



Carr Fire Update

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

President Greg introduced **Rory Greek**, co-captain of Team 7 who got things going. **Cindy Fisher** led the pledge, **Marjeanne Stone** did the invocation and sunshine report. **Jerry Drennan** passed away two days ago. His services will be at the First United Methodist Church on East and South Streets at 11:00 am on Tuesday April 23rd with lunch to follow the service. **Bill Kipp** is under Hospice care. He would like to have some of his fellow Rotarians visit him. When you plan to visit, please call ahead to 2430363 to make sure **Bill** is able to have visitors at that time.



Announcements: **DGE Tina Akins** and her husband attended our meeting today. She announced and invited Rotarians to the Spring Training day this Saturday at Simpson University and the District Conference in Reno on May 17-19 at the Peppermill Resort in Reno. It would be worth your while to attend one or both of these events. They are well planned and well run. There is a wealth of good information about Rotary and its local and international projects. If you can, don't miss either one.

Bowlathon: **Wendy Dickens** reminded us of the Bowlathon to be held on April 27th. See flyer in this newsletter for more information. They still have space for a few individual players. This is a fundraiser and a tradition for our club. Plan to attend. Its lots of fun.

Book Bags: See **Wendy**, also, to sponsor a Book Bag for a child. This promotes early literacy and is a worthwhile project. Cost is \$50 per child. **Wendy** has all the details.



L-R Brian Scarr, Dee Potter, President Greg



Aaron Williams

Blue Badges and returning members: **Brian Scarr** and **Dee Potter** traded their Red Badges in for the coveted Blue Badge. This means they have completed a proscribed set of tasks to familiarize themselves with both local and international aspects of Rotary. **Brian** has a classification of Financial Management and **Dee** has a classification of Outfitter. Good job guys.

Aaron Williams was a former member who returned to our club. He has a classification of Attorney. Welcome back, **Aaron**, it's good to have you back.



Jordan A. and President Greg

Honor to Youth: Each month, our clubs honors a student from a school or youth organization for their achievements, typically for leadership as well as academics. **Joe Hedayattzadeh** introduced Simpson Dean of Students, **Mark Endraske**, who introduced our Student of the Month, **Jordan A.** **Jordan** is a senior at Simpson University and has been very active in mentoring and leadership while at Simpson. Her major is Mathematics and Cross-Cultural studies. **Jordan** received a plaque and a check commemorating her achievements. Congratulations, **Jordan**.

Recognitions: **Rachel Hatch**, her husband, and son went to France. Had a great time. \$200 to the club. Thanks, **Rachel**.

Marjeanne Stone was recognized for \$100 due to the new Sobering Center at the Empire Recovery Center. Thanks, **Marjeanne**.

Program: City Manager and fellow Rotarian, **Barry Tippin** gave an update on the recovery from the Carr Fire. The Carr Fire started July 23rd and reached the city limits of Redding on July 27th. Almost everyone in this club was affected in one way or another by the fire.

Many of our fellow Rotarians lost their homes and some barely escaped with their lives. When it was finally contained, over 229 thousand acres had been burned, 1079 homes destroyed and 8 people had lost their lives. Multiple fire agencies came together to fight the fire and committed 361 engines, 65 helicopters, 118 dozers, 18 aircraft, and 3340 personnel. It was a tremendous effort.

Many City of Redding departments worked to support the efforts, Redding Police, Public Works, Water Utility,



Fire On Both Sides of the River

and many others worked tirelessly to provide support, ensure safety, and to keep the city running as normally as possible.



Aircraft dropping retardant

Debris removal has been extensive. This has included over one thousand parcels with debris removed, erosion control implemented, and approved for redevelopment. Five hundred twenty-two thousand three hundred twenty-four, 522,324



Evacuation was slow and stressful



Awaiting debris removal

tons, of metals, ashes, soil, and concrete have been removed.

Rebuilding has been started and many new homes are in the process of approval and reconstruction. It will take time, but it is happening.

In the future, wildfire mitigation plans are going to be devoted or updated as needed. Attention will be paid to removal of hazardous and flammable materials. Evacuation routes will be evaluated and possibly altered to ensure maximum safety.

We learned a great deal from all of the fires that have recently been so devastating. Now we will work to incorporate the lessons learned. Thanks, **Barry** for a very interesting and informative program. Thanks also to all who helped keep our town from being wiped off the map.

Calendar

April 18	Scholar Athlete
April 25	Scholarships
May 2	TBA
May 9	Sentinels of Freedom
May 16	Teacher of the Year

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