

# Life In Cuba

# Today's Introductions

Bret Christensen introduced the members of Team 7 (Bob Allen, co-captain). Those who helped out in today's meeting: Diane Kemply led the flag salute. Mike Mangas led the invocation. Past President Dave Gerard introduced our guests and visitors. Nikki Anthony and Jay Farquar were the Sergeant-at-Arms. Jean King, Jason Salter, and Mike Martin greeted, along with Karen Karnatz and Leslie Williem as Keyway greeters.



**Jennifer Finnegan** providing the pre-meeting entertainment

# On the mic today...



**Mike Mangas...** with the invocation



**Dave Gerard...** introducing our guests



President Richard...
running the ship

	Calendar
8/24/17	Redding Trail Alliance
8/31/17	Gayle Hutchinson - CSU Chico
9/7/17	Barry Tippin - New City Manager
9/14/17	District Governor Program

#### **Announcements**

- Ed Rullman updated the club on the Program Committee and their efforts. He mentioned that we have programs lined up through the first of the year, but they are looking for additional programs that are fun and unique. Also emphasized, it is our club policy to have no soliciting or "asks" from our presenters.
- President Richard recognized Tiger and Susie Michiels for their willingness to host the Rotary cross-country bicyclist coming through Redding soon.



Some of Redding's finest were our guests today

• Ray Stewart is looking for volunteers to serve on the board of directors for the club. If you're interested, see him soon.

## Recognitions

- Bret Christensen for his daughter attending school in France this year \$100
- Joe Hedayattzadeh wife graduated from Chico State in May \$100
- Joe Wyse for his daughter getting married recently \$100
- Kristin Lyons for her and Silas' 20th wedding anniversary \$10 per year of marriage
- Pat Corey for recent family vacations and fishing near Brookings \$100

### **Honor to Youth**

Honor to Youth this month focused on three students in the Boy Scouts of America's Explorer program for law enforcement. One student each from the Redding Police Department, Shasta County Sheriff's Office, and the California Highway Patrol was recognized. Officer **Sam Llamas** from RPD gave some background on the Explorer program, noting the hundreds of hours of volunteer work these students give to our community.



**UPREP student Nick** 



**West Valley student Cody** 

## Today's Program - Life in Cuba

Mike Mangas introduced our speaker for the day, Jack Trout. Jack has been a long time fishing guide, originally based out of Mt. Shasta where he provided his services just in our north state region. Realizing the need to diversify and expand his business, he began to look at taking his business internationally by providing one-day all-inclusive fishing guide services to such locations as Chile and Cuba. His presentation today focused on his guide service in Cuba.

With the recent relaxation of tourism from the US to Cuba, Jack has seized on a great opportunity to expose his clients to not only great fly fishing, but also the unique cultural and historical offerings of the country.



Jack Trout, fishing and cultural guide presenting behind his 7-foot tarpon

On the topic of the classic cars we're all familiar with in Cuba, he described the automotive experience in Cuba as "like being in the Twilight Zone". One of his specific tours focuses on these beautiful classics as seen on his website specific for this service, cubaclassictour.com .

His all-equipment-provided fishing tours often take his clients to the historic Bay of Pigs, a pristine fishing ground where one can catch tarpon, bonefish and permit fish. Catch one of each on the same day and you've earned the "Grand Slam" honor, complete with a t-shirt to prove your accomplishment. Jack focuses on fly fishing only, and brought to the meeting a couple of the very large and stout fishing rods he uses there.

Other notable cultural reasons to visit Cuba and take advantage of his tours includes the beautiful beaches, cigars, rum, sugar, lobster, and historic buildings like Hemingway's ranch.



Tarpon...



...Bone Fish...



...Permit.



Attention Redding Rotarians, a request of the membership - Anyone interested in serving the Rotary Club of Redding in an administrative or club leadership capacity, please contact Past President Ray Stewart.

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