

Featured Rotarian - John Mathena

By Marjeanne Stone

John exemplifies Rotary through his years of dedicated service, to Rotary, to his family, and to our community. John and his lovely wife, Jean, have been in Redding since 1968, and they shared stories and fond memories. Childhood sweethearts, they will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 20, 2018!!

John was eager to become a part of Rotary 11 years before he was able to finally join, February 25, 1982. Rotary permitted only one representative from the various vocational specialties. John participated in the multiple locations of our Club, meeting early on at the Elks Club, to the Red Lion, and when we moved to Riverview. Joe Tallerico got John into Rotary and ran for president after Karen Bennett. Karen broke all the barriers for women in our Rotary club. She, Sherrill Bambauer, and Nancy Buffum were the first women members of Redding Rotary and would sit off by themselves. John would go and sit with them.



John Mathena

During his many years of community involvement, John was active in the American Heart Association, the Economic Development Corporation of Shasta County, Enterprise Lions Club, Redding Chamber of Commerce, is Past Exalted Ruler of the Redding Elks Club, member and President of Riverview Golf and Country 'Club, Shasta Regional Medical Center Foundation, United Way, and yes, is a past President of Redding Rotary. He has been a member of many committees for the City of Redding: Redding Housing Authority, Waste Management, Municipal Utilities, Redding Redevelopment Agency, Redding Area Bus Authority, Regional Transportation Planning Agency, LAFCO, California Council of Governance, and the Western Council of Governance (California, Oregon & Washington States), to name only a few. John's energy and dedication have touched our entire community, and his leadership has made a huge difference. John was an active elected City Councilman, and was Mayor Mathena, contributing greatly to Redding's wonderful quality of life.

John Mathena, continued



John and his family

John loves Rotary and rarely ever misses a meeting. He has served on the Board as a Director, was President from 2000-2001, is Co-Chair and Chair of the Shan (Redding Rotary Foundation), has given lots of time to community projects, and has served on the membership committee. He is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Born in Topeka, Kansas, John was the youngest of 9 children. He had four brothers and four sisters, and his nickname was "Caboose." His father died when

he was only two years old. His mother remarried, and the family moved, During the era of the Dust Bowl, from the Midwest to California. All the kids were packed into a Model A coupe. He remembers the original Grapevine. And having to buy canvas bags of water to attach to the cars for drinking and cooling over-heated engines. John and Jean shared great memories of those early years.

Starting out in Long Beach, his Dad then bootlegged and share-cropped in Paris, CA. Then they moved to Redlands, population 3,000! John is a graduate of the class of '54. During the fall of his senior year, John met Jean, who was in 9th grade. Once he graduated and was working, they dated. They went steady for four years. And they married as soon as Jean graduated. Following high school, he went to work, in apple orchards, trucking for produce companies, and he loved riding horses. A back injury made a change of direction.

A veteran, John spent six years in the California National Guard, serving as a jet engine mechanic, and posted to the 163rd Fighter Squadron in Ontario, and the 196th in Fresno.

John was offered a job as a messenger boy for Pioneer Title and Trust. He had his own car, and they paid him 7 cents a mile! He started at the bottom and worked his way up to Title examiner, and in 1962, a branch opened in Merced. From that manager's position, he went to Independence, CA, having to drive Hwy 395 in the eastern Sierras, dealing with the winters.

In 1968 the family relocated to Redding, where he was employed by Chicago Title Company for 43 years, and Manager of the Redding office for 32 years, retiring in March 2000. John and Jean are the proud parents of John, a banking and investments financial planner. John lives in New York. Their younger son, Thomas, a graduate of Enterprise High School, is a former PGA golf professional and works for UPS. He, his wife, and 16-year-old daughter live in Eureka.

John Mathena, continued

A former golfer (he has made FOUR holes-in-one!), John's hobbies include gardening and woodworking. He creates the most exquisite doll houses from scratch, with incredible detail, His bird houses are penthouse suites for our feathered friends. He creates detailed and intricate art using wood!

Rotary highlights for John include stories of so many experiences and members. He explained that Lou Gerard helped start the team concept, and the social events were really important, as well as service. John and Jean would go to all the social events and remember playing games, and the fun auctions during meetings. He donated bird houses and other wood-working creations, and the auctions brought in a lot of money to the club.

Some of his "A-Ha" moments have included the Rotary and RV camping trips. He and Jean really enjoyed travel, and always made a point of visiting Rotary Clubs. They both were involved in lots of outside groups.

John's advice to newer Rotarians: "It's not enough to live in a community. You have to take part and be a part of the community." He usually sits in one area, but his table-mates change, and he makes sure to greet members and reach out. Each member has a responsibility to become actively involved. Together we can make a difference.

Rotary is making a difference, and our Rotary Club makes a difference every day in the lives of children, adults, and those in need in our community. Like John, you can be a part of that by being an active member of our Redding Rotary club.



Some of John's many awards and recognitions

March 29th Meeting - A Full House with I-House

On the mic today...Today's Introductions

Bret Christensen introduced the members of Team 7 (Bob Allen co-captain). Those who helped out in today's meeting: Rick Fauss led the flag salute. Betty Harrison Smith gave the invocation. Past President Tiger Michiels introduced our guests and visitors. Mike Warren & Jason Salter were the Sergeant-at-Arms. Joe Hedayattzadeh, Rob Adams, and Karen Karnatz were our greeters, Keyway greeters were Rory Greek and Art Sevilla. Jessica Whitlow sold tickets for the wheel game.



Betty Harrison Smith with the invocation



Tiger Michiels welcoming our guests



Amilia Ward with the I-House report

I-House

Amelia Ward gave us a run down of all the activities that the I-House scholars enjoyed during their time in Redding this week. Outings included skiing, hiking, hot tubing, house boating, line dancing, horseback riding, and a tour of the Shasta Dam. She introduced two of the students, Melodie, who performed a classic Chinese arrangement in piano, and Bhavta, who gave his impressions of coming to Redding & a brief history of the I-House program. Special thanks to all the Redding Rotary Families who hosted our guests!



I-House scholar Melodie



I-House scholar Bhavta

"The days of the gold rush in the Redding area may be over, but I found lots of gold in the families who hosted us this week...."

- I-House scholar Bhavta

Calendar

April 5	Rachel Hatch - Downtown revitalization
April 12	Jim Tornillo - Project Healing Waters
April 19	Academic Scholarships
April 26	Scholar Athletes

I-House Photos













Rotary District 5160 Club: Redding

Birthdays and Anniversaries for 04/01/2018 to 04/30/2018

Member Birthdays	Birthday	
Ashby, Michael (MIKE)		12-Apr
Balkovek, Gregory L (GREG)		20-Apr
Ball, Mark D. M.D. (MARK)		30-Apr
Borschneck, Anthony G (ANTHONY)		4-Apr
Malotky, Richard (RICHARD)		7-Apr
Morgan, Leslie (LESLIE)		23-Apr
Morgan, Matt (MATT)		9-Apr
Nystrom, Michelle (MICHELLE)		3-Apr

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Fard, Divan	Carter, Parvin	30-Apr
Morgan, Matt	Fernandes, Sarah	9-Apr
Hatch, Aaron	Hatch, Rachel	11-Apr
Karnatz, Samuel (SAM)	Karnatz, Karen Mary	16-Apr
Schlueter, Debra	Schlueter, James	23-Apr
Speer, Mikilah	Speer, Bill	17-Apr

Member Anniversaries	Start Date		Years	Years(P)	Total
Adams, Teresa N (TERESA)		4/1/10	8	0	8
Anderson, Robert C. (ROBERT)		4/19/90	28	8	36
Avery, Jeffrey G (JEFF)		4/1/10	8	0	8
Ball, Mark D. M.D.(MARK)		4/12/01	17	0	17
Christensen, Bret (BRET)		4/11/13	5	0	5
Dennis, David L (DAVID)		4/23/87	31	0	31
Domke, Doreeta (DEE)		4/18/91	27	0	27
Dunbar, Greg (GREG)		4/16/98	20	0	20
Farquhar, Jay (JAY)		4/30/04	14	0	14
Gerard, David S. (DAVE)		4/9/98	20	0	20
Ghidinelli, Dante W. (DAN)		4/13/89	29	0	29
Grant, James M. (JIM)		4/21/94	24	0	24
Greek, Rory (RORY)		4/13/17	1	0	1
Kilpatrick, John N (JACK)		4/23/81	37	0	37
Lanham, Kristy LeAnne (KRISTY)		4/25/11	7	0	7
O'Lea, Peggy (PEGGY)		4/12/07	11	0	11
Olmstead, Larry (LARRY)		4/7/16	2	0	2
Seamans, Kendell D. (KEN)		4/18/91	27	0	27

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Blankenship, Robert P. (ROBERT)	Jean	28-Apr	17
Kempley, Diane (DIANE)	Robert	11-Apr	42
Nickravesh, Sheva (SHEVA)	William (WILLIAM)	14-Apr	4
Parker, Jason Knox (JASON)	Jana	28-Apr	17
Ward, Amelia Delatorre (AMELIA)	Dennis (DENNIS)	24-Apr	40
Ward, Dennis A. (DENNIS)	Amelia	24-Apr	40
Winter, Julie (JULIE)	Mike (MIKE)	3-Apr	36







May 12, 2018 5:30 -9 p.m.

Venue

McConnell Foundation 800 Shasta View Drive Redding, CA 96003

Tentative Menu

Hors d'oeuvres

Teriyaki Bacon Duck Wraps - Wild Goose Egg Rolls Antelope Meatballs in Grape/Chili Sauce

Salads/Side Dishes

Strawberry Spinach Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing Fresh Winter Green Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressing Duck Wonton with Cilantro Lime Dressing

Main Dishes

Goose & Pheasant Confit Raviolis Chili Nevada with Antelope, Elks & Venison Greg's Fried Pheasant with Cranberry Sauce Smoked Wild Pig Bites - Grilled Montreal Duck Traeger Smoked Elk & Venison

Dessert

Lemon & Chocolate Cake-Coffee-Tea

COST/RESERVATIONS

\$50 per person— Limited to 74 people Make reservations through Karen Stovall karenstovall@shasta.com—241-1240

SPECIAL NOTES

A chicken or fish option will be provided if request..



CELEBRATION HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF REDDING

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 6:00 PM

BBQ Buffet Dinner (Ribs, Chicken, and Salmon) Beer, Wine, & Wet Bar Live & Silent Auction Pay-to-play Adult Games Gun Raffles Kid Friendly

REDDING

Prizes and Raffles to Include:

- A Variety of Firearms
- Nikon Camera
- Giants Tickets
- His & Hers Designer Sunglasses
- Seafood Party for 20
- Shasta Caverns Family Tour
- Wakeboard/Water Ski Trip

SUMMER

- Kayak Rentals
- Dinner at Mosaic for Two
- Overnight Stay At Sheraton
- Concert Tickets
- Shasta Rock Club Passes

PROCEEDS SUPPORT ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Hosted at the Ross Ranch just north of Shasta College, 12021 Old Oregon Trail \$40 per person, includes buffet

For more information and to buy tickets, call or email the Redding Rotary Club office:

530-243-2452 - reddingrotaryclub@gmail.com



Featured Advertiser For April Cindy Fisher & Cornerstone Community Bank

Cindy Fisher, a Senior Vice President Commercial Lender, wants to help make your business dreams come true and she does so at Cornerstone Community Bank.

Cornerstone Community Bank is a community-oriented, locally-owned and managed bank headquartered in Red Bluff, California. They have three branches; the first located on South Main St. in Red Bluff and two more located in Redding. They meet all of your banking needs by offering a variety of deposit and savings products, competitive rates on CDs and IRAs, and a wide selection of consumer and commercial loans and lines of credit that they tailor to suit your individual needs.

Ask anyone at Cornerstone, and they will say what makes them different as a bank is that their foundation is built on relationships. Cindy recently interviewed Bank President Jeff Finck as a part of an assignment for her three-year program with Pacific Coast Bankers School. She asked him specifically "what are the most significant factors in the success of our bank" and his reply was not any dollar amount, calculation or ratio – he stated that their magic ingredient was heart. Cornerstone believes in hiring people with heart and allowing them to do their thing – when people know that they have ownership, that it is up to the individual to problem solve and that they are expected to positively impact the organization, people rise to the challenge. In Jeff's corny but true words, "this is a culture of love."

If you talk to Cindy, you can feel everything Jeff states; Cindy truly loves her work and her company. She has spent a lifetime in banking; although she majored in psychology and computer science would not suggest that banking would be her passion, she was working part-time as a teller as far back as High School. Born and raised in Redding, she moved to Chico for college then returned to start her career. Twenty-one years were spent in one location; first it was an independent bank, but eventually, it was acquired by Tri-Counties Bank.



Cindy with granddaughter Anabelle

Cindy will always be grateful for the knowledge that Rotarian Nolan Hawkins passed on to her as she was learning her trade. She has carried that knowledge with her as she has progressed in her career. Approximately eight years ago, she found that she was ready to grow out of her position at Tri-Counties and into her SVP position at Cornerstone.

Cindy loves that she is in the position to guide people to the outcome that will work best in the long run. She is not afraid, to be honest; sometimes it's not the right time to start a business, or sometimes another lending option would work better. No matter the situation, Cindy knows it's her responsibility to provide the tools necessary for your success. She offers all clients her respect, and by doing so, she earns their complete trust.

Outside of work, Cindy enjoys spending time with her family, and she adores her first granddaughter, Anabelle. She is expecting a second grandchild, a boy this time, in May. Her daughter, Jordan, lives locally and her son Coleby lives in Southern California.

Cindy and her husband Eddie enjoy hiking together and just being out in nature. With her best girlfriends, she enjoys watching the SF Giants; together, they try to make every opening game.

Cindy loves Rotary, and her primary focus has been on the Environmental Committee. What she loves best about our Club is that for any passion, there is an outlet. You can choose what motivates and drives you and use the backing of the Club to make it happen for our community.

Visit Cindy at Cornerstone Community Bank on E. Cypress in Redding.





