

Meeting Date: October 22nd 2020

It Was Only in the Theatre That I Lived - Oscar Wilde

Before the meeting, **Rick Hill** entertained us with his beautiful guitar playing. Thank you **Rick!**

Getting Started: President Jake announced the meeting was brought by Team 3 with Team Captains Rob Adams and Jennifer Finnegan. The invocation was provided by Marjeanne Stone.



Rick Hill

Rotary Club Election: Immediate Past President **Jeff Avery** announced the candidates for the current elections for the Club. Election day will be on November 12, 2020. The candidates will be announced for three weeks straight and nominations will also be taken from the floor. No nominations from the floor were made at the October 22 meeting.

Nominations for Officers are as follows:

For President 2022-2023: Mark Ball

Continuing in their service will be:

For Secretary: 2021-2022: Erik Poole For Treasurer: 2021-2022: Trudy Tavares

There are five candidates for the **Board of Directors**, of which three will be elected for a two year term (2021-2023). The Candidates are:

- 1. Wendy Dickens
- 2. **Jennifer Finnegan**
- 3. Michelle Nystrom
- 4. Kathy Malain
- 5. **Jason Richart**

LN-4 Prosthetic Hand Project Update: Tiger Michiels provided an update concerning the LN-4 Prosthetic Hand Project. This is a joint project of the Redding Rotary Club and the Chilliwack Rotary Club to provide 100 LN-4 prosthetic hands to a Rotary Club in India to assist amputees. **Tiger** said that COVID-19 has made it a challenge and there have been issues getting through customs. They are trying to complete delivery before Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, on November 14. We wish continued success on this important effort.



Craft Talk: Art Sevilla told the Club a little bit about himself. Art is a huge fan of Jackie Robinson and the Los Angeles Dodgers. He is the oldest of six children. His mother emigrated from Colombia, and his father from Mexico. He was born and raised in Los Angeles in the Echo Park area. He used to walk to Dodger Stadium with his father to watch the Dodgers play. He also worked at Dodger Stadium for three seasons, selling programs and souvenirs. He has been married for almost twenty years and has four wonderful children. He moved to Redding

to be near his parents, who moved to Alturas. He coaches and plays baseball in his free time. **Art** shared that he struggled with alcohol for about twelve years, but he has now been in recovery for fifteen years. He works for Empire Recovery Center where he assists people with their own struggles. **Art** enjoys Rotary for its service element and he tries to be a role model for his family and for the people with whom he works. Thank you **Art** for sharing your story with the Club!

Where is President Jake? For today's meeting, President Jake was "virtually" at the new Riverfront Playhouse. Redding West Rotary prepared landscaping for the theatre and Redding Rotary members constructed the stage. The Riverfront Playhouse is a community theater and Rotary is happy to play a small part in its development.

Recognitions:

Jeff Avery: For his fishing trip. Eight fish were caught with the average fish weighing fifteen pounds. **President Jake** decided the appropriate contribution would be \$125, representing the total number of pounds of fish that were caught (8x15). \$125.

Rob Adams: For the new music center and auditorium at Sequoia Middle School. \$100 to the Foundation.

Some Information from the Club Office:

Want to see your charitable dollars make a bigger impact in our local community?

While Redding Rotary will continue to accept cash, check, and credit card payments, we want to encourage our members to pay via check if possible. Like other businesses, the Club pays credit card fees for every credit card transaction. Paying by check eliminates those fees and allows the club to keep expenses down. So, while we will continue to offer our members the convenience of paying via the link in their invoice, please consider saving the club some money by paying via check. Thank you!

- If a member needs to request reimbursement, the following is where the form for such a request can be found. Click Here for Club Check Request Form
- The Club's Charitable Foundation is soliciting grant applications. Information concerning the grant application will be attached as a "PDF" to the e-mail distribution of this edition of the Spillway Express.

Sad News: We regret to inform the Club that **Bob Blankenship** passed away suddenly. **Bob** has been a member of the Club since 1989. He served as Redding Police Chief for over thirteen years, and most recently has been serving as a member of The McConnell Foundation's Board of Directors. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Bob's** family during this difficult time.

Program: President Jake introduced local attorney **Darryll Alvey,** who also serves as the President of Riverfront Playhouse. **Darryll** took us down memory lane with the history of Riverfront Playhouse. The Playhouse's first production was in July, 1981 and the theatre has been active since that time. The theatre was previously located in a warehouse on East Cypress Avenue, with seating for 92 persons. Over time, the Playhouse wanted to improve its facilities. Initially, the Playhouse struck a deal with the City of Redding to occupy a location on Pine Street, where the old "Carl's Tire" business was located. However, it was not economically feasible to develop that location so a new location had to be found. In June 2016, the Playhouse



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closed escrow on its new home, located at 1950 California Street. It has a new stage, with seating for 150 spectators. There is also a "Green Room," a workshop to build sets, and a reception gallery that is available for rent for meetings and other events. Redding Rotary Club members were heavily involved in the construction of the new stage, with special thanks to **John Mathena**, **Randy Smith**, **Greg Balkovek**, and **Ray Stewart**, for their hard work with that endeavor. The Club also provided lumber and supplies for the stage construction. The Club's own **Pat Corey** developed a beautiful new sign for the Playhouse. The Playhouse is glad to be a part of the revitalization of downtown Redding. There is ample parking and we all look forward to when productions can resume after the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted. More information can be found at riverfrontplayhouse.net. Thank you **Darryll!**





Calendar		
Oct. 29th	Team 5	
Nov. 5th	Team 4 Veteran's Day	
Nov. 12th	Team 6 Club Elections	
Nov. 19th	TBD	

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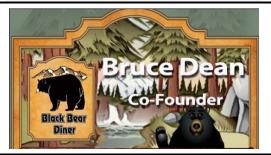
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