



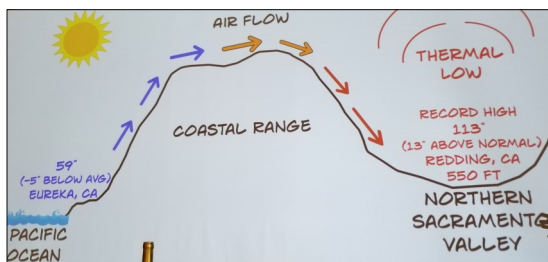
Cal Fire / City of Redding Fire Department

Ed Rullman introduced a former member of our club, CAL FIRE Shasta Trinity Unit's Fire Chief **Mike Hebrard**. Mike was joined on stage by **Greg McFadden**, Battalion Chief at Cal Fire, and **Cullen Kreider**, Deputy Fire Chief of the Redding Fire Department.

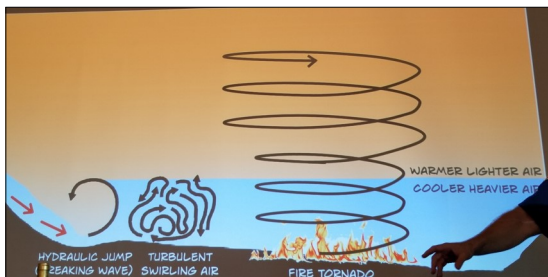
The three firefighters shared their perspective of the Carr Fire over the last couple of weeks. They were able to show some terrifying images and videos of the raging fire and fire tornado that hit west Redding. As of today the fire was at 177,000 acres and only 48% contained.



Left to right: Chief Mike Hebrard, President Greg Dunbar, and Deputy Fire Chief Cullen Kreider.



Mike showed the club a couple of illustrations to try and explain the science behind the fire tornado (left and below). A combination of issues helped add to the conditions that brought about this terrible fire including over five years of drought in northern California, record grass crop rates, heavy winds, and the location of the fire itself.



You can see from the illustrations that the wind flow both outside of and caused by the fires all contributed to make the perfect fire storm, so to speak.

There were several questions from the crowd regarding information and rumors, some of them negative and asking for clarification. All three speakers stressed the importance of checking information heard through the media and online with verifiable sources like Cal Fire's website. They explained that

there is a lot of information about this terrible fire circulating right now and some of it is simply inaccurate.

While the fight with the Carr Fire is not yet over, the men and women working hard to battle the flames have shown themselves to be true heroes. The Rotary Club of Redding thanks you!



This Week's Meeting

This meeting was brought to you by Team 1 captained by **Teresa Adams** and **Jill Letendre**. Greeters were **Steve Westlake**, **Maurice Johannessen**, **Jill Letendre**, **Teresa Adams** and **Brian Seamans**. They were joined by Keyway Greeters **Tim Thomas** and **Levi Knight**. The pledge was led by **Harry Grashoff**; the invocation was given by **Joe Wyse**; the Sergeant-at-arms were **Azi Barzin** and **Mark Rincon**. Finally, PP **Art Smithson** introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. Thank you to everyone for working together for a great meeting!

President Greg's Recognitions

President Greg recognized several Rotarians this week. Here are the lucky recognized Rotarians and their gifts to the club:

Rory Greek – Rory and his wife are expecting their third child, and recently announced it to be a little girl! An adorable photo of his two daughters holding a Mylar balloon that read, "GIRL," was on display as Rory shared \$100 with the club.



Steve Westlake – Steve announced he is going to be a grandfather for the first time! His son and daughter-in-law are expecting a child. He also shared that his daughter is going to be married this year, and since he only has a little bit left to reach her first Paul Harris he decided to give \$100 toward that honor.



Jill Letendre – Jill went with her family on a trip to Sun River; it's an annual event for the Letendre family. Despite recently losing her home in the Carr Fire, she was happy to share \$100 with the club.

Randy Tate – Dr. Tate's hospital was evacuated during the Carr Fire. The evacuation came on so suddenly that he and his wife brought a patient that was in recovery home with them. President Greg was so touched by Randy's generosity that he didn't wish to fine him, but Randy offered \$100 to the club anyway.

John Dunlap – John wanted the opportunity to again express his deepest appreciation for the Rotarians who mailed him "get well" cards during his recent trip to Florida. He shared how much those written words helped him get through a difficult situation, and although he was previously recognized for this he wanted to give again and added \$50 to his bill for the club.

Karen Stovall – A picture of a beautiful Bugatti Chiron was shown on the screen and Karen regaled us with stories of her "lava red" new car! Although it wasn't (in reality) a Bugatti, she was pleased enough with her new wheels to share \$100 with the club for the recognition.



Jason Salter – He and his family took a summer trip to Ecuador and Peru. They went to Galápagos Islands, Amazon Rainforest, Machu Picchu, and camped on a floating island on Lake Titicaca. They had a wonderful time! Jason said that they, "came home with *just* \$100 left," and he gave it to the club.

Rotary Shirt Orders



Remember to order your Rotary Shirt for this year! The two shirt color options are navy blue and white, as shown to the left. The final shirts will include the Rotary logo with **President Greg's** customized graphics and quotes for the year.

To order your shirt please email your shirt color and size to **Steve Westlake** at: stevewestlake@charter.net.

Craft Talk



Rob Adams

Robin Adams gave his Craft Talk at today's meeting. Rob is the Superintendent of Redding Elementary School District and Shasta Elementary School District. He is a Redding Native whose family roots go back a long time in Redding's history. He started out attending Redding schools, graduated high school in Redding, and had his first career in Redding. Rob eventually found a love for working with kids and went back to school at Chico State for his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. In recanting the story of his childhood he "name dropped" several favorite Redding businesses that made the crowd cheer for their memory.

Rob thanked the club for all they have done and are now doing for the Redding community. "Thank you Rotary for the service that you do [in our community], you helped build me," said Rob.

He finished his craft talk by giving a brief update on the situation of Shasta, Igo, and Redding elementary schools. Igo school is open; they're currently cleaning it out and the school year will start on time. The school has talked to every family of students at Shasta Elementary. Of the 140 students enrolled there about 120 are still living in the area. About 20 families from the school have lost their homes. That school will be relocated to the Igo campus until Shasta Elementary is repaired and fit to re-open. Rob was hopeful that might take about six months.

There was no damage to the Redding elementary schools. They're being professionally cleaned inside and out for smoke and ash, and all Redding schools are scheduled to start on time.

Spirit of Rotary

This week the Past Presidents recognized **Jason Salter** and **Tony Giovaniello** for their spirit of Rotary. Jason Salter was recognized for his amazing cooking skills at this year's Summer Celebration. Tony Giovaniello was recognized for going to Simpson University twice last week to organize supplies and clothing for those in need.

Thank you Jason & Tony for your Service Above Self!



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Calendar

August 10th	CANCELLED—Water Works Event
August 16th	Aaron Hayes: Catalyst Mentoring
August 23rd	Author Natalie Putnam
August 30th	Doug Bryant—Maas Energy Works
September 6th	Club Assembly

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