



Meeting Date: August 23rd 2018

Combating Disaster Fraud

Before the meeting, **Jennifer Finnegan** and **Rick Hill** entertained us with their fine musical skills. Thanks, **Jennifer** and **Rick**.

Getting Started: **President Greg** announced that the meeting was brought by **Team 6** with Team Captains **Jason Richart** and **Randy Tate**. The invocation was provided by **Eva Jimenez**.

Announcements:

- **Sunshine Report:** **Gary Engell** is having knee replacement surgery this week, with surgery on the other knee to follow in two weeks. Please keep **Gary** in your thoughts.
- Several Rotarians suffered losses in the recent fires. We continue to support our fellow Rotarians in these difficult times.
- **Jake Mangas** and his guest announced that the Small Business Administration (SBA) has loans available to assist those who suffered losses in the Carr Fire.
- **Cathy Wyatt** informed the Club about the "Adopt a Carr Family Program" through Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS). This program is a way to let families impacted by the Carr Fire know that others are thinking of them and supporting them. For more information and to adopt a family, please visit <https://nvcss.org/>.



Jennifer Finnegan & Rick Hill
(Left to Right)

- **Larry Olmstead** announced that the United Way's "Breakfast of Champions" will be held on September 13th at Win-River Resort from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. This program will honor businesses, individuals, and non-profits that go out of their way to assist the youth in our community. 50% of the funds raised will go to Carr Fire recovery and the other 50% will go to assisting youth. Tickets can be obtained at <https://www.norcalunitedway.org/BOC2018>.
- **Steve Westlake** presented the "Spirit of Rotary" Recognition to **Lee** and **Judy Salter** as a way of showing the Club's appreciation for how they always go the extra mile in supporting our community. Thank you **Lee** and **Judy**!

Honor to Youth: **Peggy O'Lea** presented the Club with three Honor to Youth Recipients, all of whom are involved in Law Enforcement Explorer Programs. Explorers are young people, between the ages of 14 and 21, who volunteer and serve the community at public events, such as parades and celebrations or fairs, while also receiving early training and education on what it takes to be a law enforcement officer.



**President Greg, Adrian R., & Deputy Hank Taylor
(Left to Right)**

Redding Police Officer Shannah Johnson introduced **Sage W.**, who participates in the Redding Police Department's Explorer Program. **Sage** is a sophomore at Shasta Charter Academy. She was promoted to Corporal in the Explorer Program before completing her first year. In that position, she supervises a squad of other Explorers. **Sage** has demonstrated academic excellence and leadership skills. She is reliable, dependable, and responsible.



**Peggy O'Lea, President Greg, Sage W., & Officer Shannah Johnson
(Left to Right)**



**President Greg, Derek G., & Officer
Fred Lazo
(Left to Right)**

California Highway Patrol Officer Fred Lazo introduced **Derek G.**, who participates in the CHP Explorer Program. **Derek** has gone through all of the Explorer Academy levels and was part of the honor guard for the Redding Christmas Parade. He is currently in the background process to become a full-time CHP Officer.

Congratulations to these highly motivated young people intent on making a positive impact in the world!

Recognitions:

Jake Mangas: For his and his guest's presentation about SBA loans being available for disaster recovery. \$50.

Larry Olmstead: For his presentation about the United Way's "Breakfast of Champions." \$200.

Jess Whitlow: For being one of the earliest fundraisers on Facebook for Carr Fire recovery and having raised over \$17,000 for the Shasta Regional Community Foundation. \$100 to her Paul Harris.

Ed Rullman: For wearing red socks to Rotary. \$100 to the Club.

Pat Corey: For his fishing and hunting trips. \$150.

Eva Jimenez: For her trip to Thailand. \$200.



**Lucky Jesrani &
President Greg
(Left to Right)**

Program: **President Greg** introduced **McGregor ("Greg") Scott**, **Stephanie Bridgett**, and **Lucky Jesrani**, to talk to the Club about Disaster Fraud. **Greg** is the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California. **Stephanie** is the Shasta County District Attorney and **Lucky** is a Deputy District Attorney and head of the Office's Consumer Protection Unit.

Whenever there is a major disaster, such as the Carr Fire, fraudsters attempt to capitalize on the situation and people have to be on guard. Most types of Disaster Fraud are handled by the District Attorney's Office, but some types of Disaster Fraud that involve federal funds or programs are handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Since the Carr Fire, the District Attorney's Office has received over 80 complaints related to Disaster Fraud and the Office has filed in excess of 15 cases. Common Disaster Fraud claims include (1) Unlicensed Contractors, (2) Charity Scams, (3) Disaster Relief/FEMA Scams, and (4) Price Gouging. Should anyone believe they have been a victim of Disaster Fraud, assistance is available.

The District Attorney's Office has a Disaster Fraud Hotline, at (530) 225-5391, and has information at https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/da_index.aspx. There is also a federal disaster fraud hotline at (866) 720-5721 and e-mail at disaster@leo.gov. Thank you **Greg, Stephanie, and Lucky**, for an informative presentation about a serious matter.



McGregor Scott



Stephanie Bridgett

Calendar

August 30th	Doug Bryant, Maas Energy Works – Alternative energy source
Sept. 6th	Club Assembly
Sept. 13th	Bill Cornelius, President of State Theatre for the Arts
Sept. 20th	Paul Kjos, Shasta County Agricultural Commissioner

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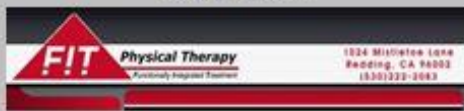
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