



Galapagos Goodbye

Thursday, June 15th, marked the final regular meeting of **President Mark Ball's** term. We will all meet again next Thursday at Mercy Oaks to officially demote the man who oversaw the return of the Redding Haunted House. The meeting on the 29th will be led by all attending Past President's, but this was **Mark's** last regular meeting to host.

The meeting was brought to us by Team 4 Co-Captain **Karen Karnatz**. Greeters were **Wendy Dickens, Andy McCurdy, Ken Freigher** and **Mark Wood**. **Karen** also handled ticket sales for the President's Fund Raiser, **Tonja Donoho** led us in the Pledge, **Mark Rincon** gave the invocation which focused on thanking **President Mark**, **Jack Kimble** served as Sergeant at Arms, **PP Jeff Avery** introduced visitors (**Bruce Dean**) and guests (**Nikola Hawes** and **Blake Ramsey**) and the raffle prize was donated by **Lee Salter**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 13th we will hold a blood drive. It starts early at 11am and appointments are encouraged. Bring a guest and Rotary will buy them lunch. A Fast Track Health History is required the day of. See the graphic for details.

Linda Fitzgerald

Because of you, life doesn't stop. #vitaltolife

Appointments strongly encouraged and prioritized.

If a Rotarian brings a donor, the Redding Rotary Club will buy them lunch.

As a special thank you all donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card Redeemable by email

Ask us how you can POWER UP your donation.

Redding Rotary Blood Drive

Thursday, July 13th
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Riverview Golf & Country Club

For an appointment go to donors.vitalant.org and enter the Blood Drive Code **SMFM171** or call Vitalant at 530.893.5433 or [scan QR code](#).

Please complete your Fast Track Health History the day of your donation on your Smartphone or computer at vitalant.org/health.

Please eat well & drink plenty of water prior to donating. Please bring a photo ID.

Next Thursday, June 22nd, our regular meeting will be DARK as we gather that evening to demote **President Mark**. Food and beverages to be provided by CR Gibbs. Cost is \$35/person. Please see **PP Amelia Ward** if you have not already signed up.

Amelia Ward

Lunch Meeting - Dark

Demotion, June 22nd

Mercy Oaks
\$35/Person

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President Elect **Jen Finnegan** gave us a board meeting update. After declining to approach the stage, acknowledging she'll get plenty of that next year, **Jen** shared their most recent meeting was an off-site "Thank You, Mark" held at CR Gibbs with a lovely brunch. A few highlights:

- There is money in the bank!
- The donation of a van to the Teen Center has been canceled due to a non-profit status change.
- A public "thank you" to previous board member, **Michelle Nystrom**.

Extra special thanks to **Erik Poole**, who is resigning after serving as club secretary for "250 years", to be replaced by **Mary Brace**. Often unrecognized and unthanked, the club secretary is the grease that keeps the Rotary wheels spinning. Please take a moment to recognize **Erik** and offer your assistance to **Mary**. President Elect **Finnegan** was quick to suggest utility for **Mr. Poole's** newly found free time, as she plans to exceed the success of last year's Haunted House.

Board Meeting Update



- Rotary Foundation Balance: **\$571,723**
- Still missing a few Committee Chairs
- Our club is pulling our District Grant application for the multi-passenger van due to the partner non-profit status change.
- Redirecting focus to the District Grant partnership with the Redding East club; Whiskeytown Environmental School (WES) Camp.
- Mentoring program will begin in October and will include at least 50 culinary students working with local professionals.
- The Board will be reviewing the Attendance Policy which currently enables the board to terminate members with less than 30% attendance.
- "Coffee Only" option being researched for Rule of 85 Members next year.

Rotary
PEOPLE of ACTION



Amelia Ward
100% Attendance

Club membership currently sits at 127 members and 1 honorary member. Attendance has seen a slight decline over the last year and 9 new members joined the club during **President Mark's** tenure. Four members were recognized for better than 90% attendance: **Randy Smith, Jerrod Vanlandingham, President Mark Ball** and **PDG Lou Gerard**. Setting the bar higher, **PP Amelia Ward** achieved 100% attendance!

RECOGNITIONS

Jack Kimple enjoyed a combination Wedding (his nephew) and family reunion at Lake Tahoe where he was blessed to visit with his five brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, some technical glitches prevented any photos, and although rain and thunder soaked some attendees on the walk from the hotel to the venue, it did not dampen their celebration and it was worth \$100 to the club. Thanks, **Jack!**

In addition, **President Mark, Mary Brace, and Lee Salter** all offered impromptu recognitions of themselves in order to fulfill their pledges.

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR



PP Ed Rullman – Rotarian of the Year, 2022-2023

It is the honor and the responsibility of the Rotary President each year to select a “Rotarian of the Year”, and **President Mark** honored **PP Ed Rullman**. “The individual I’ve chosen has been in the club many years, has contributed to almost every aspect of the club’s function in one way or another, a very selfless individual.... I don’t know what we’d do without him,” to which **Ed** replied “That was unexpected. Wow, it only took me 27 years,” causing a round of appreciative laughter. **Ed** seems to be everywhere, all the time, always stepping forward with his casual leadership and trademark generosity. Thanks, **Ed**. This award is much deserved.

PROGRAM – GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

A few years ago, **President Mark** and his wife **Kelly** visited the Galapagos islands. The Galapagos islands are a volcanic archipelago in the Pacific Ocean. A province of Ecuador, they are located about 600 miles off the coast and boast some of the most diverse animal life on the planet, with many of its species not seen anywhere else on Earth. Indeed a visit to the Galapagos Islands by Charles Darwin inspired his Theory of Evolution. A special video was made to commemorate **Mark and Kelly's** visit, and he shared it with us today.



Calendar

June 22	Daytime: Dark – Evening: President Mark's Demotion – Mercy Oaks
June 29	Past Presidents
July 6	TBD
July 13	TBD

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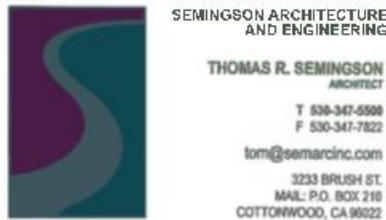


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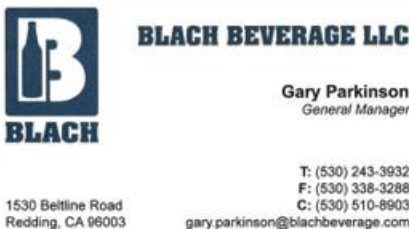


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