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Whiskeytown Environmental School Update

President Joe tinkled the meeting to order as the bell is missing already. He introduced **Leslie Morgan**, co-captain of Team 2. **Jude Price**, also co-captain, was out of town this week. **Leslie** got things going by calling on **Dee Domke** to lead the pledge, **Rick Fauss** did the invocation, and **PP Dave Gerard** introduced guests as there were no visiting Rotarians.

Announcements: Waterworks Park has been reserved for our club and their guests on Friday August 6th from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. See attached brochure later in this newsletter. This is always fun and has been greatly enjoyed in the past.

Asst. Gov. Amelia Ward gave an update on our club's participation in the Polio Plus fund raiser. Forty members have committed to \$100 per year for Polio Plus. With all the matches all the way up, the committed \$4,000 has turned into \$42,000 which will cause 28,000 children to be immunized against polio.

The below picture shows the Rotarians who have contributed. Good work everyone!



President Joe explained the new weekly fundraiser. Money raised will benefit children's needs at Turtle Bay School and Cypress Elementary School.

New Member: Ryan Burks, son of our late Rotarian and past president **Gary Burks**, was inducted today. **Ryan** is interested in hunting, fishing, and horses. He and his wife have a cattle company, several horses and breed Labrador retrievers for duck hunting. They also own a multi-state construction management company as well as several other small businesses. **Ryan**, you are a busy guy! He was sponsored by **PP Ed Rull**man and **Brad Rullman**. Welcome, **Ryan**.



L-R PP Ed Rullman, Ryan Burks, Brad Rullman, President Joe

Recognitions: Jude Price was recognized for \$100 in absentia for travelling all over the country. Thanks, Jude.

PP Ed Rullman has a new granddaughter and donated \$200 to our club. As is our custom, each table put a cup in the middle and members contributed some money to **Brad**, the father of **Ed's** granddaughter, for the little girl. Congratulations to **Ed** and **Brad**. Note: **Brad** sent an email thinking the club for the \$237 contributed. They will use it to start a 529 education fund for **Irelyn**.

Randy Tate went on a vacation and contributed \$100. From the pictures, it looked pretty nice. Thanks, **Randy.**



Program: Michelle Nystrom introduced **Kathy Hill**, a founding Board Member of the nonprofit Whiskeytown Environmental School Community. She was accompanied by **Josh Hoines**, Superintendent of the Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, and **Mike Freeman**, assistant superintendent at Shasta County Office of Education



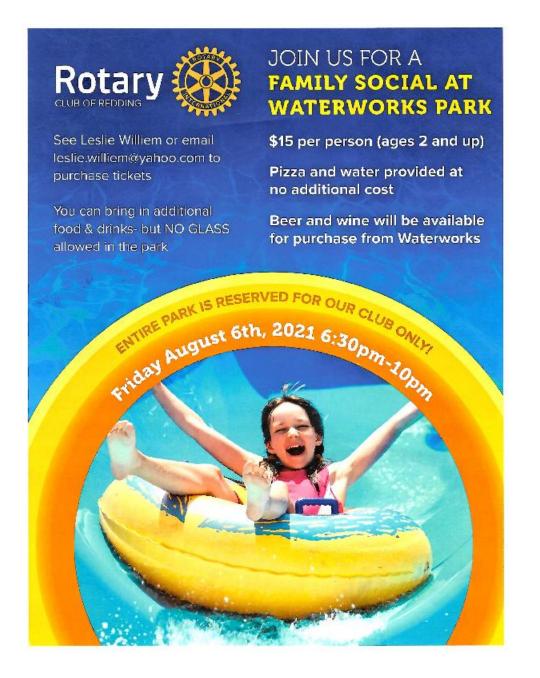
L-R Josh Hoines, Kathy Hill, Mike Freeman

Kathy gave a history of the Whiskeytown Environmental School. It was originally known as the NEED camp. It is a cooperative venture between the National Park Service and the Shasta County Office of Education, (SCOE) and has been in operation since 1970. It teaches science and outdoor education principles. The camp hosts 5th and 6th grades students from public, private, charter, and faith based schools for a 5-day program. Students stay in cabins, eat in the cafeteria, and participate in learning activities during the day, evening programs, and other social activities. The National Park Service provides the facilities and the SCOE provides the teachers, counsellors, and mentors. K-4 students participate in one day programs. As an aside, our Rotary Club went to the camp for many years and cooked and served breakfast the staff and campers one day each summer. It was a lot of fun and much enjoyed by all.

In 2018 the Carr Fire damaged some of the cabins and other infrastructure as well as burning most of the Whiskeytown area. This caused the Whiskeytown Environmental School to close.

Since then a great deal of rethinking how the school might reopen and function in the future has taken place. WES Forever is a group of four entities committed to rebuilding and reopening the Whiskeytown Environmental School. It is comprised of: WES Community - (wescommunitypres@gmail.com), Whiskeytown National Recreation Area – (josh_hoinesnps.gov), Shasta County Office of Education – (nfairchild@shastacoe.org), and Friends' of Whiskeytown – (critter@shasta.com). They are in the process of developing the final plan and then will be going to the community for support.

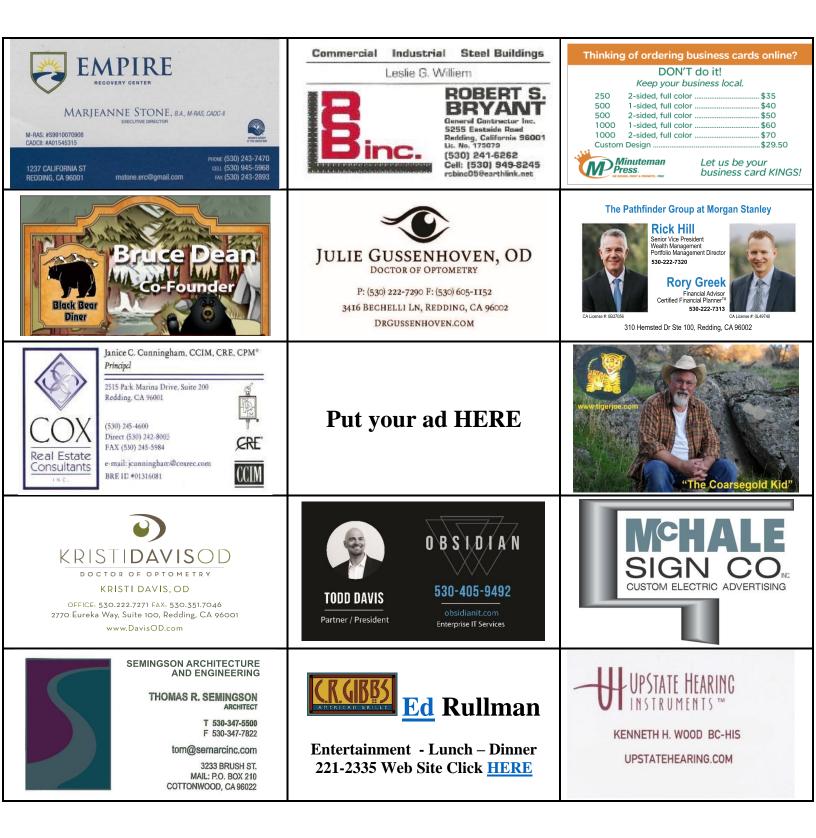
Let's hope that once more the students of Shasta County will be able to avail themselves of the rich and rewarding experience that the Whiskeytown Environmental School has provided in the past.



Calendar

July 22	Children's Legacy Center
July 29	California Adventure Academy
August 5	Dark – No Meeting
August 6	Waterworks Park – 6:30 – 10:00
August 19	Offsite at Simpson University – Simpson Update







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