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Factors Affecting Shasta County Schools Reopening

Before the meeting started, we were entertained by **Rick Hill** and his wonderful guitar playing.



Rick Hill on His Guitar

Thanks, **Rick**. **President Jake** introduced Team 3 co-captains, **Rob Adams** and **Jennifer Finnegan** who got things rolling. **Rob Adams** led the pledge, **Rick Fauss** did the invocation. **PP Ed Rullman** introduced guests.

President Jake Mangas showed that he had some baseballs printed with the Rotary logo which he termed game balls. **President Jake** will give them to speakers and other guests. He will also give them out to Rotarians who he feels has done great work for him. The first recipients are **Mary Brace, Todd Davis, Scott Putman, Wendy Dickens, Dar Barzin, Ken Wood, Tim Thomas,**

Bob Allen, Tiger Michiels, and Bret Christensen.

President Jake was "speaking" from Guatemala in order to promote the Rotary Rotaplast program, which provides free surgeries to correct facial defects such as cleft lip and other problems. **President Jake** called on **Randy Tate** who went on two similar trips to Zimbabwe and Ecuador to do facial corrective surgeries. **Randy** did this before he was a Rotarian so the trips were with a different program. The concept, however, was similar and do such good work. In the past we have had programs that show the amazing improvements that such surgeries provide. Good info, and thanks **Randy** for your volunteer efforts.



Karen at Kid's Kingdom

Recognitions: **Karen Karnatz** had a birthday Wednesday the 9th, but then went on to relate a story about being in Redding three years on a visit before she moved here. It was taken at Kids Kingdom when she was pregnant, by a photographer who was doing local pictures. It was ironic that later **Karen** moved here and had her son play at Kid's Kingdom. Small World. **Karen** donated \$100 to her son, **Kellog's**, Paul Harris. She also donated \$100 to the club's unrestricted fund. Thank you **Karen**.

Jennifer Finnegan announced a Virtual Auction for the Lassen Park Foundation. Due to virus concerns, the in person auction won't be held. For more information, go to LassenParkFoundation.org. **Jennifer** donated \$100 to the club's unrestricted funds. Thanks, **Jennifer**.

Steve Fitch attended his grandson's wedding at the Bear Creek Ranch outside of Redding. Grandson **Johnathon** married **Danielle** in a beautiful ceremony. Proud grandfather, **Steve**, donated \$100 to the club and \$100 to his Shan. Thanks, **Steve**.

PP Pat Corey took **President Jake** tuna fishing off the coast of Eureka. Nice fish, good trip, and no seasickness. **Pat** donated \$150 to the club and **Jake** donated \$100 to the club. Thanks guys.

Program: Judy Flores, Superintendent of Shasta County Schools gave the program today. She



Superintendent Judy Flores

related many of the factors that needed to be considered in trying to open the schools in the midst of the COVID pandemic. Some of the factors that needed to be addressed were:

Wellness: The safety of both staff and students. Determining the amount of PPE needed and developing a reliable supply chain.

Facilities: Physical layout of classrooms, disinfection of office, classrooms, and outside areas.

Technology: Determining what technology was needed for face to face instruction or distance learning or a hybrid mix of the two modalities. This was made more difficult as the restrictions from the state were eased or tightened.

Instruction: Some of the factors considered were what were the effects of having schools closed since Spring of this year. How much learning "slippage" has taken place. How many children will be returning to school and how many will be staying away? Contingency plans had to be developed to account for what was the situation at the beginning of the school year could change dramatically with no advance warning.

This was further complicated by trying to determine the reluctance or willingness of staff, teachers, parents, and children to either come to school or stay away. There was a spectrum of willingness all along the spectrum.

All in all, it sounded like a very difficult task and it was clear that **Ms. Flores** and her staff were doing all they could to make it work for everyone. To quote her, "We're doing the best we can". It's a hard job with a lot of moving parts, but **Superintendent Flores** and her team seem to have it well researched and moving forward efficiently. Good program.

For the latest statistics and information check out shastaready.org.

Calendar

September 17	Team 4 - TBA
September 24	Team 5 – Kerry Caranci - SRCF
October 1	Team 6 - EDC Update
October 8	Team 1 - TBA



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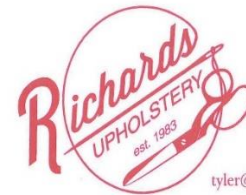
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