

Meeting Date: March 16th 2017



Gentlemen, You May Smoke - King Edward VII

Before the meeting, **Marjeanne Stone** entertained us with her fine piano playing. Thanks, **Marjeanne.**

Getting Started: President Ray announced that the meeting was brought by Team 5 with Team Captains Greg Balkovek, Jake Mangas, and Jason Parker. The invocation was provided by Betty Harrison Smith.



Marjeanne Stone

Announcements:

• Jeff Avery announced that the Henderson Open Space Clean Up is scheduled for March 25, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The location is just south of the southeast corner of the Cypress Avenue Bridge. The Club has previously helped clear non-native plants and trash from the area. We are doing a touch up to the area along with the Interact Club from Shasta High School and some City of Redding volunteers. All those interested in participating in the Clean Up should contact Jeff.

- Amelia Ward announced that the I-House Scholars are scheduled to visit from March 26 through March 30 and that we have enough Rotarians who have volunteered to host them during their visit. Thank you to all those volunteering to host the I-House Scholars. It will surely be a memorable experience.
- Richard Malotky announced that tickets are on sale for the Harlem Ambassadors basketball game scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on April 9th at the Shasta College Gymnasium. The Harlem Ambassadors will play the "Redding Rebounders" (a group of local leaders and celebrities) in a comedy basketball show. Proceeds benefit youth services sponsored by Redding East Rotary. For more information, please contact Richard or call (530) 209-1564.
- President Ray announced that the District's Spring Assembly will be held on April 22 at the Shasta Union High School District Offices at 2200 Eureka Way in Redding. There will be a variety of Rotary related topics discussed in fun interactive sessions. Coffee/Registration begins at 8:30 with the sessions commencing at 9:00 and ending at 12:00 noon. For more information and on how to register, please contact Amelia Ward or visit http://www.rotary5160.org/calendar/events-calendar/.



Peggy O'Lea, Leo Perez, Sarah T. & President Ray (Left to Right)

Honor to Youth: Peggy O'Lea, along with Shasta High School Principal **Leo Perez**, introduced **Sarah T**. as the Honor to Youth Recipient. **Sarah** has taken a very rigorous advanced placement course of study at Shasta High School and has a 4.16 GPA. She has earned recognition as a scholar athlete (cross country in 2013 and soccer from 2014-2017). She is also a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. **Sarah** has been involved in a number of school and community activities, including the Random Act of Kindness Club, Interact Club, Key Club, Recycle Club, Camp Royal, and student government. **Sarah** has volunteered at the Sierra Service Project, which built schools in Nicaragua in the summer of 2015. She plans to attend Montana State University and pursue a career either in Nursing or Engineering. Congratulations to this highly motivated student intent on making a positive impact in the world!

Craft Talk: Our own **Stacey Crain** kindly told the Club a few things about herself and her work. **Stacey** is originally from a small town in Washington State called Westport. Her family in Washington fishes commercially for Dungeness crab and Albacore tuna. After high school, **Stacey** jumped right into the work force. She became a certified travel agent and first started working for Alaska Airlines. She later moved from the Pacific Northwest and worked as a travel agent in Santa Barbara and in Palm Springs. She then changed career paths and went into plastics manufacturing. After a few years, **Stacey** decided she needed a new challenge and became a certified paralegal, working as a courtroom clerk for Superior Courts in Santa Barbara, Eureka, and Redding. In 2013, **Stacey** became the coowner of DC Construction, a general builder for both commercial and residential properties in Shasta County. **Stacey** handles all of



Stacey Crain

the administrative duties and project management responsibilities for the company. She is a wife and mother of three boys. She spends her free time snowboarding and working out at the gym. Thank you **Stacey** for allowing the Club to have a glimpse into your very interesting work and life.

Recognitions:

Jeanne Jelke: For winning the Cribbage Annual Tournament of Champions in Reno. \$100.00 to the Club and \$50.00 to her Shan.

Jason Parker and Jake Mangas: For failing, as **Team 5 Captains**, to come up with recognitions for today's program. And, for **Jake Mangas**, the Redding Chamber of Commerce's move to Downtown Redding. **Jake Mangas**: \$100.00, **Jason Parker**: \$200.00.

Jason Montague: For his trip to New Orleans. \$200.00.

Program: Randy Smith introduced Dr. Chet Sunde, who gave an interesting presentation on the history of the Grindstone Cigar Club. The Grindstone Cigar Club originally began in the late 1800's in



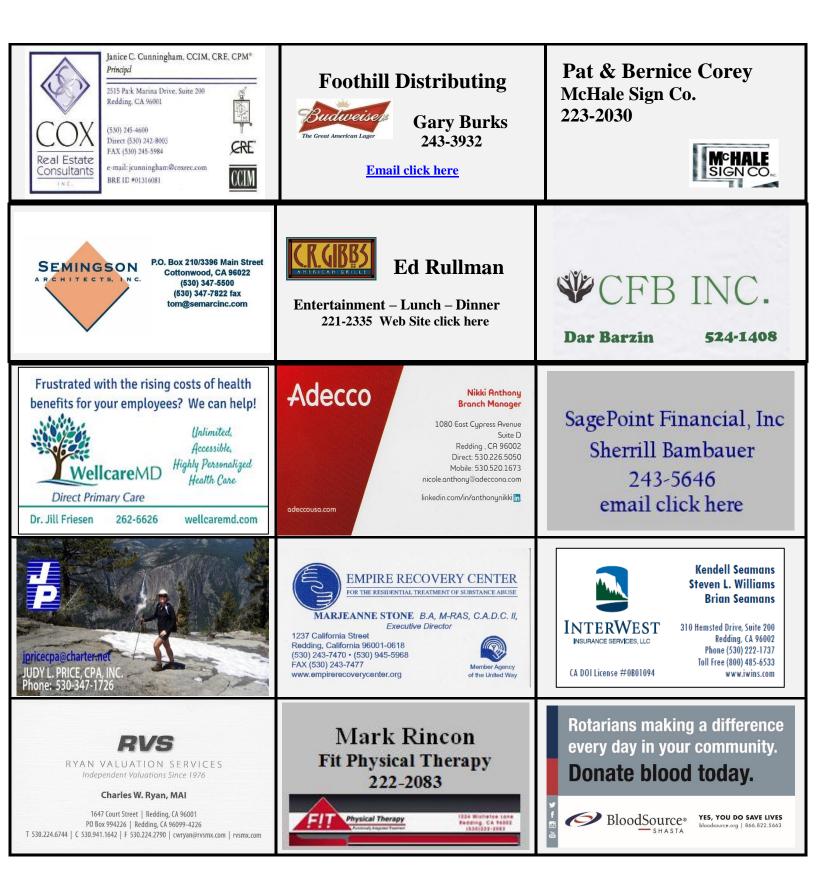
Dr. Chet Sunde

Shasta County and was "resurrected" by Dr. Sunde and others in 2000. It all began when one Edwin Voluntine, a merchant in Shasta County in the late 1800's, received a large shipment of grindstones and stacked them on the sidewalk in front of his store. A number of the leading citizens of Shasta County appropriated the grindstones for their own use and they became a center where meetings were held. This group became known as the "Grindstone Board." After Mr. Voluntine's store closed with his death in 1890, the Grindstone Board appeared to end. However, a new group, called the "Grindstone Club," began meeting in the back of the Golden Eagle Cigar Store. The group consisted of business and professional men who gathered nearly every evening in the back room to talk politics and other business of the day. In time they elected officers annually and had an annual banquet. The Grindstone Club continued to meet regularly at the Golden Eagle Cigar Store until 1920. The Grindstone Club may have been lost to history, but for Dr. Sunde's discovery of a presentation by Judge Albert Ross in 1957 to the Redding

Rotary Club outlining the history of the Grindstone Cigar Club. The Grindstone Cigar Club lives on today with regular Friday meetings at the "old Patterson house." Thank you **Dr. Sunde** for the trip back in time to learn about a Shasta County institution.

Calendar		
March 23rd	20-30 Club – Ben Dykstra	
March 30th	I-House	
April 6th	Virtual Reality & Architecture – Leslie W. & James Theimer	

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