



October 3, 2019

Fire Prevention Tips and Update

Before the meeting, **Rick Hill** entertained us with his guitar playing. Thanks, **Rick**, it adds a lot to our meeting. **President Jeff** introduced co-captains of team 5, **Rachel Hatch** and **Anna Tracy**



who got things going. **Ken Wood** led the pledge, **Rick Fauss** did the invocation and mentioned that **Harry Grashoff** is recovering from back surgery, but still needs prayers. **PDG Lou Gerard** did the introductions. We were off and running.

PP Tom Stovall read the names of our honored veterans. We do this on the first meeting of every month and thank them for their service.

Kristy Lanham announced the beginning of the search for the Vocational Service award recipient.

This is an annual award that is given to a community member who exemplifies the concepts of Rotary. The recipient does not have to be a member of Rotary. Contact **Kristy** for more information. The deadline for submitting nominee is October 16th.

Marge Beck gave a short talk on the **Sundial Raffle Raffle** that has replaced the **Ducky Derby**. Get your tickets as the proceeds support Substance Prevention programs and youth development in our community. The drawing will be held on October 18th. **PP Rudy** Balma paid \$100 for encouraging **Marge** to speak. Thanks, **Rudy**.

PP Kathy Anderson announced that we will have 7 Entrepreneurs from Belarus staying from December 6th to the 14th. She is looking for volunteers to house them while they are here.

PP Greg Dunbar introduced **Loretta Montgomery** from **Food for Thought** who thanked us for our previous contribution of \$1500 and showed a video explaining the program. This is a



Greg Dunbar and Loretta Montgomery

program that sends food home from school on Fridays for kids who would otherwise have nothing to eat on the weekends. Last year they sent 1680 bags of food home with kids. The cost per bag of food is \$4.64. **Loretta** may be reached at hilltopmedrn@yahoo.com . PP Greg Dunbar then presented **Loretta** with another contribution from our club for \$2000. Nice program, I'm glad our club is involved.

Recognitions: **Anna Tracy** got married. Sorry, but didn't get her new name.

Kathy Malain's son recently got married. **Kathy** donated \$100 to her Shan. Thanks, **Kathy**.

During the meeting **PP Tiger Michiel's** phone rang and he answered it. \$100 to his Paul Harris. Thanks, **Tiger**.

Jason Salter ended up volunteering to cook for a campout. It rained, snowed, and everything else. He still made meals for almost 100 kids. Way to go, and thanks for the \$100 to your Paul Harris.

Mary Brace's son is playing football for Mercy High School. Plays lots of positions. Thanks for the \$100 to your Paul Harris.

President Jeff got a wrong picture up on the screen and paid \$100 for it. Thanks, **Jeff**. Being President is expensive.

Sheva Nickravesh paid \$100 for being in a triathlon. Thanks **Sheva**. She is going to Japan for three years. Good luck to you, **Sheva**.

PP Steve Westlake, Jill Letendre, Michelle Nystrom, Wendy Dickens, Teresa Adams, et. al went to a SF Giants game and then wine tasting. That was okay until it was discovered that **Jill** had invited a Dodger's fan. Thanks for the \$100 toward your Shan, **Jill**.

Tiger and **Susie Michiels** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. **Susie** gave \$100 to her Paul Harris. Thanks to both.

PP Dave Gerard went diving in Honduras. Had picture taken at about 80 feet down. Thanks for the \$100 to the endowment, Dave.

Program: Michelle Nystrom introduced **Redding Chief Cullen Kreider** and **Shasta County**



Redding Fire Chief Cullen Kreider

Fire Chief Bret Gouvea. They spoke on several issues concerning what happened during the Carr fire and what steps are being taken to make Redding more fire safe.

Both agencies have had an increase in funding which will add additional personnel. Yea!

We are all pretty familiar with the idea of 100 feet of defensible space around your home. A new concept of Home Ignition Zones and factors is something that hasn't been talked about as much.

Some suggestions were no landscaping bark around your house. No wood fences connected to your house. Have at least five feet of noncombustible fence material connection to

your house. Keep bushes and plants next to your house low so fire can't burn the bushes and get into your attic or crawl space. They pointed out that most of the homes burned in Redding during the Carr fire were ignited by one of the three above factors.

They mentioned several mitigation programs including herds of goats to clear underbrush.

They spoke at length about the new Shield Training Center that is being built at Shasta College. This is an idea that has been developed over the twenty years. It is a result of public safety entities in Shasta, Trinity, and Tehama working together to provide a facility to do initial and ongoing training to public safety members. "The goal is to reduce, if not eliminate, the need to send employees away for training as the training will now be offered locally." It will be open soon and will be a great asset to the Northstate area.



It was obvious how much respect each of the Chiefs had for each other and each other's departments. It is very gratifying to see such cooperation as we all benefit when that is present.

Calendar

October 10	Congressman Doug La Malfa
October 31	Shasta Regional Community Foundation
November	Veteran's Day Program
November 14	What Does a District Attorney do?

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