



Meeting Date: December 10th 2020

I Sustain Myself With the Love of Family - Maya Angelou

Getting Started: This “bonus” meeting was brought by **President Jake**. The invocation was provided by **Mark Rincon**.

Announcements:

- The Club recognized the passing of **Joe Cresto**. **Joe** had been a member of Redding Rotary since 1979 and will be greatly missed. We send our thoughts and deepest sympathies to **Joe's** family at this time.



THANK YOU, DING-A-LINGS!



- President Jake** acknowledged a visiting Rotarian, **Marilyn Wood**, who was calling from Kauai, Hawaii. **Marilyn's** family has deep roots in Shasta County and we were glad she was able to join us today.

- President Jake** expressed appreciation to all of the Club members who were able to serve as Salvation Army bell-ringers. Your commitment during these difficult times is greatly appreciated.

- **President Jake** announced the recipients of the Rotary Grant awards. The total amount of funds available was \$15,000 and all six applicants were fully funded. Congratulations to all the recipients! The awards were as follows:

Girls, Inc.	\$ 2,390
One SAFE Place	\$ 5,634
Empire Recovery Center	\$ 3,000
Lassen Park Foundation	\$ 2,500
Roughout Ranch Foundation	\$ 500
Cub Scout Pack 44	\$ 945
TOTAL:	\$14,969

- **Joe Ayer** expressed his thanks and appreciation to all Rotarians who participated in the Club's Blood Drive.
- **Jack Kimple** updated the Club on the Polio Plus Program. Globally, polio is now only found in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Through the Polio Plus Program, 400 million children were vaccinated last year, with a global budget for the vaccination program of \$900 million. Rotarians contributed \$50 million in fiscal year 2019-2020, which was matched by the Gates Foundation 2 to 1, resulting in the Gates Foundation contributing \$100 million to the effort in Rotary's name. Progress continues to be made in ending this dreadful disease.
- **Karen Karnatz** gave a moving tribute to her friend, **Thuy Nguyen**, who was also the Godmother to **Karen's** son, **Kellog**. **Thuy** sadly passed away recently. Her whole life was spent serving other people. She was an educator in San Francisco and, along with her husband, founded the San Francisco Skate Club, a non-profit organization and after-school skating program. We extend our deepest sympathies to **Karen** and **Thuy's** family.

Recognitions:

Dave Dennis: For assistance that **Karen Karnatz** provided to him and his family. \$200 to the Paul Harris for **Kellog Karnatz**.

Mary Brace: For her daughter being recognized in the Redding Record Searchlight. \$100 to the Club.

Amelia Ward: For **Amelia's** birthday. \$100 to her Paul Harris.



Wendy Dickens

Program: **President Jake** introduced the Club's own **Wendy Dickens**, who is the Executive Director of First 5 Shasta. **Wendy** informed the Club about the Economic Impact of a Family Friendly Workplace. A Family Friendly Workplace has the following characteristics: (1) A work environment and policies that enable employees to effectively balance and fulfill their work and family responsibilities; (2) Flexible working arrangements that have strong positive outcomes for both employers and employees; and (3) Policies that help individuals achieve a healthy and productive work-life balance. By implementing family friendly policies, employers could see potentially a 13% return on their investment. Family friendly

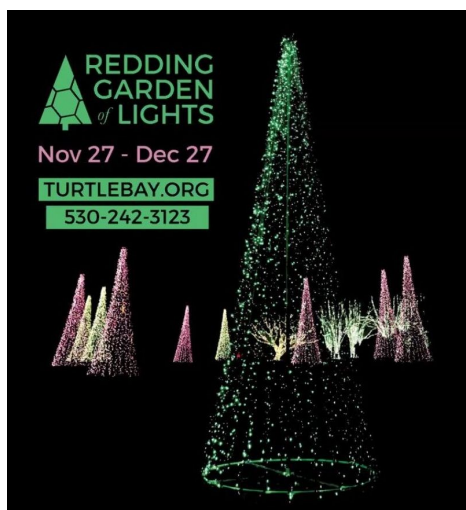
policies are beneficial for employees, employers, and the customers they serve. Thank you **Wendy** for this very helpful information.

Calendar	
Dec. 17th	Past Presidents Meeting
Dec. 24th	DARK – No Meeting (Merry Christmas!)
Dec. 31st	DARK – No Meeting (Happy New Year!)

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Redding Garden of Lights

By PP Tom Stovall with Vickie Marler's Help



The Turtle Bay Arboretum is hosting the Redding Garden of Lights through December 27th. The show features over 1 million spectacular LED lights of different colors. The lights are displayed in trees and shrubs many depicting animals and insects. In several areas the lights are choreographed to music, changing colors and essentially dancing with the music.

Also featured during the walk through are several areas where food, hot beverages and other goodies can be purchased.

The entrance called "Holiday Village" is easily found on the north side of the Sundial Bridge. A limited number of tickets can be purchased at the entrance if available. For safety all are asked to wear protective masks during the walk through.

The idea for the light show was to redefine Redding's image from fire victim to the host of a fabulous light show experience. The Turtle Bay Arboretum seemed the perfect place.

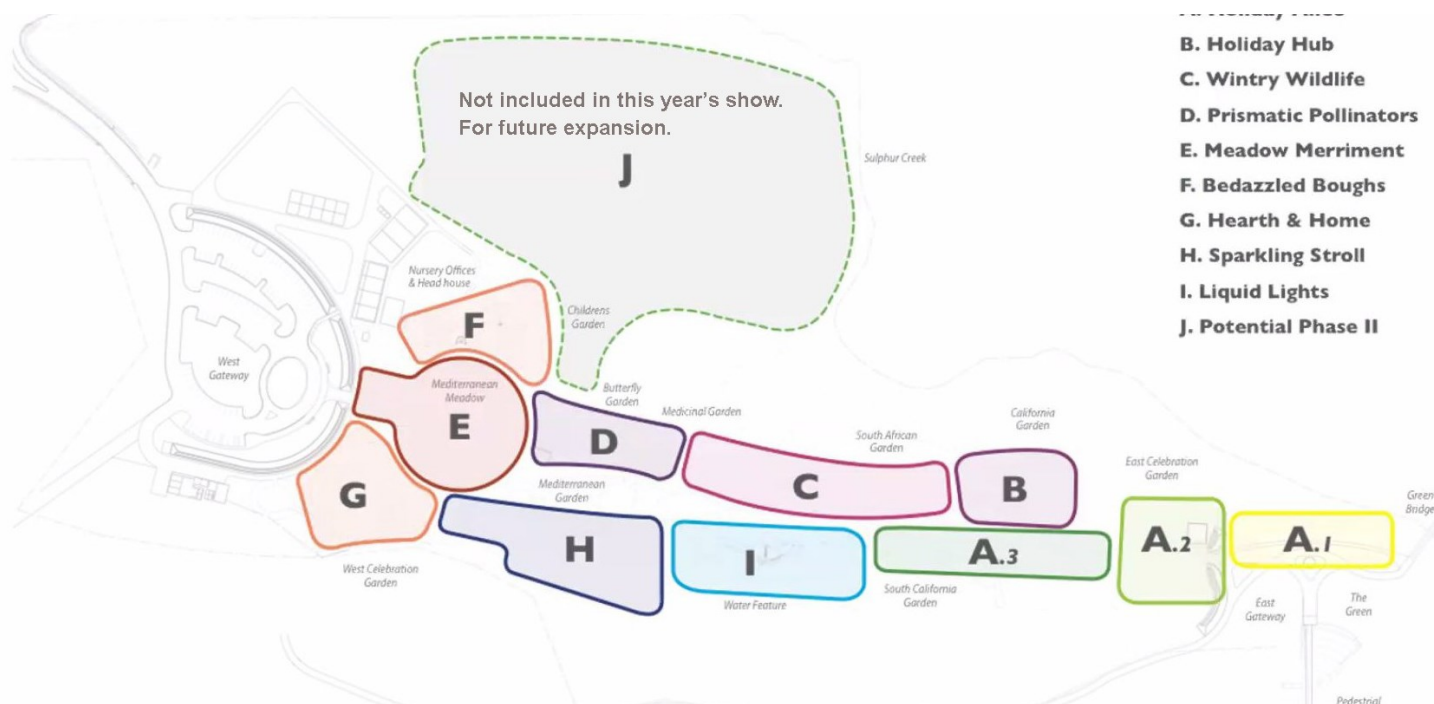
Once the project was approved by the Turtle Bay board construction was begun. A grant had already been received to design the infrastructure. Following considerable research into other festivals and light shows, Tres Fromme was hired as the designer. Fromme is a renowned horticulturist and holiday light show designer.

Goals were set to include creating a beautiful, popular event known throughout Northern California. The event would be a Holiday gathering place for family and friends. Also to enhance Turtle Bay's image as a place where unique and fantastic displays and shows can be found. It is also hoped the show will help augment Turtle Bay's financial stability.

After attending the Garden of Lights, people will have seen something magical and will recommend it to friends and family. It is also hoped that the light show will help all share the joy of the holiday season.

Your author experienced the show and thinks all of the goals were attained.. Holiday lights in the Redding community decorating homes and buildings are a great tradition. The Garden of Lights supplements that tradition with an event like no other. This is an experience that will give everyone a warm feeling and enhance the enjoyment of the holiday season.

Below is a diagram detailing the layout of the Garden of Lights. Come one come all and enjoy the experience of a lifetime.



The Garden of Lights Comes Alive With Pictures





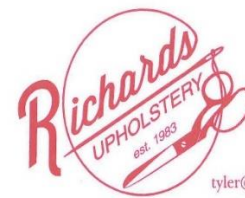
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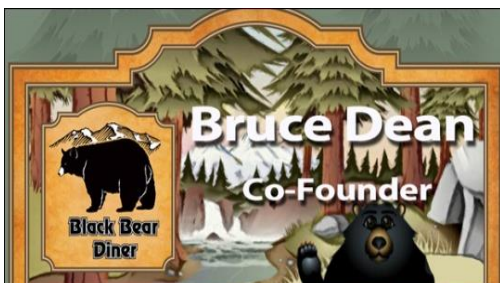
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