



Past Presidents Conduct the Meeting



Last Thursday's Rotary meeting featured 17 past presidents of the Rotary Club of Redding. With our featured Santa Clause (Ed Rullman) out in front of us numbers were drawn for a van load of prizes. Past President Steve Westlake (2001— 2002) showed great enthusiasm bringing Christmas cheer to the last Rotary meeting before Christmas. Many gifts from the past presidents were given away to the winners holding the lucky ticket.



Santa (Ed Rullman) happened to grab Judy Salter for a picture.



Master of Ceremonies Steve Westlake

Thanks to the direction of our "Master of Ceremonies", Steve Westlake everyone had a great time spreading Christmas cheer. Many pictures of the celebration will be featured on other pages in this newsletter.

The Past Presidents wish all Redding Rotarians a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Honors to Our Movers and Shakers plus Announcements

President Greg thanked **Jessica Whitlow, Jenn Finnegan, Mary Brace and Lindsey Myers** for organizing and making this year's Christmas party a fun party and a great success. From looking at the pictures featured in the last Express there is no doubt everyone had a wonderful time.

Mentioned in president Greg's opening remarks was the upcoming Bowl a thon. The theme this year will be "Heros vs Villans." Keyway will be organizing and producing the event again.

A final announcement was made by Amelia Ward reminding everyone of our Redding Rotary Auction to be held February 14th at the regular Rotary meeting. Amelia mentioned the event is still receiving items to be auctioned off at this years fundraiser. More donations are needed.

Presidents Greg's Recognitions

Tony Giovaniello was called on first for misplacing his Redding Rotary badge. Tony didn't have any idea where the badge could be. He got off the hook for 100 bucks and new badge.

Joe Wise was recognized for his birthday. Joe wouldn't say how old he is but the club sang happy birthday to celebrate the occasion.

Next was **Jill Letendre** gave a donation to **Kristen Lyons** and the YMCA. Past President John Mathena gave \$100 to the River Playhouse in their honor.

Jill was still in the spotlight. Her daughter is on the honor role and she has a new car. Jill generously kicked in \$200.



The next recognition dated back to the Christmas party. It seems that the event was detailed to be cocktail dress. That means some fine looking duds. **Past Pres Tiger Michiels** showed up in a western shirt and what may have been a pair of dress Wranglers. Tiger was relieved of a 200 dollar bill. Thanks Tiger.

Julie Winter was featured in a picture showing her in her new position as Mayor. \$100.00 to the club.

Chuck Spafford is participating in a new health program. The results of the program were shown with Chuck surf boarding a huge wave in Hawaii. We could hardly recognize Chuck shooting the curl of the giant wave. Chuck donated \$100 to the club. Thanks Chuck!!!

Fred Lucero was shown in a picture at a LA Dodgers World Series baseball game that went 18 innings. Thanks Fred for \$100 contribution.

Mike Ashby was featured in a number of pictures showing Mike scuba diving at Saint. Lucia. Mike mentioned while diving he had to keep an eye out for sharks which seemed to be plentiful. Mike donated \$100 to his Shan and another \$100 to his Paul Harris.



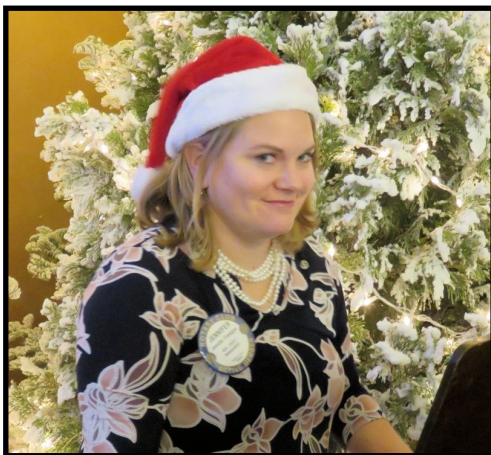
Mike Ashby Maybe?

Past president Tom Semingson was asked about his heritage and several pictures showing Tom with a pony tail and even in full Viking dress. Tom said he was willing to donate \$5.84. Not sure where the figure came from. Thanks anyway.



Tom Semingson?

Past President Steve Westlake then took control of the program. First was a big THANK YOU to our pre—meeting entertainment done by **Marjeanne Stone, Jenn Finnegan** and **Rick Hill**. All receive a nice cup for their efforts. Today we enjoyed the beautiful piano talents of Jenn Finnegan. She played the entire rendition of Charlie Brown's Christmas.



Jenn Finnegan

Business Manager **Kim Christofferson** was recognized for the super job she does for Redding Rotary.

Steve then gave a thank you to the audio visual team for a great job all year.

Steve mentioned **Jessica Whitlow** again for spear heading the 2018 Christmas party.

Next was a group of volunteers who wanted to do something about the damage done by the Carr Fire. **Mark Woodward, Mark Wood, Mary Brace, Judy Smith, Mark Ball, Peggy O"Lea**, and originator of the project **Randy Smith** distributed 12 pounds of California poppy seed along the north side of the Sacramento River trail. Randy mentioned the seeds are already up thanks to a recent rain. There are some 250,000 poppy seed per pound. Great job Randy.

Steve next honored our newest Spirit of Rotary member **Teresa Adams**. Great job Teresa. You had two pictures taken during this meeting. One with Santa and one with PP Steve Westlake.



Calendar

December 27th	Dark for Christmas
January 3rd	Redding City Identity Program - Speaker Jake Mangas
January 10th	Lassen Volcanic National Park - Speaker Ranger Kevin
January 17th	TBA
January 24th	Klean Kanteen - Speaker Caroleigh Pearce "Bring Your Own"
January 31st	TBA

Redding Rotary Bell Ringers Do It Again



Ho Ho Ho!! Our Rotary club Ding-a-Lings just finished eight days of ringing that bell for the Salvation Army. A Rotary Army of 80 Rotarians with their families and friends rang for **78 hours** and filled those red kettles with **\$4,335** to help spread the Christmas spirit.

In the true Rotary spirit of *Service Above Self* the following Rotarians were out there rain or shine. **Ray & Karen Fauss, Jake Mangas, Tom Semington, Lou Gerard, Brian Scarr, David Gerard, Jim & Deb Schuelter, Maria Orozco & team, Judy Salter, Toni & Kelli Giovaniello, Cindy Fisher, Jason Salter,**

Mike Ashby, Jake Mangas, Jeff Avery, Tim Thomas, Marjeanne Stone, Karen Stovall, Trudy Tavaris, Lindsey Myers, Jessica Whitlow, Niki Anthony, Larry Olmstead & friend, Steve and Vicki Fitch, Kim Christofferson & daughter, Eva Jimenez & husband, Fred & Mrs. Lucero, Vickie Marler, Janice Cunningham, Kristy Lanham & kids, Saeed Hadayattzadeh, Jean Jelke.



And we couldn't have filled the 8 days without our over-achievers who rang multiple shifts. **Kathy Anderson (3), Jill Letendre (2), Karen Karnatz (2), Greg & Kathy Balkovek (2), Bob Allen (2), Dar Barzin (2), Julie Gussenhoven (2) & friend Madison, Fred & Donna Hurst (2), Mark Wood (2), Teresa & Greg Adams (2), Laurie Baker (2), Rob Adams & son (2),**

There will be many happy faces and warm hearts resulting from your generous gift of time and a smile. If you missed the fun this year, we will do it again next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Another Picture From The Past President's Meeting



Poppy seed distributors from left to right, Kim Kristofferson, Mark Wood, Mark Ball, Randy Smith, Mary Brace, Peggy O'Lea and Mark Woodward.



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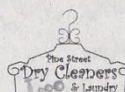
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