

# Program: Jennifer Finnegan, "Madam" President Elect "Sharing a View of What's to Come in our Club."

Today's meeting was brought to you by **Team 5.** The Team Co-Captains are **PP Dave Gerard and Ken Freigher** (Ken was at Leadership Redding today). **PP Dave Gerard** introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. There were no guests today. However, **Bob Nash** joined from Redding Rotary Sunrise Club. He brought **Paula Hawes**, who is considering joining one of Redding's Rotary clubs. She wants to visit all of them to see which offers the best fit. Our Greeters today were **Andree Blanchier**, **Joe Wyse**, **Steve Fitch**, **PP Dave Gerard**, and **Jerrod Vandlandingham** (who had double duty in "attendance, too). Keyway Greeters were **Gary Parkinson** and **Laurie Baker. Melinda Brown** managed ticket sales for the President's Fundraiser. **Jason Richart** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our invocation **was** provided by **Rick Fauss** who offered an explanation as to why Easter falls on different days every year:

Easter happens on the Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon (the Passover Full Moon), between 1753 and 2400, it can fall on any date between March 22 and April 25.

The Audio Video command center was operated by **Jerry Kelley**. Our Rotarian of the Year, last year, **Michelle** Nystrom, had triple duty at today's meeting. She was our photographer, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and was recognized, which we'll address later. **Tony Giovaniello** donated a bottle of Red Wine for the Door Prize.



Jason Richart, Pledge



**PP Dave Gerard,** Team 5 Captain



Rick Fauss, Invocation



Mark Ball, President

**Bob Nash**, from Redding Rotary Sunrise Club, announced that they will have a "Hot Rod Poker Run" on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be raffling off a Glock 9MM handgun at the event. \$50 to enter the tournament and additional buy-ins are available for \$20.

# **Recognitions:**

Marjeanne Stone was recognized as the District's "Woman of the Year" for California Senate District 1, by Senator Brian Dahle. A video was shared in which Senator Dahle presented the award to Marjeanne.

**Senator Dahle** listed some of her many, many accomplishments and her contributions to the community. Clearly, she is deserving of this very special award. In honor of this, our club gave her a standing ovation in recognition.





Marjeanne offered "whatever was left on her pledge!

Upcoming Programs		
13-Apr	Haunted House Follow-Up/Planning	
20-Apr	Redding Rodeo 75th Anniversary	
27-Apr	Scholarships	
4-May	Committee Round Table	
11-May	Scholar Athletes	
18-May	Sentinels of Freedom	
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# **100 Year Club Anniversary**:

We will be reaching out to schedule in-person interviews, video interviews, and we welcome written stories, documents, and/or photos, that will help us paint the picture of our club's history. Please email Tony Giovaniello at:

#### tony\_giovaniello@yahoo.com

Rory Greek would like to capture video interviews with all Past Presidents. We are interested in documenting:

- 1. Your Biggest Accomplishment?
- 2. Most Fun Memory?
- 3. What You Learned about Rotary, People, and Yourself?

A special thanks to **Randy Smith** who has emailed me a document connecting his family to early Rotary days!

Also, a special thanks to **Edward Tam**, who emailed me a special document for **1933** that will be added to our collection and displays!



Redding Attendance Summary March 2023			
Attainment	Members	%	
100% Attendance	19	15%	
75% Attendance	25	19%	
50% Attendance	28	22%	
25% Attendance	21	16%	
0% Attendance	39	30%	

Active=67

Active-DM=12
Active-LOA=5

Active-R85=47

## Recognitions (cont'd):

**PP Jeff Avery** was recognized. He won \$10 in a Super Lotto drawing and decided to use that as a down payment to sponsor his grandson's East Redding Little League team. Number 5, grandson, Hudson. The team is the Phillies. In their season opener, they played the Astros, so it was a World Series rematch. The action was unbelievable. The contest ending in a 27-27 tie!

#### Take me out to the Ball Game!

PP Jeff offered "whatever was left on his pledge!





**Steve Fitch** was recognized for his two grandchildren, one from each of his daughters. Steve reminded us of a couple of factors to be considered. First, he told us the first grandchild was born to the daughter that had just finished law school, and hence could not immediately go out and practice law. Then, he went on to tell us that this second grandchildren was born to his daughter that had just graduated from the Simpson University's Nursing program. Of course, she was also not able to immediately join the f=workforce with her new child's arrival. He shared that they both have student loans and that he and his wife were

trying to assist in satisfying these obligations. He also reminded us that a further consideration was that these two beautiful children were "priceless." In spite of these considerations, **Steve** decided to honor these wonderful grandkids by offer \$100 each (\$200) to the club!



**Michelle Nystrom's** fun on the mountain! **Michelle's** parents had told her that she could do anything. After a day on skis, she decided that they may have lied. It all started when she decided that it would be a good idea to learn how to ski on her 42<sup>th</sup> birthday. To ensure her success, she had private lessons. The instructor was skilled as you might imagine. However, these skills did not transfer to **Michelle.** 

She was in honest in sharing that the first two times she took the chair lift, on exiting off the

chair, she took down the people who which she shared the chair. She only made it down the Bunny Hill 1.5 times. You see, on the second run, she removed her skis halfway down and worked straight into the lodge. She did leverage one of her competencies in the lodge by enjoying a Bloody Mary, or X.

Michelle offered all remaining on her pledge in recognition of the "agony of defeat."

## **Program:**

**PE Jenn Finnegan** filled in since we had a last minute "program" cancellation. She took the opportunity to share some of things that the Board has been working on as well as some of the future plans for the club.



First, she shared that our club's By Laws were out of date and did no t accurately reflect some of the current club's facets. There are a few a Board Members working with **Jenn** on this. She described it more as a "housekeeping" effort. One of the changes includes a list of "standing committees." This list is outdated and the modified By Laws will reflect the current "standing committees." Our current "standing committees" include our Program Committee, our Finance Committee, and our Attendance Committee.



Some of the measures in the current By Laws have not actually been adopted, so those will be changed. Voting rules, say for example, to approve new By Laws, would require at least one third of our membership to be present, of that 1/3 51% must vote in favor to adopt. This applies to all club level voting. To ensure that as many members have a say in decision making as possible, the new By Laws will add a provision for electronic voting.

There are also some deadlines or dates stated in the By Laws that relate to submitted documents to Rotary International. These dates are no longer correct and will be updated accordingly.

The club will receive an email including the new By Laws for your review and consideration. Shortly thereafter, we will have a vote with the goal of adopting these new By Laws.

Next, **Jenn** shared that at this time of year, current and incoming board members are looking to reinstate and/or secure new committee chairs for the upcoming Rotary year starting on July 1, 2023. In an effort to provide more information about committees so that members can be find the committees of most interest or where their talents align, we'll showcase committees at our regular club meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be conducted somewhat like a "Job Fair."

The Haunted House Committee is already meeting to get a head start on our Halloween 2023 Event. Thankfully, many of the sub-committee chairs, for the Haunted House, are returning. However, all these committees need more help!

**Jenn** talked about the club's 100 Year Anniversary Celebration coming up on May 24, 2024! Our club gave birth to all the other Redding clubs. We will celebrate our club's birthday and our accomplishments during that anniversary week next year!



**Ed Rullman** mentioned that he was very excited about the new ideas he was hearing from **PE Jenn Finnegan** and **PE 2025 Wendy Dickens**. He also commended **PP Steve Westlake** for his usage of the "*Spirit of Rotary*" awards. He encouraged other Past Presidents to use the vehicle of recognition more in the future. He also talked about a new Mentoring Committee that him and **Leslie Williem** are working to recreate. Sounds like an excellent way to support the career growth of our youth.

#### **President's Operation Game:**

**Phil McCarthy** delicately performed the surgery successfully removing the body part winning the \$101 purse!





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