



Meeting Date: October 18th 2018

A Happy Family is But an Earlier Heaven— George Bernard Shaw

Before the meeting, **Marjeanne Stone** entertained us with her fine piano playing. Thanks, **Marjeanne**.

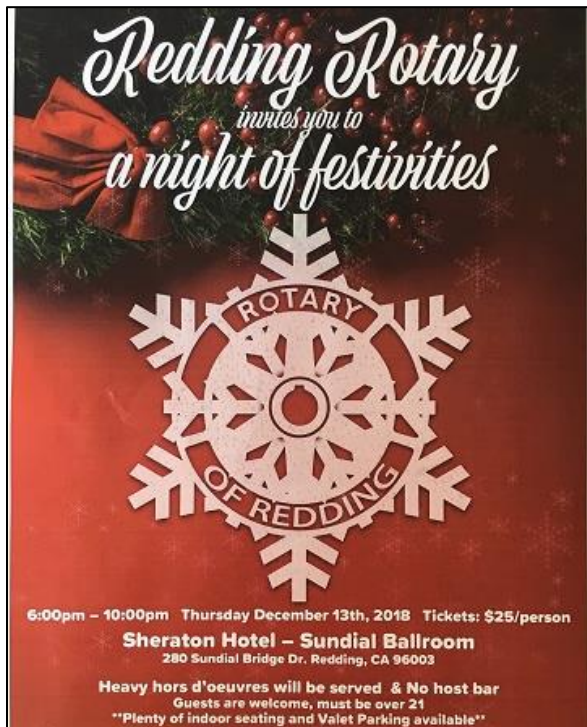
Getting Started: President **Greg** announced that the meeting was brought by **Team 7** with Team Captains **Rory Greek** and **Rick Hill**. The invocation was provided by **Marjeanne Stone**.

Announcements:

- **Jeff Avery** announced that there is a year round Redding Rotary Team point competition currently under way. For the First Quarter, Team 1 has the most points, with 130. Congratulations Team 1!
- **Jeff Avery** also announced that, to help those in need from the recent fires, the City of Redding is dispensing straw and straw wattles to help prevent erosion when the rains come. If interested in signing up for this program or for more information, please contact **Jeff**.
- **Rory Greek** stated that Team 7 will have a Social on November 8 at 5:00 p.m. at the Vintage Public House.



Marjeanne Stone



- **Lindsey Myers** announced that Keyway would have a Social on October 18 at the Sheraton Hotel. She also noted that the Sundial Bridge would be in pink lights in recognition of Think Pink Day.

- **Jess Whitlow** stated that the Rotary Christmas Party will be on December 13 at the Sheraton Hotel. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. Those planning to attend should contact **Jess**.

- **Jess Whitlow** also announced that the Club's November 1 meeting is the day after Halloween. Since the meeting will be after Halloween, **Jess** asked Club members to e-mail pictures to her of either Club members or Club members' children or grandchildren in costume. Gift cards will be made available for those in the best costumes.

- **Jess Whitlow** also stated that, if any Club member has left over Halloween candy, to bring it to the Club meeting on November 1. She knows of a charity that will take the candy and put it to good use.

- **President Greg** stated that, on October 24 at 6:00 p.m., there will be the Empire Recovery Center dinner at the Sheraton Hotel. For more information, please contact **President Greg** or **Marjeanne Stone**.

SHAN Award: **John Mathena** presented to **Charlotte Bailey** a new SHAN award to replace the one she lost in the Carr Fire. It was a wonderful showing of good will and support for **Charlotte** in her time of need. We wish you all the best **Charlotte** through the recovery process.



**John Mathena,
Charlotte Bailey &
President Greg
(Left to Right)**



**President Greg, Jocelyn W. &
John Selke
(Left to Right)**

Honor to Youth: **Kathy Malain** and Sequoia Middle School Assistant Principal **John Selke** introduced **Jocelyn W.** as the Honor to Youth Recipient. **Jocelyn** is an eighth grader at Sequoia Middle School. She has demonstrated academic excellence and leadership skills. She has a 4.0 GPA. She serves on the school's student council and plays in the school orchestra. She plays the violin as well as the piano. Outside of school, she is involved in dance and is the Young Women's president for her church. She currently plans to attend college at Brigham Young University and then go to medical school to study to be a psychiatrist. Congratulations to this highly motivated young person intent on making a positive impact in the world!

Recognitions:

Ed Rullman: For his business trip to Dallas and his alleged involvement in the disappearance of **President Greg's** gavel. \$100.

Rory Greek: For his involvement in the Club's Foundation Account of over \$623,000 accidentally showing up in **Ray Stewart's** personal account. \$100.

Cindy Fisher: For her daughter's wedding. \$100.

Bob Dicker: For standing up to straighten his shorts. \$100.

Eva Jimenez: In recognition of Think Pink Day. \$100.

Think Pink Day: A large number of Club Members wore pink to recognize Think Pink Day and promote breast cancer awareness. A big thank you to all the Rotarians in pink on this day!



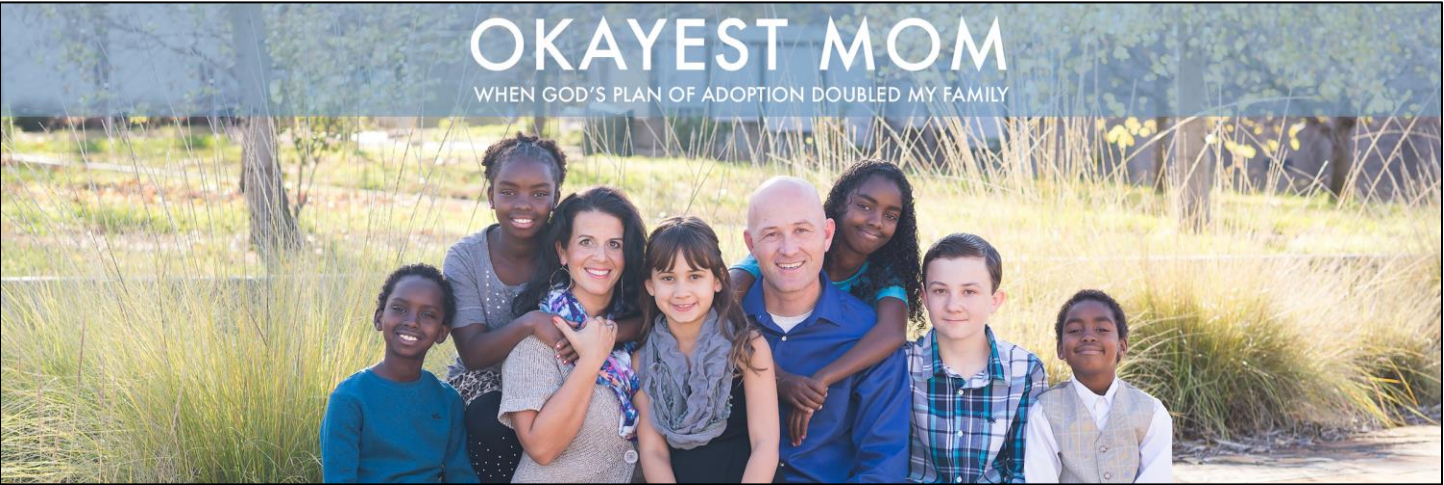
Think Pink Rotarians

Program: **Scott Putnam** introduced his wife, **Natalie Putnam**. **Natalie** is a public speaker, entrepreneur, and author. But most important, she is the mother of six wonderful children. **Natalie** spoke to the Club about how she and **Scott** came to adopt four children from Ethiopia. After she and **Scott** married, they purchased a home and had two children, which was their initial plan. Then, in **Natalie's** words, God messed up their plan. After a good friend died from cancer, they started to think about life and what was next for their family. They believed that God called them to adopt. They were blessed with the ability to adopt a sibling set of four children from Ethiopia. They spent four months in that country working through hardships and complications to ensure they would be able to adopt all four children. While



Natalie Putnam &
President Greg
(Left to Right)

in Ethiopia, they performed a number of service projects in between the time working on the adoption. But the struggles did not end after the adoption was completed. **Scott** and **Natalie** realized that the adoption was only possible because of the brokenness and grief suffered by their four children. Nonetheless, their family continues to move forward in a positive manner. **Natalie** wrote a book about their experience, titled “*The Okayest Mom*,” which was chosen as The Today Show’s “Favorite Thing” in 2018. In **Natalie’s** words, “Family is our first mission. Everything else comes next.” Thank you **Natalie** for such a heartwarming and inspirational story!



Calendar	
Oct. 25th	Dr. Debra Newman – Death with Dignity
Nov. 1st	McGregor Scott – U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of California
Nov. 8th	Veterans’ Day Program
Nov. 15th	Cajun James – How SPI manages burned over lands
Nov. 22nd	DARK -- Thanksgiving

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