

Honoring Our Veterans

Sunshine Report

Harry Grashoff has been experiencing a low grade fever which led to a diagnosis of a cyst in his left abdomen. Let's remember him in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Bill Kipp's passing on November 5th was announced today. **Bill** was remembered today by **Rick Fauss** leading the club in *God Bless America*. As a member since 1982, **Bill** was often our leader in song at our meetings.



Our special guest today was none other than the Redding Rotary Bell

On the mic today...



Mike Warren & Tom Semingson ... introducing team 7



Rick Fauss... with the invocation



Tom Stovall ... welcoming our guests



President Elect Jake Mangas... calling the club to order

| | Calendar |
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| November 14 | What Does a DA Investigator Do? |
| November 21 | District Gov. Tina Akins |
| November 23 | Delivery of Thanksgiving Baskets |
| November 28 | Thanksgiving Day - Dark, no meeting |

Club Announcements

- **President Elect Jake Mangas** announced that November is Rotary Foundation Month. Important things to note this month:
 - All Paul Harris Fellows are asked to wear their pins on November 21st. Those forgetting their pin will be fined \$10 toward their next Paul Harris award.
 - Throughout this month, **President Jeff Avery** will be recognizing Club members as they fulfill their pledges to Paul Harris. **Jeff** invites you to e-mail him at jeff.avery.jpbo@statefarm.com, and ask to be recognized during the month of November for your Paul Harris pledge.
 - In support of Foundation month, the Rotary Club of Redding will be offering up to 100 matching points for those working on their first Paul Harris. \$100 to The Rotary Foundation receives 100 matching points, for a total contribution of \$200. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please be one of the first 20 people to let **Kim Christofferson or Jeanne Jelke** know to put your name on the list.
- **Rick Plummer** announced Teams 4 & 5 will be hosting a social on Friday, November 22nd at 5:30 pm at Redding Memorial Park. This will include a historic walk & cemetery tour.

Redding Rotary Bell

Always the most popular entity at any gathering where Redding Rotarians are concerned, the famous **Redding Rotary Bell** was in attendance at our meeting today. Imagine the **Bell's** disappointment upon learning that **President Jeff** was absent today! Those who <u>weren't</u> disappointed were those who had selfies made with this "bell of the ball". Here's a gallery of the lucky ones:



"A bell's not a bell 'til you ring it, A song's not a song 'til you sing it... Oscar Hammerstein II

Today's Program - Honoring our Veterans

Greg Balkovek started our program with a brief history of the celebration of Veteran's Day. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I. The following year, **U.S. President Woodrow Wilson** proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration to honor the soldiers who fought in that war. The day was originally known as Armistice Day. November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, the holiday became known as Veterans Day.

Tom Stovall announced the Club's newest inductee to our roll of honored veterans. Each year, the most senior veteran in our club who has yet to be added to this list, is that year's inductee. This year we were pleased to recognize **Airman First Class Robert (Bob) Anderson**. Additionally, **Bob** was conferred with Redding Rotary's Medal of Freedom award by **President Elect Jake Mangas**, and **Shasta County Supervisor Chairman Leonard Moty** presented **Bob** with an Award of Excellence from the County for "courage, honor, and patriotism".



Bob Anderson and Pres. Elect Jake Mangas



Bob Anderson and Chairman Leonard Moty



Veterans toasting all who have served

Courtney McElvain introduced our speaker, US Marines retired **Dr. Ray John. Ray**, who comes from a family of veterans, had two messages: one for veterans, and one for the civilians in the audience. To the veterans, he encouraged them to take advantage of the many services available to them, especially our local Veterans' Clinic. To the civilians, he gave some practical advice for our interactions with veterans:

- Say "thank you for your service" it is encouraging and honoring for them
- Be aware of their personal space startling actions or noises can be disturbing
- Don't ask "did you kill someone?"
- If they are ready, ask to hear their story listen and don't be judgmental



Dr. Ray John



Rotary Club of Redding's Veterans







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