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Animals Serving During Wartime

Once again **Jennifer Finnegan** entertained us with her beautiful piano music before the meeting started. Thanks, **Jennifer**, it adds a lot to our atmosphere. **President Greg** introduced **Jason Richart** who got things going. **Ken Seamans** led us in the pledge, **Marjeanne Stone** did the invocation, and **PP Joe Tallerico** introduced guests. We were off and running.



Jennifer Finnegan

New Member: Karen Stovall introduced **Mark Wood**, a retired pediatric ophthalmologist, who was inducted today. **Mark** is a former member of our club.

After leaving Redding in 1994, his career took him from Redding

to London, Houston, Albuquerque, and Fresno. Upon retirement, he and his wife, **Molly**, returned to live in Redding. **Mark** was sponsored by **Randy Smith**. Welcome back, **Mark**.



L-R Randy Smith, Karen Stovall, Mark Wood, President Greg

Announcements: Carr Fire Relief: President Greg reported

that the Board of Directors approved the first of two Carr fire expenditures. The first portion will replace the books that were lost in the fire and belonged to 79 children. In addition, our club will donate \$7500 to the Shasta County Office of Education to buy snow boots, jackets, and gloves for the Whiskeytown Environmental Camp.



Rotary Campout at Lassen Park. **Jennifer Finnegan** and **Judy Price** gave a report on the Rotary campout recently. As it turned out, no Rotarians from our club attended except **Jennifer** and **Judy**. There were a few from Red Bluff and Anderson. **Jennifer**

said it was fun, although a little cold. Not a very good showing from our club, guys. Thanks for trying **Jennifer** and **Judy**.

Amelia Ward reported on a joint social for Teams 4 and 6. Was last Friday evening at West Side Wines. Had 20 or 25 people there. Good work.

Jason Salter's team had a Hawaiian Luau at this house. Nice to see socials happening again.

Think Pink: This Breast Cancer Awareness Month and next week is Think Pink for our club. Get out your pink shirt or blouse and show up. We want to see a sea of pink.

Recognitions: PP Joe Tallerico missed the Club Assembly last week. Paid \$100. He then threw **Norm Phelps** and **Chuck Spafford** under the bus costing them each \$100. Thanks guys. I guess that's what friends are for.



Rick Fauss and his wife took a trip to Canada and Alaska. Had a great time. Thanks for the \$100, **Rick**.

James and **Randy Tate** took a fishing trip to Mexico and then stopped by Havana on the way home. Presumably for a few Cuba Libras, although they didn't say. It was worth \$200 each to the club. Thanks, guys.

Jonathan Anderson took his son hunting and bagged a big buck. Nice job. Worth \$100 to the club. Thanks.

John Mathena's phone went off during the Governor's visit. Thanks for the \$100 for the club, **John**.

Dave Gerard took a trip to Kauai and said it was worth whatever he had left. Thanks, **Dave**.

Program: Cindy Fisher introduced **PP Tom Stovall** who gave a wonderful program about animals serving with the Armed Forces in wartime. He gave several examples of the bond that develops between an animal and their handler. Many dogs have saved lives and the British even used elephants in India. Leave it to the Brits. However, Hannibal used elephants during the Punic War in 218 BC to cross the Alps. I guess the Brits learned from history.

Tom showed several examples of dogs that had lost a leg in combat, but once they left the service lived good lives. Many were reunited with, and adopted by, their handlers once both left the service.

The highlight was a video of a small horse named Reckless that was used by the Marines during the Korean war to carry rounds of ammunition. It was awe inspiring and the video can be found on YouTube by searching for SSgt Reckless. I would recommend you look it up. Below are some photos of SSgt Reckless and other animal members of the Armed Forces. Thanks for a great program, Tom.



PP Tom Stovall



CALENDAR

October 18	Natalie Putnam—Scott Putnam
October 25	Death With Dignity -- Dr. Debra Newman
November 1	McGregor Scott
November 8	Veteran's Day Program
November 15	Cajun James -- How SPI Manages Burned Over Lands
November 22	Dark For Thanksgiving

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