



Meeting Date: November 12, 2020

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Festival of Lights Preview

President Jake was decked out in a Giants hat and a necklace of blinking Christmas lights. Pretty



President Jeff

fancy. **Jennifer Finnegan** played a video featuring **Rick Hill**, who entertained us with his guitar playing. Although **Rick** and **Jennifer** make it look easy, there is a great deal of time and effort that goes into providing our music. Thanks **Jennifer** and **Rick**.



Rick Hill

President Jake introduced Team 6 Co-captains of **Vickie Marler**, **Julie Gussenhoven**, and **Janice Cunningham** who got things going.

Erik Poole led the pledge, **Betty Harrison-Smith** did the invocation, and **PP Jeff Avery** introduced guests.



Jack, Barbara, and their grandchildren

Craft Talk: Jack Kimple did his craft talk today. **Jack** is an MD and was in Family Practice in Redding for 37 years before retiring. He related one story from his practice about the digestibility of blue food coloring. Very funny. Now **Jack** and his wife **Barbara** stay busy being grandparents to their 14, and counting, grandchildren. **Jack** is also a very active Rotarian and has been seen doing serious manual labor with **Randy Smith** and others on Stream Team work. Thank you, **Jack**.

Thanksgiving Update: For over thirty years, our club has assembled, donated, and delivered hundreds of Thanksgiving baskets of food to people needing a little help over Thanksgiving. Many of you have participated and know what a good project it is, and how it is appreciated. Due to the COVID pandemic this year our club will not be delivering baskets, but instead have bought 300 gift cards from WINCO which will be sent along with a letter to the recipients. Thanks to **Dar Barzin, Bob Allen** and their committee for keeping the tradition alive. Thanks also to the many many of you who have helped with this in the past. We hope we are back on the road next year.



Vocational Service Award: Cindy Fisher introduced this year's recipient, **Loretta Montgomery**. The Vocational Service Award is given to a member of the community who exemplifies the ideals of Rotary in their actions.



Loretta and Husband Richard

Loretta is the driving force behind the “**Food For Thought**” program which supplies food for kids over weekends. There is a great deal of food insecurity experienced by school children throughout the country. Shasta County is no exception. This is the reason for breakfast and lunch programs at schools. The problems is what happens on the weekends..

For nine years, **Loretta**, with just the help of her family provided backpacks with food to ensure these kids had something to eat at home during the weekends. For the last two years, additional assistance has been provided by the Rotary Club of Redding, Riverview Sunset Rotary Club, and the Physicians at Hilltop Medical Clinic. Schools currently being served are Prairie, Juniper, Manzanita, and Rother.

Congratulations, **Loretta**. Well deserved. Additional thanks to **Cindy Fisher** and her committee.

Stream Team Update: Once again RCR's Allied Stream Team Doc Squad produced a substantive change to the non-native vegetation, slash and ladder fuel in the 5R Project area. This morning's effort began with completion of blackberry spraying along Rother Levee from the water intake to the #3 Tee. There are small portions to touch up, but most of the area has been visited once. 2 oz. of personal Remedy were used. In the middle of the effort appeared several struggling California wild rose stems which were carefully avoided.

“**Eye Man**” **Wood** covered a large pile of previously gathered material and made two new burn piles by rearranging material cut a month ago. When it rains, these collections near the River will be among the first to disappear.

Meantime, “**Big Metal**” **Maurer** was cutting two new access routes through dead blackberry thickets as well as taking off ladder fuel from native trees. **Bob** has become quite adroit at using his machines to reduce this tangled overburden to a forest floor blanket waiting pitch fork delivery to nearby flames.

Additionally, Arundo Stand #5 was almost bisected, a large blow down was dismembered as well as previously cut material reduced to pile size lengths. Lastly, a stubborn DBH 8" non-native locust was used to crush part of a large meadow of tall, dead blackberry canes.

Fifth century B. C. E. Chinese military strategist **Sun Tzu** would have been proud of our conquest using the strength of our enemies to defeat them: making water resistant tepee piles from harvested branches, hacking trails through brittle, sharp needled, morasses using a long pole chainsaw or a hedge trimmer similarly deployed and crushing foes by weight of fallen enemies.

It was great effort in an area precluded from use of heavy equipment like that presently rearranging Henderson Open Space to benefit salmon. RPD CSO **Lynn Herreid** gave the good news today as he took a Riverview abandoned automobile tire from me at a rendezvous after our ten-man hour session. This is such wonderful information following so many years of waiting. **Mike Mangas** promises a full report tomorrow. You can see what is happening from the Cypress Avenue Bridge. BOR could give Rotary a fine program about this work where so much Club time and treasure have been lavished since 2005.

Rotary Pooled Funds Grants:

Applications for Rotary Pooled Fund Grants are being solicited. Contact **Kim** at the Rotary office for additional information and application form.

Funding Overview

\$15,000 will be available for the 20/21 fiscal year

Grants awards will range from \$250 to \$15,000. This will be an annual competitive grant cycle.

Grant applications will be accepted beginning November 1, 2020, through November 30, 2020.

Please e-mail to reddingrotaryclub@gmail.com

Grant applications will be reviewed in December 2020 by the Rotary Club of Redding/RCRCF Board of Directors. Grant awards and amounts will be designated and grantees will be notified by December 31, 2020.

Funding Guidelines

RCRCF funds should not be used to take the place of funding for existing services or projects.

Groups eligible to request funds may include: community based organizations, service clubs, schools, non-profit organizations, parent groups, and others. Individuals are not eligible to apply for grants.

Rotary Foundation Month: November is Rotary Foundation month. For first time Paul Harris Fellows there are funds available to add an additional 100 points to your contribution.

Contact **Jeanne Jelke** or **Kim** at the Rotray office for more information.



Rotary Elections: **PP Jeff Avery** notified me who were elected to lead the Rotary Club of Redding during the 2021 – 2023 term. President Elect-Elect **Mark Ball**, Secretary **Erik Poole**, Treasurer **Trudy Taveres**. The new board members for the 2021-2023 terms will be **Wendy Dickens**, **Jennifer Finnegan**, and **Michelle Nystrom**.

Recognitions: **Maggie Redmon** contributed \$100 to her Paul Harris to honor **Loretta Montgomery's** first grandchild. Thanks, **Maggie**.

Bob Allen was going to retire, but due to a problem with his replacement, he is probably going to work for perhaps another two years. **Bob** contributed \$100 each to the club, his Shan, and Paul Harris. Thanks for the \$300 **Bob**.

Gene Poch contributed an amount that was not disclosed. Thanks, **Gene**.

Rory Greek went to Kentucky to see a friend and while he was at it sneaked in a Craft Talk so he could get rid of his Red Badge. Thanks, **Rory** for the \$300. \$200 to the club for the visit, and \$100 to his Paul Harris for the Craft Talk.

Tim Thomas went to Hawaii. Due to COVID had to jump through a lot of hoops, but had a great time. Thanks for the \$100 to the club.

Program: Festival of Lights. **Vickie Marler** and **Mike Warren** presented an overview of the Festival of Lights which will be located at the Turtle Bay Aboretum from November 27 to December 27.



This is an amazing and well organized display of over 1 million lights displayed over 10 acres. Tickets can be purchased online. Here is a glimpse of some of the displays.

President Jake presented a check for \$2500 to the Festival of Lights to help fund admissions for families that otherwise could not afford to attend. **Tim Thomas** added another \$100 for a total of \$2600. Thanks **President Jake** and **Tim**.

Good work Turtle Bay!

Calendar

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| November 19, 2020 | Team 1 |
| November 26, 200 | No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving |
| December 3, 2020 | Team 2 |
| December 10, 2020 | Dark – No Meeting |



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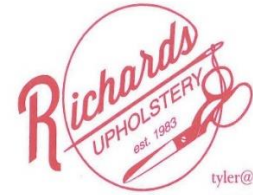
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