



## Redding Rodeo – 75 Years of Rich History ...and more to come!



Today's meeting was brought to you by Team 1. The Team Co-Captains are **Mary Brace** and **Maggie Redmon** (who was not at the meeting). **PP Tom Semingson** introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. There were no visiting Rotarians. We had **Nicole Hawes**, from Hawes Farms today. Our Greeters today were **Michael Daquisto**, **PP Pat Corey**, and **PP Tom Semingson**. Keyway greeter was **Joshua Johnson**. **Trisha Funk** and **Jenn Finnegan** managed ticket sales for the President's Fundraiser. **Joshua Johnson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Leslie Willienn** was our Sergeant-at-Arms. **Trisha Funk** was today's photographer. Our invocation was once again offered by **Rick Fauss**. The theme of the Sunshine report today was the **resiliency of people**, showcased by the amazing survivors of the Holocaust, their wonderful attitudes, and the long lives many of them live...many over 100 years old, despite the challenges they faced during their lives.

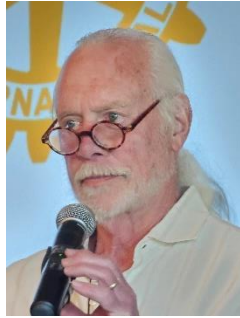
The Audio Video command center was operated by **Jerry Kelley**. **Steve Clark** had double duty today as he also served as our photographer. The door prize was also donated by **PP Pat Corey**, a \$25 gift certificate to Dutch Bros.!



**Mary Brace,**  
Team 1, Co-Captain



**Joshua Johnson,**  
Pledge



**PP Tom Semingson,**  
Guests and Visitors



**Rick Fauss,**  
Invocation



**Mark Ball,**  
President

## Announcements

**President Mark Ball** once again reminded us that Kool April Nights is looking for volunteers! Volunteers are especially needed for April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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Upcoming Programs	
27-Apr	Scholarships
4-May	Committee Round Table
11-May	Scholar Athletes
18-May	Sentinels of Freedom

## Announcements (cont'd)



**Lindsay Myers** announced that there will be a gathering at the North Court Street Storage location on Sunday, April 23, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The goal is to organize the storage locker and do an inventory of the items to help with the planning for the 2023 event!

**PP Joe Ayer** and **Dar Barzin** announced the date of the next Blood Drive, at our Rotary meeting on May 11, 2023. **President Mark Ball** and **PP Joe Ayers** urged the club to participate. We only had 7 donors at the last drive. The goal is to at least be in double digits. The smaller Rotary clubs in Redding regularly exceed our totals.



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**PP Ed Rullman** shared the creation of a new Program Committee with these members: **Wayne Martin, Jerrod Vandlandingham, Trisha Funk, Lindsay Myers, Norm Hall, Jack Kimple, Tim Thomas, Jason Slater, Melinda Brown, Joshua Johnson, Michelle Nystrom**, and **PP Dave Gerard**. The new committee met after today's Rotary meeting to discuss the goals and operations of this new committee. This team will focus on Programs for the next Rotary year!

**PP Ed Rullman** called attention to **PP Greg Balkovek**, who was celebrating his 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday, today! **PP Greg** told us that his kids always reminded him that he shared a birthdate with **Atilla the Hun**.

Then, **PP Ed** advised us that today would be **PP Greg Dunbar's** final meeting in Redding. He recently retired and was moving to the West Coast of Florida, south of Sarasota! The Club wished him the best! **PP Greg** told us that he would miss us and takes along many fond memories of Redding and our club!

**PP Greg Balkovek** told us about the Boy Scout Push Dinner that **President Mark Ball** has agreed to fund out of his presidential fund. The Boy Scouts are lucky to have such an active advocate, **PP Greg**!



## Recognitions



**Eva Jimenez** traveled with family to *Capitol Reef National Park*. They wanted to take advantage of "Spring Break," so they decided it was a good idea to drive 15 hours to Utah! It was a boring drive, but when they arrived, they did see ~ 100 Elk wandering together. She said, it was a beautiful area and recommended that all go to see it at some point.

They backpacked, hiked, and when they weren't roughing it, they got to sleep in yurts...not always on the ground! **Eva** gave the club \$100 in celebration of this wonderful trip!

**Eva** liked her bowling shoes so much, because they were so comfortable...she forgot to take them off! Yes, she wore them home. She probably put them in her closet with her other favorite and very comfortable shoes. However, then she got a call from the Bowling Alley owner kindly (maybe not so) that she should bring back the comfy shoes!

Another Rotarian, not to be mentioned (**PP Jake Mangas**), tried to help reduce the significance of this faux pas, by admitting that they had also worn their bowling shoes home from a prior Bowlathon.

**PP Jake** and **Eva** split a \$100 fine (\$50 each) as memorial of their shared like for these very comfortable and colorful shoes. This may be the beginning of a new fad. If you are on Tik Tok, you should probably get off it. However, if you stay on TT, you may start to see many more folks wearing this new emerging style of shoe.



**PP Jake Mangas** was on a business trip to South Florida. In Miami, his primary goal was to complete a 6 months fellowship on Workforce development, sponsored by the US Chamber of Commerce. While there, he found sometime while there to enjoy one of his favorite things, Baseball.

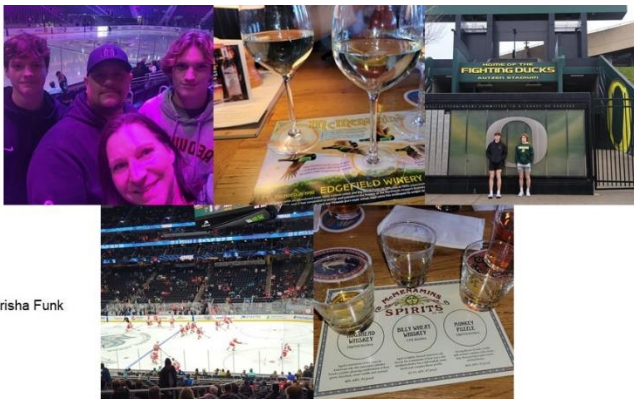
**Jake** happened, coincidentally, to be in town during the World Baseball Classic. He purchased a single ticket to this game, which had a "sell-out" crowd. It was his first experience in a "domed" stadium. He was very excited about this experience. Quickly, he realized that of all the people he could have sat next to...guess what...it was two Dodger fans!

However, over the course of the game, these "Dodger" fans turned out to be very nice, kind people. During the conversation, they found some connections with Redding. So, it is a "small world after all" – I think that is in a different part of Florida. I am sure that after spending time with **Jake**, the "Dodger" fans also thought kindly of him! **Jake** gave \$100 to the club in honor of his international baseball experience in recognition of his newfound tolerance for "Dodger" fans!

While his son was enjoying baseball, it appears that dad, **Mike Mangas**, was enjoying the BEER! Not sure if he has any popcorn to go along with that???

**Mike** visited the new Whiskeytown BBQ on the west side of town. Yes, that tall cylindrical tub in the middle of his table is filled with Beer. They call it a BEER Tower. It is not recommended for one person. **Mike** is in the photo alone with just the server. However, he assures that they were three (3) others with him and that this Tower was not just for him or the first of many.

**Mike** recommended the new restaurant. He offered \$100 to commemorate this experience, but went on to say, that with the \$100, that this was now the most expensive beer he has ever had!



Trisha Funk

**Trisha Funk** bought tickets for her husband so that he could see his first professional hockey game. The game was between the Detroit Redwings and the Seattle Fighting Ducks. This was a birthday present and took place a few years ago. So, **Trisha** was a little foggy on the details, or was that just the normal fog in Seattle?

Anyway, it was a nice birthday present for sure! As you can see, not only did they enjoy the game, it looks like there may have been a few adult beverages consumed as well. Hockey is a rough game! You "gotta" kill the pain somehow! **Trisha** gave \$100 to her Paul Harris in honorarium!

## Program

[Link to Audio of Rodeo Presentation](#)

**Michelle Nystrom** introduced our speaker, **Bennet Gooch**, President of the Redding Rodeo Association. **Bennett** has been involved in the association for many years. He assumed his role as president 4 years ago.

In honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rodeo, some new and special events have been added the festivities. Each rodeo takes about one year to plan. Over the last few years, some of the politics related to the Rodeo Grounds has complicated the planning process.

The good news is that they have already broken records for ticket sales, sponsorships, and community support in general! **Bennet** spent a lot of his time talking not only about the rodeo, but how it is interwoven into the marketing for our whole community.

He talked about the history that many families have with our rodeo. Generations of families have enjoyed the rodeo over decades. He also shared more information about how the Redding and Red Bluff Rodeos stack up with respect to the rodeo circuit around the country.

Our rodeo draws many of the national champions and has for many years. **Bennett** talked about the many events that surround the rodeo including the Asphalt Cowboys breakfast downtown, which typically serves 10,000 people and the parade. Of course, we also have the bank robbery and other events.

This year the Mutton Busting event will be expanded to include 135 kids! Fifteen (15 of the 135) kids will make it into the actual rodeo!



The President's Fundraiser was played by **Steve Clark**.

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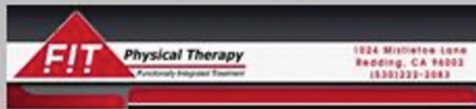
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