

A Message from President Jeff

Dear R.C.R. Members,

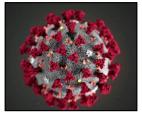
A few weeks ago when we suspended Rotary club meetings, we had hoped that we could return to a regular schedule starting on April 16th. However, recent requests from government leaders have directed us otherwise.

The club will continue to follow the guidelines of local, state, and federal government related to large gatherings and social distancing. In protection of our members and our community, we will not hold club meetings until we are notified that gatherings of large groups is advisable. This date will be May 7th at the earliest.

While many of our programs are being canceled or delayed, the spirit of Rotary is alive in Redding! I appreciate those that continue to reach out and serve within our community. Many Rotary projects continue with social distancing guidelines in mind. Thanks to the Spillway committee for your part in keeping us all up to date with details of what is happening at Redding Rotary.

Stay safe, everyone!

Jeff



COVID-19 is the disease caused by the new coronavirus that emerged in China in December 2019.



You can blame Facebook for this image.

	Calendar
April 2	No Meeting - Stay Home
April 9	No Meeting - Stay Healthy
April 16	No Meeting - Stay Active
April 23	No Meeting - Stay Positive!

Spillway Editor and Production, Jennifer Finnegan

Food For Thought



Last month we had an overwhelming response to the Food for Thought program. We asked members, if they felt so inclined, to donate their usual March Rotary lunch charge to Food for Thought. We are offering up this again with some additional information.

Our club will also be applying for a matching grant through the district for this project. We will be working with Loretta, the Food for Thought Director, to help her program for the remaining part of this school year and into next school year. Children that were already lacking access to food and proper

nutrition are still needing this currently.

Please consider donating your April lunch charge to this program as we are hoping to get a two for one match on whatever is pledged. Please email Kim at reddingrotaryclub@gmail.com or call her at 530.243.2452 to make the pledge.

Thank you and be safe!

Club Project Funding

Our club's board met this week, and the Directors decided to take the action outlined below:

- The club does not have weekly recognitions as a source of income during the social distancing period.
- In addition, with the stock market down it is not an ideal time to make withdrawals from the club's investment account.
- We will continue to keep commitments previously made (i.e. scholarships, funds committed to international projects). Please do not commit to or initiate any additional spending, even if budgeted.
- Our board will review any expenditures that were not previously and specifically approved. We are sorry to have to take these measures, but we want to make sure we are spending the club's and our member's money in a prudent manner.

Club Reports - To Keep You Up To Date

Club Administration (Bret Christensen)

Most of the oversight covered by Club Administration involves the week-to-week activities at our Thursday noon meetings (Sergeant-At-Arms/Attendance, Program Review, Audio/Visual, and Music), so for these areas, everyone is obviously taking a break. With our weekly meetings on pause, cash flow is now a matter of concern for the Club, and President Jeff is working directors and committee chairs to adapt to this temporary new normal. The greatest opportunity for service in Club Administration at the moment is through the Spillway (Tom Stovall, Chair). You will have

noticed that the Spillway team has maintained its production of our weekly newsletter even though we've not been meeting. Kudos to the team as they continue to help keep our membership informed and entertained. Please consider responding to Tom's recent request to send him your "sheltering in place" photos - we'd all love to see what you're up to.

Fundraising/Foundation (Rick Fauss)

The **Shan Committee** is in the process of working on the Citizen's Shan Award. We're all caught up with our **Paul Harris** recognitions for now.

Youth Services (Diane Kempley)

Camp Royal was canceled and our money was returned by the district. We have 4 **Honor to Youth** left to award for the year. No **Interact/Rotaract** report due to school closures. **Sentinels of Freedom** program is canceled. **Scholarship committee** has selected students to award in the total amount of \$29,900. Students will not be presented at club meeting but will instead be notified via letter. One student will be selected to create a video sharing their 4-Way Test essay to show at our club meeting. **Teacher of the Year** has three candidates to interview.

Local Service (Joe Wyse)

The **Little Free Libraries** project has continued - some photos were in the last Spillway edition. Allowing members to donate the missed lunch meeting fees to Food for Thought, applying for disaster response grant for matching funds.

International Service (Joe Hedayattzadeh)

After board meeting this week, the decision was made to cancel **youth exchange** for this coming year. We canceled all **I-House** activities, and will be getting a refund from the bus company. We previously committed to an **international project** at a hospital in Monterrey, Mexico. We are waiting to hear if the global grant related to this project has received final approval. Nothing new to report with **Twin/Chilliwack Club**, **International Fellowship of Scouting**.

Membership (Mike Mangas)

Approved for membership – Andrew McCurdy and Joel Northrup will be inducted when we return to Rotary meetings. Bob Todd resigned from membership due to increased workload. The **Bowl-a-thon** was a great success and fun was had by all those who attended.

Immediate Past President (Greg Dunbar)

Gearing up for **demotion**.

President-Elect (Jake Mangas)

Greetings fellow Rotarians. In spite of the COVID-19 crisis, I will be reaching out to committee chairs related to their commitment for next Rotary year, which will begin on July 1st. Please consider how you would like to serve within the club this upcoming year. Thank you for your service to the club and our community!

Rotary office (Kim Christofferson)

While the Rotary office remains closed, I am working remotely and available via e-mail.

Redding Rotary Riverview Riparian Restoration (5R) Project

By Randy Smith

RCR's Allied Stream Team is much diminished, but still finding useful things to do. After 42 days in December and January disposing of two Riverview football field size 2019 snow storm slash piles, an old member moved on to restoration of the River bank at The Club. **Ken Seamans** came once to help the twenty fires of this latest effort. Here's a recap of one of those latest efforts:

An old and battle weary Rotarian was abandoning the field after three hours of struggle against an implacable foe, Spanish broom. The Redding Rotary Riverview Riparian Restoration Project (5R Project) would have to wait another rainy day for continued effort. Four large fires had consumed dozens of the enemy. Superintendent Dreager had come for a visit and to help briefly in the middle of today's skirmish. But it was time to call a halt as legs were heavy and trip hazards everywhere.

While packing equipment for the journey to non-hostile territory, a more welcome sight was never seen. Tim and a another powerful worker were coming down the trail from #1 Hole Levee. They were armed with heavy duty equipment, giant Stihl chainsaws and went to work immediately.

Tim understands the mission and fully supports the effort to recover this valuable property and render it better able to withstand fire and improve things for native creatures. He is hopeful of extending an overture to the Wintu Chapter of the National Audubon Society as well as foster recognition among members that Riverview is much more to our village than simply a manicured open space.

Two quail were seen after the BrightView Marines landed as a harbinger of the coming riparian savanna. It was as if they were telegraphing what is important to them and others rather than the dense, incendiary present cover of broom, Arundo, Acacia, black locust, Himalayan blackberry, accumulated slash and River detritus stacked threateningly against precious oaks and Oregon ash.



Donate Blood with Vitalant

By: Joe Ayer

I hope that this message finds you all doing well. As we continue to navigate our current national situation around the Coronavirus COVID-19, I wanted to offer something that everyone who is healthy can do. Donate blood. You may or may not have seen in the news, that over the last few days, more than 130,000 people have canceled their lifesaving blood donation appointments, and 4,000 mobile blood drive sponsors, like Rotary, also had to cancel. For context, the Far North area of California (Yuba City to the Oregon Border) collects about 30,000 blood products in a year.

This puts an enormous strain on the blood supply in our country and our health care partners. If you are healthy, and able, please consider donating blood today. We are open 7 days a week. You can make an appointment online at www.vitalant.org. We need you now! Reach out to me at joe.ayer@bloodsource. org if you have questions or concerns, I will do my best to provide the answers.

Remote Meetings & Online Humor

In our new normal of "Together Apart" we're seeing all kinds of humor and uplifting imagery around the Internet. Folks are meeting online for happy hour, family game nights, or just plain business meetings. Webinars and virtual meetings are now the new "normal", and everyone is learning about a thing called Zoom.

Since it's our job to share with the entire club what's been happening this week, let me share with you the light that one of our club members has been bringing to those of us who "Friend" her on Facebook. **Jess Whitlow** has been sharing daily or weekly Memes about COVID-19 on her Facebook page, much to the delight of those around her. (*Meme /mēm/ noun: an element of a culture or system of behavior that may be considered to be passed from one individual to another by nongenetic means, especially imitation.*)

We all need to laugh right now, smile right now, and find some joy in our separated lives. The Internet is absolutely FULL of funny memes about the one thing that's definitely on everybody's mind: Coronavirus and all it's repercussions. Jess kindly share several of these tidbits with folks online to brighten their day and we LOVE her for it! Here are some of my favorites to share with you... Just in case you haven't been on Facebook with Jess lately.

Cheers!



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Corona Virus Pandemic, Daylight Savings Time, Friday the 13th and a full moon all in the same















Everything is fine.

April Fools`.

Self Isolation Photos

Thank you to all the Rotarians who shared their photos of the different ways they are passing the time in isolation this week!



Amelia Ward puts the shine back in her glassware.

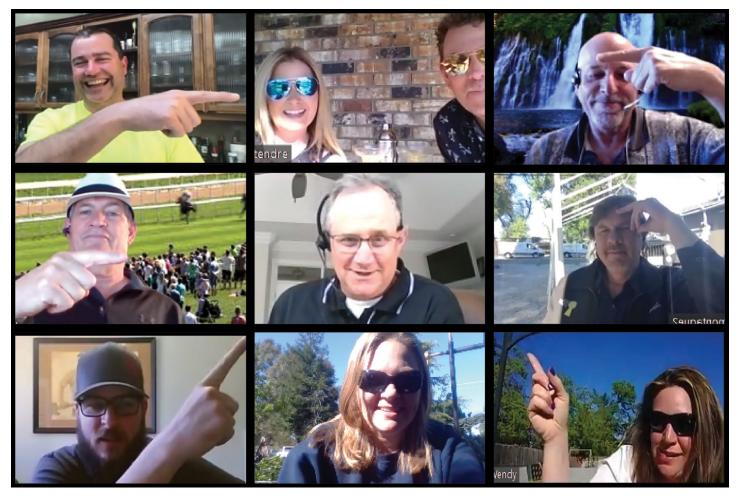


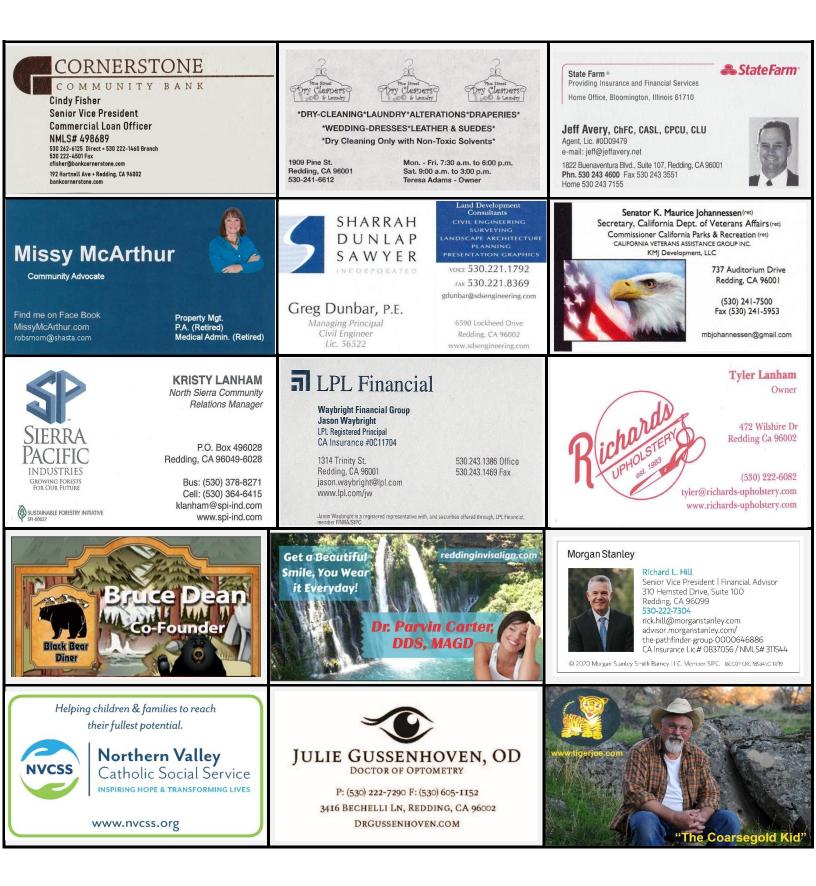
Kim Christofferson getting some fresh air on her bike.



Tiger & Susie Michiels playing around.

A quick shout out to all of you who tested out Zoom this week. The Brady Bunch has got NOTHING on us!









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