



An Important Message From Your Board of Directors

To All Redding Rotary Club Members:

The board of the Rotary Club of Redding wants to hear from all members!! The board is soliciting everyone's input on ideas for actions in response to the Carr Fire.

Many of you have already shared your ideas or actions that you are already taking. The board wants to centralize these ideas and share them throughout the membership. The board also wants to be able to take actions to support these ideas from the board level, club level, committee level and in any way Rotarians can help out.

**The board has set up a special email address to receive your ideas and input:
carrfire@reddingrotary.org**

The club has also already created a "Carr Fire" section of our club webpage where useful information about club efforts can be shared as it becomes available.

The board will review and aggregate all items received at the carrfire@reddingrotary.org email address, as well as any other input gathered through other means. Ideas and comments can include your wishes as to how much and where we should make monetary donations, what types of hands-on projects might be available now, and what opportunities you might foresee where our club will make a difference. Any and all input is welcome.

ALSO: Special Board Meeting for Membership Discussion of Carr Fire Response

The board has reformatted our regular monthly board meeting for August. We have cleared the agenda to allow for an open and robust discussion of the club's response to the needs of our community created by the Carr Fire. The board will address its normal business quickly through a consent agenda, then move to an open discussion of ideas from the membership in attendance. Responses received at the email address above (carrfire@reddingrotary.org) will also be reviewed at that time.

The board wants to encourage anyone with an interest to attend this month's board meeting in person to participate in this session.

The session will run from approximately 7:15AM to 8:15AM, at which point the board will ask to deliberate and make its decisions as to initial responses without advocates in the room. Be assured that the board will quickly communicate its decisions. Also, please be assured that the board is well aware that these efforts are part of a long process of recovery, and many actions will be necessary over time as the community re-builds and flourishes once again.

Rotary Club of Redding August Board Meeting / Carr Fire Response Discussion
Tuesday August 14th, 7:00AM (Discussion begins approx. 7:15AM to 8:15AM)
Rotary Club of Redding Office
1700 Pine Street, Suite 210
(US Bank building, 2nd floor)

Today's Meeting



Rick Hill entertaining us before the meeting



Kristi Davis and her helpers Keaton and Lauren hand out free eye drops to everyone to combat the effects of the smoke in the air

Today's Introductions

Amelia Ward introduced the members of Team 4 (co captain **Susie Michaels**). Those who helped out in today's meeting: **Jennifer Morgan** led the flag salute. **Rick Fauss** gave the invocation and provided the pre-meeting piano entertainment. Past President **Dick Green** introduced our guests and visitors. **Vickie Marler & Bob Allen** were the Sergeant-at-Arms. **Susie Michaels, Amelia Ward, Art Sevilla, & Brian Scarr** were our greeters, Plinko sales by **Barry Tippin**.

On the mic today...



Rick Fauss...
with the invocation



Dick Green...
introducing our guests



President Greg...
at the helm

Calendar

August 9	Mike Hebrard from Cal Fire
August 16	Aaron Hayes – Executive Director of Catalyst Mentoring
August 23	Author Natalie Putnam
August 30	Doug Bryant – Maas Energy Works

Announcements

- **Jessica Whitlow** announced that due to the Carr Fire, our Club outing at Waterworks Park scheduled for next week has been canceled. Additionally, our Thursday meeting for August 9th that had been scheduled as a dark meeting is now back on, so plan to meet at our regular time next week.
- **President Greg** recognized the volunteers that prepared and served meals at the Shasta Youth Leadership Camp. Thanks go out to our volunteers, also known as "The Scary Lunchroom Ladies": **Diane Kemply, Tony Giovaniello, Kathy Anderson, Cindy Fisher, Amelia Ward, Susie Michiels, Ken Seamans, Kristy Lanham.**
- **President Greg** brought us up to date with what our club and the others in the Redding area are doing in response to the Carr Fire. Our efforts at the moment are to direct financial donations to the Shasta Regional Community Foundation, and also towards the United Way. Please see page 1 of this newsletter for additional information about our next steps.

Recognitions

President Greg took a different approach to recognitions this week by giving voice to those who have been impacted by or are responding to the Carr Fire. No fines were levied this week

- **Parvin Carter** relayed her harrowing account of her and her husband's escape from the fire. Kudos to Dave Dennis for showing us all what compassion looks like as he came to her side, giving her a shoulder to lean on.
- **Barry Tippin** was recognized for all that he and the employees of the city are doing for our community. Barry shared the heartbreak the city is feeling from the loss of our Chief a few weeks ago and a fire inspector last week.
- **Leslie Morgan** shared with us the goal of the Assessor's Office to have revisions to assessments in place before this year's tax bills go out. Also they are looking at the possibility of waiving fees to replace vital documents like birth certificates, etc.
- **Amelia Ward** is working on a project that is similar in nature to one that was done in the Sonoma area last week. She'll have more information next week.
- **Kristi Davis** told us that she reached out Allergan, one of her suppliers, and they sent her 40 cases of eye drops that she is making available to our community. Also, she is working with the survivors of the fire to get them replacement eyeglasses and contact lenses.
- **Sarah Fernandez** made us aware of the need for volunteers at Simpson University as they serve as an evacuation center.
- **Bret Christensen** shared that an addition to the Club's website has been done to be a place for information moving forward.
- **Rick Hill** made us aware of a bar/restaurant in Chicago is conducting a huge fundraiser to benefit the survivors of the Carr Fire.
- **Dan Waldrop** made us aware of a program that he had setup sometime ago, a 501(c)(3), to provide replacement prescription eye wear to those in need, and is making that program available to survivors of the fire.

Program

Randy Smith introduced our speaker today, Lane Carlson. Lane is the Principal of California Heritage Youth Build Academy (CHYBA). CHYBA is alternative school program for at-risk students aged from high school freshmen to adults up to 24 years of age.

The program, which is affiliated with AmeriCorps and the national Department of Labor as a Youth Build school, takes a personalized approach with its students. Although the primary focus is in the building trades, programs in nursing assistance, culinary arts, gardening, wood shop, and others are made available to the students.

A key part of what the school is offering its students is growth in the area of relationship building and trust. This has been facilitated with the help of a mentoring program with the Catalist group in town.

Lane shared with us that he is looking to individuals in our community, like our club's membership, to help with things like internships, job shadowing, business site tours, and mentorship.



Lane Carlson,
Principal of CHYBA



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