



Meeting Date: January 5, 2017

As A Club, We Do A Lot!

Marjeanne Stone entertained us with her beautiful piano playing before the meeting. Thanks, **Marjeanne**. **President Ray** then introduced **Kristy Lanham** of Team 2 who got things going. **Lou Gerard** led us in the pledge, **Mike Mangas** did the invocation, and **PP Art Smithson** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.



Tribute: PP Tom Stovall gave a tribute to our veterans. We have a plaque, left, that lists several of our current and deceased veterans. The plaque is displayed at the front of the room at the first meeting of the month. It is an honor to be mentioned on that plaque and we as a club honor those individuals.



L-R, Rich Gifford, President Ray, Dave Kehoe

New Member: Rich Gifford was inducted today into our club. He was sponsored by **Dave Kehoe**. **Rich** is the Superintendent/Principal of Junction School. **Rich** is the son of the late **Ken Gifford** who was a member of our club for many years. Welcome to the Rotary Club of Redding, **Rich**.

Trail Work Update: Submitted by Randy Smith. There were about sixty of us recently in a misty winter rain along the "North Sacramento River Trail (NSRT)" downstream from the North Market Street Bridge. But the achievement might have come from ten dozen less dedicated. Almost half a mile of soft trail parallel and close to the River was paved with wood chips, over a hundred cubic yards' worth. A three-day loan of **Karen's Caldwell Park** front loader and a mighty platoon of wheelbarrow operators with attendant fillers and spreaders made possible this Herculean task. This

distance includes six access trails from the NSRT to the new trail. Five significant fires were ignited, tended and fed continuously for three hours before being extinguished. A true cord of good firewood was produced and brought then stacked along the asphalt except for some retained to make corduroy paving at a later time. Many more non-native plants were destroyed along with years of accumulated slash and impassible horizontal willow. Himalayan blackberry was brought to ground by careful brush trimmers. All of the CCCU 2016 twenty odd piles of chips have been dispersed in some form: poppy beds, trail paving, slope protection.



Look at those beautiful trails and the great view of the river

The new trail was previously suggested as being named "Fishers' Trail". A change to "Volunteer Trail" comes not just because the prior offer is already used twice in our area: Angler's Trail at River Bend Open Space and Fisherman's Loop at Keswick Dam. Today's project was performed mostly by volunteers. City Projects and Parks were jointly concerned the weather could cause a hardship to three Revival Groups worth of students and others. So, it was decided to offer this sole adventure to students, if there was individual interest. There were almost forty students with nine supervisors. The Retired Brigade was composed of **Dr. Bob Maurer**, another old Rotarian, **Francis Berg**, **John Erwin** and **Dale Daw**. **Officer Brannon** brought six diligent Work Release people.

There was no singing today. Perhaps the work was too intense, too compelling, too strenuous in the cold gloom. Nonetheless, there were comments made to brighten anyone's day. A lovely, twenty something, student with long blond braids was working feverishly with a rock rake to finish the final segment of trail before quitting time. She turned to inquire in all sincerity, "Why can't we do this more often? This is truly fun!" One of the Brigade said out his car window on leaving, "The feeling of accomplishment makes this work worth doing." Only an improved resource which can now be visited by everyone might eclipse these remarks in value. Editor's note: Our club owes a great deal of gratitude to **Randy Smith** and his helpers. They do this in the name of Rotary and make us look good in the eyes of the community.

Recognitions: **Mike Dacquist**, et al, took a vacation to Cambodia by way of Viet Nam. When presented with the tab after dinner and drinks he was surprised to see the total over a million Dong. It took a second to realize that with the exchange rate it brought the total down to about forty dollars, US. **Mike** had enough left to contribute half of what he still owes to our club. Thanks, **Mike**.



Jason Richart told an incredible story of renting a U-Haul from Home Depot to go to the Bay Area to pick up some couches for their home. **Jason** and his wife picked up the truck and were enjoying the drive down I-5 when they heard pounding from the rear of the truck. They pulled off at Knighten Road and went to the truck stop. When they opened the back of the truck three guys popped out. They had been sleeping in the truck at Home Depot. The Highway Patrol said no crime had been committed so everyone continued on their way. There were a few comments about exactly when the door should have been opened, but in the end **Jason** contributed \$100 toward his Shan. Thanks, **Jason**.

Bobby Ranger went skiing at two different mountains over Christmas. Thanks for the \$100, **Bobby**.

PP Ed Rullman had **President Ray** pay \$100 for keeping him awake during the meeting. Thanks, **Pres. Ray**.

Announcements: **Lisa Jeter** said 2017 Scholarship Applications are able to be submitted starting January 9th. Information and the application can be found on the club's webpage at www.reddingrotary.org/. I just reviewed the webpage and it is very clear and informative.



Julie Gussenhoven announced it is Job Shadow time. She said they will be having first and only meeting at her office March 9th at 5:30. Call her if you need more information or have questions.

Greg Balkovek reminded everyone that the Wild Game Feed will be held January 28th. Lots of fun and good food. Plan to attend. Call **Greg** for more information.

Dar Barzin reminded everyone that there will be a blood drive at the club during our meeting on January 26th. Plan to give blood. It's so important.

Program: **This week** was an update on the various Board members and their committees. Each director introduced their committee chairpersons who then reviewed their activities.

Mark Ball is the **Director of Administration**. His committees include **1. Vocation Service Award** co-chaired by **Cindy Fisher, Judy Price, and Tim Rayl**. **2. Club Website-Spillway** co-chaired by **Bret Christensen and Tom Stovall**. **3. Club History** chaired by **Rush Lenroot**. **4. Finance** chaired by **Maggie Redmon**. **5. Sergeant-At-Arms** chaired by **Gene Poch**. **6. Program Review** co-chaired by **Gary Burks and Ed Rullman**. **7. Audio/Visual** co-chaired by **Tiger Michiels and Todd Davis**. **Music** chaired by **Rick Hill**. **Public Relations** co-chaired by **Michelle Dell and Matt Morgan**.

Kristi Davis is **Foundation/Fundraising Director**. Her committees include **1. Rotary Foundation** chaired by **Jeanne Jelke**. **2. Club Endowment, (Shan)** chaired by **John Mathena**. **3. Major Fundraising** chaired by **Jake Mangas**.

Diane Kempley is **Youth Service Director**. Her committees include: **1. Camp Royal** chaired by **Steve Fitch** and **Jason Richart**. **2. Camp Venture** chaired by **Todd Davis**. **3. Four Way Test Speech Contest** chaired by **Diane Kempley** and **Mark Rincon**. **4. Honor To Youth** chaired by **Kathy Malian**. **5. Interact/Rotaract** chaired by **Rick Fauss**. **6. Job Shadow** chaired by **Julie Gussenhoven** and **Mark Rincon**. **7. Scholarships** chaired by **Lisa Jeter**. **8. Veteran's Committee** chaired by **Greg Balkovek** and **Tom Stovall**. **9. Vocational Mentoring Occupational Update** chaired by **Nikki Anthony**.

Joe Ayer is the **Local Service Projects Director**. His committees include **1. Blood Drive** chaired by **Dar Barzin**. **2. Community Projects** chaired by **Joanna Dean** and **Vickie Marler**. **3. Environment** chaired by **Jeff Avery**. **4. Literacy/Reading Rotarians** chaired by **Silas Lyons** and **Peggy O'Lea**. **5. Rotary Thanksgiving** chaired by **Bob Allen** and **Dar Barzin**.

Brad Frost is the **International Service Projects Director**. His committees are: **1. International Fellowship of Scouting** chaired by **Greg Balkovek**. **2. International House Visit** chaired by **Amelia Ward**. **3. Open World Program** chaired by **Kathy Anderson**. **4. Chilliwack Twin Club** chaired by **Tiger Michiels**. **5. Youth Exchange** chaired by **Jeff Avery**.

Dar Barzin is the **Membership Director**. **1. Club Fellowship** chaired by **Amelia Ward**. **2. Badger** chaired by **Todd Davis**. **3. New Member Development** chaired by **Greg Balkovek**. **4. Sunshine, Inspiration, and Invocation** chaired by **Betty Harrison-Smith**. **5. Membership Education** chaired by **Dee Domke**. **6. Keyway Committee** is advised by **PP Dave Gerard** and **Badger Todd Davis** and chaired by **Mary Bruce** and **Eva Jimenez**.

The club is also aided by **PP Dave Gerard** and incoming **President Rich Malotky**. **Erik Poole** is the **Club Secretary**. **Trudy Tavares** is the **Club Treasurer**. **Kim Christofferson** is the club Business Manager.

As you can see, our club is very busy. Find a committee where you want to work and contact the chairperson. There is plenty of work for everyone. We are a proud club with many decades of history. We continue to really do a lot in our club for our community and for Rotary.

Calendar	
January 12	Cynde Davis, GCID Salmonid Spawning Restoration
January 19	Adoption Process Joe Ayer
January 26	Catalyst Youth Center
February 2	Joanne Cosetti and Clair Johnson Girls on the Run
February 9	Matilde Our current exchange student
February 16	California Humanities with CEO Julie Fry

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