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People of Action

Our Rotary Club of Redding rang in the new year on Thursday, enjoying a brief respite from the rain and a fine Shrimp and Salmon pasta dish courtesy of Riverview CC and Team 4. Greeters were **Colin Duffy**, **Cindy Fisher**, **Laurie Baker** and **Melinda Brown**. **Maggie Redmon** handled ticket sales. **John Mathena** led us in the pledge with an assist to a crooked flag by **Jeff Avery**. **Colin Duffy** gave an inspiring invocation focused on gratitude for all.



PP Jeff Avery introduced guests and Sergeant at Arms was **Jack Finnegan**... or was it **Jen Kimble**? Either way, between the two of them, they got it done.

Craft Talk: After the preliminaries new member **Melinda Brown** stood up to give her Craft Talk. She apologized for having no photos on short notice and your author apologizes for her face being blocked by the Rotary Bell, which amazingly is still in the possession of our President. Seems we could use a good photographer in the club.

Melinda is a Redding Native, married, with 2 children and 3 grandchildren. She went to work for Real Property Management in 1991 and became the owner in 1998 after utilizing a very unique approach: she asked for it. **Melinda** is an admired and respected member of our business community and we are glad to have her in the club. Welcome **Melinda**!





Inductions: **Scott Pewitt** was inducted into the Club on Thursday. **Scott** handles commercial real estate at Venture Properties and is pictured here with sponsor **Todd Jones** and club president **Mark Ball**. Scott was co-sponsored by **Joshua Johnson**. **Scott** has been a pillar in the local business community for many years. We are glad to have you, Scott!



Recognitions: Following **Scott Pewitt** president Mark Ball recognized a few members for outstanding achievements. First up was **Lee Salter**. **Lee** sacked a gigantic buck on the first day of Elk season, 6 x 6 as they say in the trade. Impressive, and worth \$100 to the club. Thanks **Lee**!



Following the timely demise of the bull Elk **Karen Karnatz** closed our brief "circle of life" with the announcements of two additions to her family: nephew **Kyro** saw his first daylight on December 12th,

while they also welcomed a new Rottweiler puppy. **Karen** shared she's not sure her husband Sam doesn't love the puppy more than her. \$100. Thanks Karen.



Program: Today's program was People of Action, a frank and pragmatic self-evaluation of our club's performance as a community benefactor over the last year.

PE Jen Finnegan, PP Joe Ayer and **CP Mark Ball** led the discussion, which included an impassioned call to arms to all members from **PE Jen Finnegan**. Although the final numbers are not in, the Haunted House was a tremendous success; however we failed as a group to achieve the desired 100% participation rate. **Randy Smith** asked how we go about sustaining the momentum for next year without spending so much money. **PP Ed Rullman** suggested involving other community oriented groups like the Boy Scouts, and countered that perhaps we should "go ahead and spend money". Both comments were appreciated.

Kathy Anderson took the microphone and suggested we consider better ways to manage club defections by doing a better job of connecting with each other and building each

other's sense of value to the club.

Tony Giovaniello took a moment to recognize a few committee's he has personally seen excellent work from, namely **Jerry** and **Todd** of the AV Committee, **Michelle** and **Leslie** of the Public Relations committee, the Spillway and Finance.

Wayne Martin took a moment to applaud the Program Committee, mentioning the programs over the last year have been interesting, informative and could be used as a recruiting tool for the club.





















PP Joe Ayer then stole **Jen Finnegan's** report on the Community Grant program. This year \$20,000 was split between about a dozen different agencies, illustrating the Power of Rotary. Good job everybody!

PE Jen Finnegan, as if she hasn't done enough for the club already, announced the Bell Ringers



were such a success and they are not done counting the money; the Rotary Christmas Project is finished having focused on larger families this year; and then recognized **Randy Smith** for being "his own committee" for his years of dedication to the Allied Stream Team.

The meeting continued with praise and requests for assistance for The Thanksgiving Dinner Project, Vocational Leadership Awards, Community Projects, and a call for committee chairs. Rotary has and continues to do great work in the community. Today was a good day for members to consider their contributions to the club.

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