flexible work week and schedule, as to increase their ability to address crime in our community.

Since January, the NPU has made 588 arrests, 147 for drugs. Over 300 citations, over 130 firearms off the streets.



**RPD Chief Rob Paoletti** 

Most notable, they participated in the closure of the Redding Inn and the Hilltop Lodge which were a source of almost constant calls for service.

Chief Paoletti also spoke of looking into the possibility of bringing a methadone clinic to Redding.

Methadone and similar drugs are used in the treatment of Opioid addiction. Many people become addicted to both legal and illegal opioids. Often the cheapest drug to fuel their addiction is heroin. There is a lot of heroin available in Redding. Once addicted, the addict will often resort to crime to obtain the money to buy more heroin to keep from getting sick.

Methadone and similar drugs are used to keep a heroin addict from becoming sick and suffering withdrawal. Methadone and similar drugs go the nerve receptor sites that heroin or other opioids would attach to and block the ability of heroin or other opioids to access that site. This means that there is no "high" from heroin. There is also sickness or withdrawal.

Methadone, et al, must be taken daily in order to be effective. Since there is no clinic in Redding, 70 people drive roundtrip to Chico every day to receive their Methadone or similar drug. That is almost 55,000 miles per year to receive treatment. It is felt that a clinic in Redding would reduce the rime associated with getting money to buy Heroin by having a safe alternative available. Many people do not have the ability to drive to Chico every day for treatment.

I'm sure you will hear more about this in the	near future.
---	--------------

Calendar	
August 18	Charter Schools/Public Schools Differences and Similarities
August 25	Laurie Baker–Shasta Cascade Wonderland Assn. Redding Convention Bureau
September 1	Casey Bokavich – Force Options Training
September 8	Jennifer Finnegan Volcano Adventure Camp
September 15	District Governor's Meeting

Day Editor and Production: Dave Dennis



