

May 20, 2020 We're Still Here and Busy

As the quarantine continues, Redding Rotarians have been busy.

President's report:

Happy mid-May my friends! I hope this message finds you all safe and healthy.

As our State, County, and City enter phase 2 of reopening, I'm starting to sense excitement on the horizon. In order to remain safely distanced, our club will not be having in person meetings for some time.

However, your board of directors agrees with me that we should start having Zoom meetings in order to stay connected. As such I am excited to announce that our club will have its first Zoom meeting this Thursday, May 21, 2020.

You will all be receiving an email invitation from Wendy Dickens to join the Zoom meeting at 12 noon that day.

Our first remote speaker will be **Kelly Paulson**, **PhD**, currently an Administrator in Research Operations at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. She currently is the lead administrator over the project that is compiling data from approximately 2000 hospitals and clinics using the convalescent plasma treatment on Covid-19 patients. She will be bringing us up to date on the success of this innovative treatment. I reviewed her CV and she is most impressive. You may wonder how we were able to land such an outstanding speaker. Among her many accomplishments, she also had the distinction of being one of my younger sisters. The Zoom format will also allow for questions at the end of her presentation.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019/2020 Record Searchlight/Rotary Scholar Athlete Awards sponsored by our club along with the Seamans Foundation.

The female winner is **Ashley Davies** of Burney High School. Ashley has a 4.02 GPA and was a 3-sport star at Burney, (Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball). She was All-League in all 3 sports and was chose Section MVP in her Volleyball Division this year. Ashley was also involved in the Interact Club, Friday Night Live, Peer Mentoring, and Student Government (ASB Secretary, CSF President, Interact Vice-President).

Ashley was very involved in her community as well, helping with activities such as the Rotary Fall Festival, Burney Heritage Days, Soroptimist/Rotary Clean-up, and Youth Little League.

Ashley hopes to become a Marine Biologist.

Our Male Winner is **Jacob Johnston** of West Valley High School. **Jacob** has a 4 6 GPA and was chosen the Defensive MVP of the League Champion Football team this year. **Jacob** was also an All-League performer as a wrestler and finished 3rd in the Section this year. **Jacob** was also involved in National Honor Society,

Future Farmers of America, Yearbook, and was the ASB Secretary/Treasurer for 4 years. **Jacob** also helped out in his community through youth wrestling, volunteer cooking at the Cottonwood Community Center, and the Strawberry Festival. **Jacob** also assisted neighbors during the Carr Fire, 2019 snow storm, and the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic by assisting the elderly with shopping and cleaning.

The other finalists for this year's scholar athlete awards included:

Females

Natalie Osborne - Fall River High School Natalie Saetern - Enterprise High School

Savannah Leak - Uprep High School

Madison Steele - West Valley High School Courtney Jones - Redding Christian High School

Males

Luke Bland - Shasta High School Maximus Hamilton - Uprep High School Jackson Black - Redding Christian High School Bryan Miller - West Valley High School Jackson Beasley - Shasta High School

Special thanks and appreciation to **Ken Seamans**, **Gary Burks**, **Leslie Wilhelm**, and **Mark Rincon** for their dedication and hard work in helping select these future leaders during these Pandemic times. We did it! Congrats to all.

Honor to Youth:

At their last virtual board meeting the board graciously allowed us to complete our Honor to Youth Program by honoring the last four youth scheduled to be recognized, as well as our Teacher of the Year Program (teachers were nominated by their principals before the end of February). **Diane Kempley, Peggy O'Lea** and **Kathy Malain** will be "interviewing" the three teacher nominees that will be considered for two awards via separate Zoom meetings in the next couple of weeks. Since we are not meeting presently, awards are being mailed to the recipients.

Our Honor to Youth recipient for April is **Isabel H**., a 19-year-old Simpson College student from Colorado Springs, CO. She graduated from Pine Creek High School in 2018. She maintains a 4.0 GPA at Simpson College. Her Academic Honors include:

- Cross-Cultural Student of the Year (2019-2020).
- Dean's List Double Major in Political Science and Cross-Cultural Studies
- Awarded for Best Group Presentation at 2020 Student Research
- Presented Individual Research Paper at 2020 Student Research Symposium

Isabel works for undergraduate Admissions (2018-2020) as a Student Campus Host, and as a Teacher's Assistant for the Cross-Cultural Studies Department. She is also the Resident Assistant for First Year Resident Hall (2019-2020), and she participates in Student Diversity Activism on Campus (she attended the SCORR conference). She is a member of the Rock Wall Team and the Outdoor Adventure Club. She is involved in the

Homeless Community Development Project, and is also a Grant Writing Intern for ONETrack International Non-profit Organization.

For her future plans, **Isabel** says, "I desire to work in social justice law, most likely internationally. I have a passion to see justice across the globe while also promoting cultural diversity and tolerance. I have an interest in foreign diplomacy and could also see myself in that field". She plans to attend Law School in the Fall of 2021 after graduating from Simpson University after 3 years.

While there have been "dozens of individuals" who have helped launch her toward her future, "First and foremost are my parents, **Allen** and **Rebecca Harris**. Being a first-generation college student comes with a unique set of obstacles, and my parents have been the most supportive and consistent people throughout my life". She would like to thank her incredible professors at Simpson University, and specifically, **Dr. Stephen Bailey** who has "absolutely changed the way I think about God, missions, and the world around me, and challenged me to do and be better". Finally, she thanks all the friends who have "changed her life" and inspired her to be the best version of herself.

Flyover to Honor Essential Workers:

As we are all aware when we leave the comfort of our homes and go out, there are is an army of people who go to work every day to provide us with food, supplies, gas, healthcare, and a variety of other necessities. These are essential workers and they may be literally risking their lives by going to work to serve us.

Jets from Beale Air Force Base had a flyover Friday about noon to honor these people and renew our awareness of how lucky we are to be obtaining such services. PP Tom Stovall took and submitted these photos.







Saving a Coyote Using Social Distancing

While traveling down Power Line Road in the early morning I notice a coyote hanging from a hog wire fence. I first thought the animal was dead. When looking closer she looked at me. I turned around and returned home to get some wire cutters. When I returned to the scene two more pickups were stopped there.

One of the people there was a Shasta Wildlife lady I have known for some time. She had a carrier she hoped to transport the coyote if possible. After some discussion we devised a plan. One of the other bystanders went get a small set of bolt cutters. Another went home just up the road to get a role of gauze. Once they returned a gauze muzzle was applied. The wires were then cut freeing her leg. Another neighbor had brought some antibiotic ointment which was applied to the leg. The coyote was placed in the carrier for transport. The recommendation from me was to keep her several days to be sure the coyote's leg was ok. The plan was to release her back into the environment.

No animal should die hanging from a fence. Thanks to **Mike Mangas** for letting the story on KRCR News.

Written by: **PP Tom Stovall**

Click HERE to see the 7R News Story







Socially Distanced Board Meeting: Your Board is still meeting and doing our Club's business. Here are a few photos from the last meeting at the Turtle Bay Pavilion.







May 14th Redding Rotary Meeting Sentinel Sendoff

While we are staying home and fighting the pandemic, The Rotary Club of Redding was going to have the Sentinel Sendoff meeting sending high school graduates into the military. To honor them we hold a meeting in their honor. To honor these inductees this is the video prepared for that meeting. This video honors all our solders and Memorial Day. Enjoy. Click HERE to enjoy the video!!!

Sentinel Sendoff Recruits Recognized

Sixty high school students joining the military following graduation were recognized by Redding Rotary in spite of the Covid-19 shuttering of our 7th Annual Sentinel Send-Off Luncheon, which was schedule for May14th.

With the assistance of member donations each recruit received a letter from President Jeff Avery, a special Rotary certificate and a \$40 gift card from CR Gibbs or The Mosaic.

"It has been a challenge. We normally have a lot of input and assistance from high school staffs, but this year, due to the virus lockdown, we had to work almost exclusively with the recruiters in finally identifying and delivering the recognitions," said Veterans/Sentinel Send-Off Co-Chairman Greg Balkovek.

Recruiters from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force, and Congressman Doug LaMalfa's office, we most helpful in recognition of the recruits. Enlistments included: US Army, 6; US Navy, 25; US Marine Corps, 11; US Air Force, 15, US Naval Academy, 1; US Merchant Marine Academy, 1; Army National Guard, 1.

In years past the recruits were hosted to the luncheon with two guests of their choosing along with high school contacts and military recruiters. A special program was provided and each recruit was formally presented with a certificate.

Calendar

May 20	Riverview open for sit-down dining
May 21	Zoom Rotary Meeting at 1200 (noon) Wendy Dickens will send email with info
	To Be Continued when this is all over



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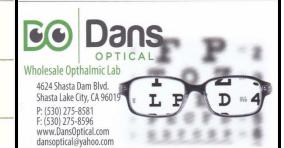
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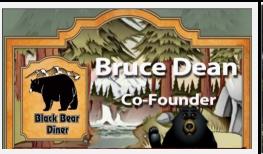
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