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February, 2017

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Catalyst Mentoring Movement

Aaron Hayes honored our Rotary club by presenting information about Catalyst and their mentoring program. Aaron said, "by investing in our youth we are investing in our future."

What is Catalyst? According to their website, Catalyst Mentoring exists to recruit, train, and place 1,000 mentors in Shasta County in the next three years. They are a "DBA" of The Stirring in Redding. Although part of a religious organization, Catalyst's focus is on helping all youth regardless of their spiritual affiliation.

What does Catalyst Do? Catalyst hosts Mentor Launch events, which are opportunities for people to get involved in becoming a mentor. Another of their events is a Mentor Boot Camp, which helps people move from "I Can't" to "I Can". All you really need to do to be a mentor is to care and show up.

How can Rotarians Help? Share the message of Catalyst through social media, or volunteer to become a mentor and help make a difference in the life of a young person with as little as one hour a week. You can also assist a mentor with a monthly donation. These donations allow Catalyst to recruit, train, and maintain mentors so that more kids can have a life changing connection with a healthy adult.



With one in four kids in Shasta County living in poverty and therefore five times more likely to drop out of school, it is now more important than ever that we as Rotarians assist these youth in our community. Catalyst is a means of providing that "service above self". Thank you, Aaron, for speaking with us today!

Rotary Calendar

February 2	Girls on the Run
February 9	Valentine's Day Program
February 16	OshKosh Air Adventure 2016
February 23	AirBNB
February 25	Bowl-A-Thon (Shasta Lanes)



Craft Talks

Jonathan Anderson

Grew up in and around East Oakland for 20 years and experienced a trouble youth. After being expelled from high school he met a youth pastor who changed his life. After earning his university degree he traveled to multiple countries on five different continents to learn what poverty and suffering is like across our world. He served as a high school teacher and youth pastor in the Bay Area. He also graduated from the police academy! He finally settled in Redding where he met his wife and now serves as the Executive Director of the Good News Rescue Mission.



Jonathan

Martin Flack

Martin shared stories of how he grew up in Alaska and traveled the world with his family. He was a runner in high-school and college. His training including running in temperatures as low as 20 below! He married his wife, Molly, 42 years ago. Together they raised three boys in a log cabin, teaching them how to trap and hunt. Martin was trained as an executive coach, has been traveling and speaking internationally, and currently owns and operates Vistage, a CEO peer advisory group.



Martin

Model Rotarian Has Clear Vision for Service (Part 2)

By Dave Dennis and Ed Tam (Editor)

Dave and Pat Dennis moved to Redding in 1977 and he started an Optometric practice. He loved being an Optometrist and providing eye care to his patients. During the years he was in practice, the Optometric profession changed very rapidly. It sounds strange, but when he started practice in 1977, Optometrists could not dilate eyes in California. As the laws governing the practice of Optometry changed, he went to hundreds of hours of continuing education to expand the scope of his practice. When he retired in 2012, he was removing foreign bodies from eyes, treating infections and other eye diseases, and was practicing as a primary eye care provider. In 1980 he became a private pilot and for three years flew to the Bay Area weekly to be a clinic instructor at the School of Optometry.

He loved practicing Optometry and providing eye care to his patients. His patients would remark that he had a "happy office". Every day was a joy. In 2012, after 35 years of practice, he sold his business to Kristi Davis, OD and retired.



City of Redding's Citizen of the Year 2014

Dave has always been very active in the community and has served on many boards over the years. Some of the boards he has been on include Rotary Club of Redding for Pat Corey's year of 2008-2009, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, Mercy Hospital Advisory Board, Mercy Foundation North, People of Progress, The Empire Recovery Center, and several others. To

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Dave and Rotarian Emmett Burroughs took exchange students fishing at Shasta Lake

reward his service to the Greater Redding Community, The Greater Redding Chamber of Commerce named him Redding's Citizen of the Year in 2014. He is still most active in Rotary, Mercy Foundation North, and The Empire Recovery Center.

He is currently the President of the Board of Directors for The Empire Recovery Center. In November 2016, he was on the committee that planned and held the first fund raising dinner for The Empire Recovery Center. The "Friends of the Empire" dinner was successful and gratifying.

Dave is also a vocal supporter of Cal Berkeley and can often be heard cheering "Go Bears" at appropriate times during Rotary Meetings. For the last twenty plus years, he has been on the board of the Northern C's, a Cal alumni group providing scholarships to North State students attending the University of California at Berkeley.

Dave joined Rotary in 1987. Over the years he has been active in many areas within the club. Most of us remember that the word "volunteer" always included Dave. He is always ready to hold a shovel, a chain-saw, a cooking pan, a hammer, a bell, or a pen to write a check. For many years he chaired the I-House Visit and along with many others has helped make that project one of our club's finest. He travelled to I-House in Berkeley several times to cement relationships that remain to this day. He and wife Pat opened their home to I-House guests from Ukraine, China, Japan, Thailand, Korea, and many other countries. In June, 1999 he was the Rotarian of the Quarter, and in 2007 he was named the Rotary Club of Redding's Rotarian of the Year.

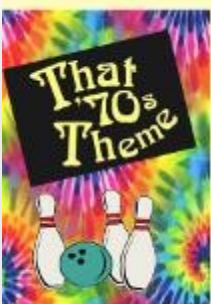


Dave and Pat vacationing at Cahir Castle, Ireland

He currently works on the Rotary Thanksgiving Project and the Spillway committee. He writes the newsletter once a month. Dave says that it has been wonderful to be in Rotary and if you get active in the club, you will make great friends and find a great deal of satisfaction in helping to fulfill Rotary's goals.

Dave and Pat have loved to travel. With exception of the Arctic and Antarctica, they have visited all the world's continents. Pat's family lives in Ireland and Dave has cousins in Germany. They have visited both sides of their families often over the years. Recently they have not travelled as much, but instead spend more time on their houseboat on Lake Shasta, or attending Metropolitan Opera HD in the cinema.

Life is good, Dave.



Keyway Bowl-A-Thon

Saturday, February 25th
Shasta Lanes (Off Lake Blvd.)

Check-in 6:00pm

Bowling 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Awards 8:30pm

Team Registration Fees are \$200, \$50 per Bowler

Support Keyway
by signing up for a team!

70's Tie-Dye Theme

Email Eva Jimenez for a
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Thank Yous & Weekly Recognitions

Thank you to Team 5 and Greg Greg Balkovek for leading this week's meeting. Mike Mangas gave the invocation with Richard Malotky & Dave West as Sergeant-at-arms while Ross Domke welcomes our guests.

Randy and James Tate gave \$100 each for recognition of their service as Honorary Team Captains for the Golden State Warrior vs. Portland Trail Blazers game. Thanks for sharing, gentlemen!

Joe Ayer bought a new house in Palo Cedro and shared \$100 with the club for the honor.

Rich Gifford announced that he is a new grandfather and donated \$200 to commemorate his new grandson.

Greg Balkovec called out Tom Stovall for his crazy pug-adorned socks. Tom gave \$50 to get the club to take the photo off the screen.

Thanks everyone for your support!

Blood Source & Joe Ayer

By Karen Karnatz



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Perhaps Joe Ayer has come up to you once or twice and asked you kindly to give up some of your blood. No, he isn't a vampire - his title is Senior Manager of Recruitment and Hospital Services and he works for Bloodsource.

Bloodsource is a not-for-profit that was founded in 1948, and their business is the collecting and distribution of blood and blood components, products generously donated by people such as yourself. They span much of Northern and Central California, serving over 40 hospitals from Merced to Oregon, Solano County to Lake Tahoe.

Joe manages a few different teams here in Northern California and oversees the distribution to 18 of those hospitals. This first team is responsible for recruiting donors - given before but they haven't seen you in awhile? You will probably be getting a call from one of Joe's staff. He has another small group responsible for the Mobile Blood Drives. I know you've seen the Bloodmobile parked around town and perhaps you've been wanting it to show up in your parking lot someday, Joe manages that team as well. Finally, all that donated blood must go somewhere, and it's important to get where it is most needed - remember, there is a shelf life and they want each drop to get used to help save a life!

Prior to life in Redding or his employment with Bloodsource, Joe was an active Rotarian and Redding is actually his third club. His first club was the Rotary Club of Downy; that was when he was working with the Red Cross in Southern California. After a promotion, Joe and his family were sent to Sacramento and he then joined the Rotary Club of Elk Grove. It is in Sacramento where he first started to work for Bloodsource, and it was another promotion that brought him to Redding, where he made the decision to choose us! During his time in our club, he headed up the bowl-a-thon in his early days in Keyway, and eventually became a board member. Other activities have included the Youth Exchange and Finance committees. His favorite thing about being a Rotarian is seeing

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money get spent locally, especially when funds are used for our youth, but he also loves the friendships that one can form in Rotary; they are often strong and life-long bonds.

Joe has a BA in Organizational Leadership, a Masters in Business Administration and is currently an adjunct at Simpson University and Brandman University.



Joe, Kara and family

A few weeks back, we were all given a glimpse in the Ayer family's life when he was a guest speaker on the topic of adoption. Joe and his wife Kara have 3 biological children and a fourth child they brought into their home from the foster system. Their newest addition was recently adopted into the family permanently, and Joe is always willing and eager to talk to anyone that is considering taking that wonderful leap themselves.

February Member Anniversaries

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
Corey, Patrick (PATRICK)	2/27/1997	19	0	19
Cunningham, Janice (JANICE)	2/2/2006	10	0	10
Dunlap, John C (JOHN)	2/9/1984	32	0	32
Hamilton, Mildred (MILLIE)	2/6/2014	2	0	2
Mangas, Jacob R (JACOB)	2/7/2008	8	0	8
Mathena, John R. (JOHN)	2/25/1982	34	0	34
Maxwell, Judy (JUDY)	2/10/2011	5	0	5
Montague, Jason (JASON)	2/1/2007	10	0	10
Preston, Tracy (TRACY)	2/5/2009	7	0	7
Price, Judy (JUDE)	2/25/1993	23	0	23
Salter, Jason (JASON)	2/25/2016	0	0	0
Smith, Randall R. (RANDALL)	2/4/1999	17	0	17
Warren, Michael (MICHAEL)	2/9/1995	21	3	24
Williem, Leslie (LESLIE)	2/11/2016	0	0	0

February Wedding Anniversaries

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Balkovek, Gregory L (GREG)	Kathy (KATHY)	8 February	47
Bambauer, Sherrill (SHERRILL)	Dennis	12 February	45
Chapin, James D. (JIM)	Lana	10 February	25
Domke, Ross (ROSS)	Janet	19 February	21
Girimonte, Nick L. (NICK)	Claudia	8 February	74
Hedayatzadeh, Joseph (JOSEPH)	Lina Perez (LINA)	4 February	10
Lanham, Kristy LeAnne (KRISTY)	Tyler	4 February	14

February Birthdays

Member Birthdays	Birthday	Member Birthdays	Birthday
Anderson, Robert C. (ROBERT)	19 February	Mathena, John R. (JOHN)	13 February
Balma, Rudolph V (RUDOLPH)	17 February	Maurer, Robert E. (ROBERT)	3 February
Dean, Bruce (BRUCE)	27 February	Maxwell, Judy (JUDY)	7 February
Dicker, Robert J. (ROBERT)	28 February	McArthur, Victoria P. (MISSY)	6 February
Engell, Gary (GARY)	18 February	Phelps, Norman (NORM)	9 February
Green, Richard W. (RICHARD)	21 February	Rullman, F. Edward (ED)	21 February
Howland, David (DAVID)	13 February	Tate, Randy (RANDY)	18 February

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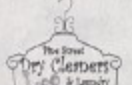


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