



Meeting Date: May 18th 2017

HAPPY 93rd BIRTHDAY REDDING ROTARY!



The meeting was held offsite at the Lake Redding Park Pavilion, with food catered by C.R. Gibbs. What a delicious meal at a beautiful location!

Getting Started: President Ray announced that the meeting was brought by **Team 7**, with Team Captains **Kristi Davis**, **Todd Davis**, and **Matt Morgan**. The invocation was provided by **Mark Rincon**.

Announcement: Four Russian leaders participating in the Open World Program will spend from May 20-28, 2017 in Redding examining National Parks/Recreation Areas. Rotary Club of Redding will host the delegation. The Open World program is managed by the Open World Leadership Center and is funded almost entirely by the U.S. Congress. The purpose of Open World is to link members to their professional counterparts and to expose them to American democracy. For information on the local Open World program and activities, contact **Kathy Ann Anderson** at

kathyannanderson@aol.com, 530-941-2391 or **Yasmine Evans** at yeva@openworld.gov or visit the Open World website at www.openworld.gov.

Teacher of the Year Awards: **Kathy Malain** introduced the Teacher of the Year Awards. Each recipient received a plaque and a \$750 stipend for use in their classrooms. There were two recipients, one for Secondary School Teacher of the Year, and one for Elementary/Intermediate School Teacher of the Year. Both recipients demonstrated three outstanding attributes: (1) Passion for teaching, (2) Collegiality and being team players, and (3) Desire to give back to the community and empower their students.



**President Ray, Lura Wilhelm,
Shelle Peterson, & Kathy Malain
(Left to Right)**

Shelle Peterson, the Superintendent/Principal of **University Preparatory School**, introduced **Lura Wilhelm** as the Secondary School Teacher of the Year. **Lura** is in her fifth year of teaching Art at U-Prep. She currently teaches Sixth Grade Art, Art 1-4, Honors Art, and AP Studio Art. **Lura** believes that, through art, students are able to be creative and explore solutions to a wide variety of challenges. **Lura** is an integral part of U-Prep's "Celebration of the Arts" program that showcases all of the school's visual and performing arts. She is involved in numerous community events with her students as well as in her professional artist capacity. Through her efforts, U-Prep students have been involved in the Shasta County Arts Council Annual Juried High School Art Competition, as well as The Arts Alive Show, and the STEAM Art Competition associated with the Makers Faire. For her students, she is not only an excellent teacher, but a role model of the professional artist in the community.

Our own **Courtney McElvain** (who is the recipient's sister in law), along with **Jennifer Severin**, the Vice-Principal at **Turtle Bay School**, introduced **Kristin McElvain** as the Elementary/Intermediate School Teacher of the Year. **Kristin** teaches Seventh and Eighth Grade Core (Language Arts and History) at Turtle Bay School. **Kristin** is a leader at Turtle Bay School and in the Redding School District and is carried in the highest esteem by the students, staff, and school stakeholders with whom she interacts. **Kristin** is proactive, serving on her school's leadership team and is a Process Champion for Capturing Kids Hearts, helping lead Turtle Bay School to be nominated for a National Showcase School Award. Most important is that every educational decision she makes is to improve the lives of the students she serves. She is creating future citizens who are able to think for themselves.



**Jennifer Severin, Kristin McElvain
President Ray & Kathy Malain
(Left to Right)**

The Redding Rotary Club extends its congratulations and heartfelt thanks to **Lura** and **Kristin**, who use their talents and efforts to mold the future leaders of this community, country, and world.



**Lou Gerard, President Ray &
Rudy Balma
(Left to Right)**

History of Redding Rotary: In recognition of the 93rd Birthday of Redding Rotary, our own **Rudy Balma** and **Lou Gerard** gave a brief history of the Club. Redding Rotary was founded on April 8, 1924, with meetings at the Golden Eagle Hotel. It originally had only 24 members. Over time, Redding Rotary has chartered five other Rotary Clubs, demonstrating how our Club is interested in sharing the Rotary experience with others. Both **Rudy** and **Lou** related many amusing stories about the Club. There are so many wonderful anecdotes because it is the membership that makes Redding Rotary such a unique club. The Redding Rotary Club has done a great deal for the community, all under the banner of Rotary International. We are all very proud of the work Rotary has done locally and globally. Thank you **Rudy** and **Lou** for reminding us of the excellent work Redding Rotary has done and will continue to do in the future.

Program: **President Ray** introduced **Angela Jones**, the Executive Director of **One SAFE Place**, who gave a presentation on how One SAFE Place provides legal services, safety, and emotional support to intimate partners, children, and seniors affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. One SAFE Place provides intervention and prevention services from its campus located at 2250 Benton Drive in Redding, California. It is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and provides all of its services free of charge. One SAFE Place partners with several other organizations and agencies to provide a one-stop-shop for clients, volunteers, social workers, bystanders, and donors who are all collaborating to end violence in Shasta County. In 2015, One SAFE Place opened the Sierra Center to provide shelter, food and clothing assistance, and a sense of well-being and healing to those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition, Camp OSP, a camping program focused on children exposed to domestic violence and related physical and sexual abuse, was established to give children the chance to learn they are not alone in what they have been through and in the value they have moving forward as community members. More information about One SAFE Place can be found at its website, <https://ospshasta.org/>.



**Angela Jones & President Ray
(Left to Right)**

In recognition of the excellent work being done by One SAFE Place, **President Ray** presented **Angela** with a check from Redding Rotary in the amount of \$5,000. We commend and thank **Angela** and all of those associated with One SAFE Place for their work in improving the lives of so many impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Calendar	
May 25th	Sentinels of Freedom
June 1st	Julie Fry, CEO, California Humanities
June 8th	Jane Work, Tom Stovall & Greg Balkovek - Waterfowl in our area
June 15th	Catalyst Young Professionals - Chris Haedrich
June 22nd	Demotion

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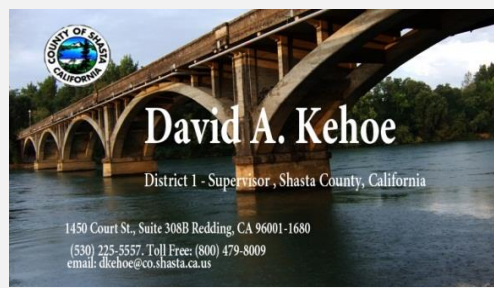
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