



Meeting Date: August 13, 2020

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## We're Still Zooming!

**President Jake** opened the meeting after several minutes of socializing on Zoom. Lots of chatter and it was good to see everyone. **Rick Hill** entertained us over Zoom with his guitar playing. Nice work, **Rick**.

**Susie Michiels** led the pledge, **Joe Wyse** did the invocation, and **PP John Mathena** was willing to introduce guests, but with the exception of our speaker, there were none.

**Announcements:** **Joe Ayer** announced a Rotary Blood Drive today until 6:00 pm. It was nice to see that he had a Rotarian donating as he spoke. Hope it went well

**Virtual Team 3** meeting on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Get ready to zoom.

**PP Tiger Michiels** announced that the Past President of the Rotary Club of Ahmedabad North, **Devidas Bhanushall**, had requested 100 more LN-4 hands be sent to them. This was done with the collaboration of our club, The Rotary Club of Redding, USA, our sister club, The Rotary Club of Chilliwack, B. C. Canada, and the Rotary Club of Ahmedabad, North, India. A truly international effort showing the vast reach of Rotary.

The LN-4 is an artificial hand that has been distributed throughout the world. Our club has made several international trips to distribute the hands over the last 10 or so years. Well done.



*Two LN-4 Recipients*

**Blue Badge Presentation:** **Levi Knight** is leaving Redding for a job, still with the Boy Scouts, in Montana. Just in time, he fulfilled the requirements for his Blue Badge. Good work, and Good Luck **Levi** and thanks for the \$50.

**Recognitions:** **Joe Ayer** paid \$100 from the Blood Drive stations. Thanks, **Joe**.

**Levi Knight** paid \$50 for his Blue Badge as noted above.

**Greg Balkovek** and his wife visited their son, daughter in law, and their four granddaughters in Illinois. Thanks for the \$100, **Greg**.

**Rachel Hatch:** Finally Rachel Hatch \$50.00 for the honor of hosting and enjoying the Belarus Group when they were here. She was also concerned about the political turmoil, currently facing Belarus. Thanks, **Rachel**.

**Editor's note:** The below article was written by Rotarian **Randy Smith** about the cleanup effort that our club members and other volunteers accomplished on August 8th at Riverview Golf and Country Club. Throughout the article are photos taken during the work.

### Redding Rotary Riverview Riparian Recovery Project Report:



During the meeting, **Eva Jimenez** showed a very well done documentary that she had produced documenting the work of the project that Saturday.

Saturday's sterling effort along the River continues to occupy psychiatrist **Dr. Jack Shelton's** "roof top chatter". Perhaps sharing some of these mental images might prove useful entertainment in these difficult times to those there and others. Memories began before 0630 hours at the Riverview Country Club Machine Shop. **Dr. David Sydow** arrived first followed quickly by his recruiter

**"Big Metal" Maurer**

who like **"Splinter" Seamans** has been a Regular on the RCR Allied Stream Team for twenty years. **Maurer's** son **"Ox"** drove from Chico to give badly needed chainsaw reinforcement. Country Club provided carts so this expeditionary force could ferry themselves and equipment to Rother's Levee and begin work.



Rendezvous at the parking lot flag pole was precisely at 0700 as advertised. Fourteen volunteers were sorted by team and taken downhill by Country Club provided escort and lorry in divided portions. **"Mom" Jimenez**, official photographer, quickly started her task of recording this adventure in keeping with **"Crown" Engell's** admonition, "If you don't have a picture, it didn't happen!" **"Splinter" Seamans** and **"Ranger" Fitch** were in Stream Team Uniform from the long ago. The **Todd Squad** composed of **"Quiet"** and youthful offspring **Lauren** and **Keaton** were eager to face the work ahead. **"Blazingstar" Banks** was a surprise and welcome addition. **"Trinity" Potter** began immediately issuing orders to his section aka "Geezer Group" which included the **Todd Squad**, **"Splinter"**, **"Blazingstar"**; **"Hand Tool" Greek**, **"Nurse" Wood** with spouse **"Eyeball"** and **"Creeky" Smith**. **"Nurse"** was quickly called to service as white faced **"Appalachian" Kimple** arrived to remind **"Creeky"** he had forgotten sunscreen.



The first load of **Fitch Section ("Downstream")** workers was loaded and departed quickly. Members of this crew were **"Appalachian"**, **"Minuteman" Clark**, **"Prez" Mangas**, **"Mom"** and the three already working below. At the Levee, all

could see the morass in front of them, but none wavered. A large horizontal live oak, casualty of 2019 Lincoln Day Snowmageddon, had already been dismembered along with two small black locust infiltrators. Across Jensen Slough, **"Ox"** was taking apart marked black locust using his heavy 24"



saw. If the reader has played the parlor game of holding shoes at arm's length, you get some idea of what sawyers did this day with a heavy object always being swung by extended arms against strong plant enemies. Four hours of that and even **"Ox"** was heard to exclaim, "That's enough of that for today!" Same was true for haulers because upper extremity work is so much more taxing than using legs. That's another Mayo Clinic discovery for another time.



There was a brief gathering near an RCR wood duck nesting box after crossing the Pallet Causeway. Then, it was into the wilderness.

**"Appalachian"** became attached like glue to **"Rescue" Sydow** and was a "swamper" for him and others all morning. **"Ranger"** managed pile construction in his section using (possibly abusing) **"Minuteman"**, **"Mom"**, **"Prez"**, **"Appalachian"** and himself in construction of several

pickup size piles of slash and gathered material from three sawyers.

Meantime, **"Trinity"** took his merry band upstream to begin dismembering Spanish broom and eventually Arundo. It took a few minutes to get even with the haulers in this section. This was when **"Hand Tool"** realized and showed others how effective small arms can be in this kind of combat. Before long, debris piles were sprouting like new subdivisions in Fairfield. **"Mom"** and **"Nurse"** arrived with badly needed water. **"Creeky"** took a break at midmorning to sharpen his saw which had hit a rock hidden in the broom.

During that interval, **"Ox"** downstream project east spent the remainder of the Arundo #5. Back with the taking down part of Arundo came upstream to see how **"Splinter"** a short distance ago, illegal camp. They chair which was added to **"Nurse"**, **"Eyeball"** and



was directed toward the border where he and his father project making Dreager Trail to **Geezer Group**, **Creeky** was #4 when **"Prez"** and **"Mom"** things were going. **"Prez"** took to a recently discovered, long returned with an embedded the litter the **Todd Squad**, others had collected.

By 1030 the **Geezers** were done and went to see if there was anything remaining in **"Ranger's"** Section. There was some work there as **Maurers** were out of gasoline. **"Creeky"** made a rookie mistake in getting his saw caught in a leaning tree, but **"Rescue"** was there to do the job properly. The only casualty of the day was a found black, new Kleen Kanteen filled with water leaning against a tree, but no owner could be located. Please send word. This great product made in Chico needs to be home so it can be used again!

If there was regret on this really tremendous outpouring, it was that people departed without being properly thanked and congratulated. The place was transformed in a few hours of hard work: forty one debris piles (**Geezers 21**) were built for this winter's burning, valuable native trees were safeguarded, establishment of a long missing riparian savanna was significantly advanced, River cool air circulation was given to the golf turf, trails were made and improved to allow for further herbicide treatment, the esthetics of a tangled mess was transformed into a big tree and grass view from both the River and the golf



course, fire danger was reduced, litter was picked up, disposed of properly and people had a few moments of welcome camaraderie in the Rotary way which used to be common but Covid has made nearly impossible.

“Thank you” seems such faint praise for this heartfelt and successful effort. Those there have a lasting memory and know a Good Job was done for our community and its native plant largess.

For General Nature,

## Private Creeky

10 Aug 2020

**Program:** Today’s program was brought to us by **Gloria Kimbwala**, who spoke on the subject of **Anti-Racist**



**Gloria Kimbwala, MS**

**Redding.** **Ms Kimbwala** is CEO and founder of **Shule**, a startup company that tokenizes international experiential learning systems in decentralized education. **Ms Kimbwala** made several points. She asked “What should we be doing in our community as humanitarians and peacemakers to promote racial and social equity?” As a mindset she suggested that you could “**Lead with Love** in your heart, your home, and in your community.” What should be the goal or desired end result? “**End the suffering** – There has been a history of systematically silencing marginalized voices.” “**Move toward belonging** – Encourage people, businesses, and organizations to be their authentic self and tell their stories.” “**Economic Empowerment** -- Encourage the development of individual success in obtaining economic empowerment, ie “A piece of the pie.”

She suggested the following Anti-Racist Actions.

1. Take the Anti-Racism pledge or develop one as an organization.
2. Create Space: Many marginalized people have been excluded from place of power. It’s time to include them.
3. Amplify the Work: Instead of being the voice, amplify the voice of those doing the work.

To quote **Angela Y. Davis**, “In a racist society it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist.” Nice program.

## Calendar

August 20	Team 6 Leading With Hope
August 27	Team 1 City of Redding Covid Response
September 3	Team 2 TBA
September 10	Team 3 State of the School System





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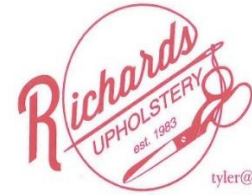
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