

Riverfront Playhouse

Getting Things Started

Led by the Past Presidents, **Amelia Ward** served as M.C. and introduced the members of the past presidents team serving today: Greeters were **John Dunlap** and **Greg Balkovek**, **Tom Stovall** led the Pledge, **Mark Rincon** led the invocation, **Greg Dunbar** introduced our visitors and guests.

Pre-meeting entertainment was provided by **Jennifer Finnegan** with her rendition of "I'm Dreaming of An In-person Christmas", complete with photos from happier times when we actually were able to party in person.



Music With Jen presented "I'm Dreaming of An In-person Christmas"

Announcements

Joanna Dean & Nikki Anthony brought us an update on our annual Adopt-A-Family outreach. Here are the stats:

- 8 Families with 17 total kids were treated to a merrier Christmas.
- 25 service-hours were spent shopping, wrapping and delivering presents.
- A total of \$2,500 was spent on presents (thanks to a couple of unidentified Rotarians who kicked in an additional \$800 to the budget.)

Special thanks was given to Kristy Lanham for mentoring the committee. Other committee members recognized were **Julie Gussenhoven, Cindy Fisher, and Janice Cunningham.**



Musical Safari Anyone?

Amelia Ward made us aware of a unique opportunity to support some worthwhile organizations in South Africa while enjoying a virtual musical safari - please see the details below:



Getting to Know Your Past Presidents

Amelia Ward introduced one of our most interesting fellow Rotarians, **Tiger Michiels**, in this meeting's installment of "Getting to Know Your Past Presidents".

Living a very storied life, **Tiger** regaled us with many interesting anecdotes of life growing up in Southern California and New Mexico. He walked us through the family liquor store business in Hollywood, the many celebrities he grew up around, as well as his experiences living in the Nichols Canyon area of the Hollywood Hills.





Part of his growing-up-years were spent in New Mexico living the life of an honest to goodness cowboy, performing cattle drives and living life on the range. Yee-haw!

Among his many accomplishments, **Tiger** is a prolific photographer, painter and author, and part of his presentation was sharing various examples of these creative pursuits. Thanks for the presentation, **Tiger!**



A view of one of the family's early businesses, The Coach & Horse with the Clydesdales



An adorable young Tiger (on the right)



One of **Tiger's** paintings depicting Nichols Canyon, the family home, and the many celebrity residents



Tiger (far left) with the neighborhood "gang"

	Calendar
December 24	Dark, no meeting
December 31	Dark, no meeting
January 7	TBA, Team 3 leading
January 14	TBA, Team 4 leading

Today's Program - Riverfront Playhouse

John Mathena introduced today's presenter, **Darryll Alvey**, President of Redding's Riverfront Playhouse. **Darryll** brought us up to speed with happenings at the Playhouse amid all the COVID restrictions.

The Rotary Club of Redding played in important role in the Playhouse's new location by providing the manpower and materials to build it's impressive new stage. Here's a summary of the history of the Playhouse's new location leading up to 2020:



Riverfront Playhouse President **Darryll Alvey**



- Building was acquired in June 2016.
- Architectural plans were drafted, engineering ground testing done, construction contract negotiated, and financing secured.
- Construction commenced in early 2019.
- Started the move from East Cypress to California Street in February 2019.
- Pandemic becomes public health issue.
- Completely out of East Cypress April 1, 2019 and into 1950 California Street pending issuance of City of Redding permit of occupancy.
- Received permit of occupancy September, 2020, but unable to open our doors due to COVID-19.

With the restrictions brought on by COVID, the Playhouse has adapted to 2020 by producing a virtuallypresented seasonal performance titled "'Tis the Season". This production is available for in-home viewing now through the end of December. After purchasing the performance, you can download the video to your computer and watch as many times as you like. Tickets can be purchased at their website: RiverFrontPlayhouse.net

Here are some photos and details of the performance:







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