

## **Educators of the Year Awards**

### **Getting Things Started**

Led by Team #3, co-captain Rob Adams (co-captain Jennifer Finnegan) introduced those serving today: Greeters were Jennifer Finnegan, Rob Adams, and Mary Brace, Keyway Greeter was Rachel Hatch. Karen Karnatz led the Pledge, Betty Harrison Smith led the invocation, Amelia Ward introduced our visitors and guests. Live pre-meeting entertainment was provided by Rick Hill.



Rick Hill with his magic guitar

### **Announcements**

#### **WELCOME BACK RUDY!**

**President Jake** pointed out that **Rudy Balma** is back with us after an extended absence. Recognized as "Mr. Rotary", **Rudy** has been with the club since 1953.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

**President Jake** noted that today, May 20, 2021 is the 97th birthday of the Rotary Club of Redding. Those attending in person were treated to birthday cake - thanks to **Amelia Ward** and the Fellowship Committee for providing that.

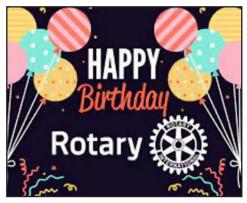
### **DEMOTION EVENT**

It's almost time to escort **President Jake** out of the ball park as the sun is beginning to set on his hitting streak. This in-person event will take place on June 24 at Tiger Field (where else?!). The social time starts at 6 pm, and it's \$30 to attend which includes all of the food and drinks.

#### A NEW (OLD) HOME FOR OUR MEETINGS

**President Jake** announced that we will return to meeting indoors at one of the Club's former meeting spots, the Elks Lodge. Keep an eye on your email for upcoming details.





### **PolioPlus**

**Jack Kimple** gave us the following update on Polio Plus. This year's polio numbers are down, by about 175 compared to last year and we are very close to total eradication. The deal that's been presented is to turn your \$100 contribution into \$900. If you put in \$100, the District matches that \$100, the national organization puts in another \$100, and then Bill Melinda Gates Foundation doubles the rotary contribution. So that \$300 turns into \$600 more giving a total of \$900! This offer only lasts for the next couple months, so if you have any questions, reach out to **Jack**.

## **Paul Harris Recognitions**

**Jeanne Jelke** led our Paul Harris recognitions today, and started off by mentioning that the Rotary Foundation is one of the world's premier philanthropic organizations, receiving the highest rating possible from Charity Navigator. Contributions to the Rotary Foundation help communities around the world, as well as at the district level, and locally.

Five of our Rotary members were recognized in person today:

- Nikki Anthony for her 1st Paul Harris
- Jason Salter for his 1st Paul Harris
- Tom Semingson, in honor of his daughter Savannah, for her 1st Paul Harris
- Gene Poch, for his +2 Paul Harris
- Amelia Ward, for her +4 Paul Harris

**John Dunlap** made a very special announcement today regarding an in memoriam Paul Harris. Former Redding Rotary Club member **Rush Lenroot** and **wife Hollie** moved from Redding to New Mexico about two and one half years ago. Within about five months of that move Hollie passed away. It had been in **Rush's** heart for some time to contribute a Paul Harris in her honor. Having made that contribution recently, the **Lenroots** were recognized today.



**Our Paul Harris Honorees** 

### **Honor To Youth**

Kathy Malain introduced Nick Webb, the program director for Gateway to College, a partnership between the Jasper Union High School District and Shasta College. Nick explained that Gateway to College works with students who are enrolled in high school classes and are also taking college classes, much like College Connections. However, to qualify for this program, students must be behind on credits and not on track to graduate. This program gives a second chance to students where traditional education hasn't worked for them, or they have had a great deal of personal adversity in their past.



Being recognized today was **Angelina** from Enterprise High School. She was commended for her dedication to her classes, earning almost entirely A's & B's, with plans to go to college. She was awarded with a certificate and a check for \$250.

## **Today's Program - Educators of the Year**

**President Jake** brought back **Kathy Malain** with **Rob Adams** joining her to facilitate the awarding of Educators of the Year. Historically, this has been an award given to a single individual chosen from a list of nominees.

It was decided that this year's nominees were all deserving of being recognized, so our President and Board approved additional funds to see a proper recognition of the following individuals:



- Susie Handley, the Project Tech at Bonny View Elementary
- Susan Dodds, Instructional Assistant & Behavior Coach at Sequoia Middle School
- Kim Nichols, Site Intervention Facilitator at Cypress Elementary School
- Anne Morgan, First grade Teacher at Turtle Bay School
- Danielle Hibbard, 6th/7th grade Combination Teacher at Juniper
- **Jackie Exley**, 3rd/4th Combination Teacher at Sycamore Elementary
- Rochelle Angley, Asst Principal/Athletic Admin/School COVID-19 Liaison at U-Prep
- Scott Tyler, English Teacher/ASB Advisor at Shasta High School

A huge thanks from the Rotary Club of Redding for these and all our teachers doing monumental work in the face of a truly difficult and historic year.

	Calendar
May 27	Team 5 - TBA
June 3	Team 6 - TBA
June 10	Team 1 - TBA
June 17	Past Presidents program
June 24	President Jake's Demotion



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