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November 3, 2022



**Rotary Club of Redding**  
District 5160 | Club Number 456

**Mark Ball**  
Club President

**Suzanne Bragdon**  
District Governor

## Program: NUR PON Open Space

### At Today's Offsite Meeting...

Team 5's co-captain **PP Dave Gerard** (his co-captain, **Ken Freigher**, was attending "Leadership Redding") introduced those serving today: Greeters were **Randy Smith, Jerrod Vanlandingham, Steve Clark,** and **Tony Giovaniello.** **PP Dave Gerard** led the Pledge, **Mike Mangas** led the invocation, and **PP Dave Gerard** introduced our visitors and guests. **Michelle Nystrom** served as the Sergeant-At-Arms and was also the photographer.

We had two door prizes, a bottle of wine donated **Trudy Tavares** and a \$25 Gift Certificate to Starbucks donated by **Michelle Nystrom.** Thanks to **Trudy** and **Michelle!**

Due to our offsite location, **President Mark Ball's** fundraiser did not "operate" today.

### On the mic today..



**Pres. Mark**  
running the show  
with our speaker



**Mike Mangas**  
with the invocation



**PP Dave Gerard**  
Introducing his team,  
welcoming our guests,  
and leading us in the Pledge

<b>Calendar</b>			
Date	Program	Date	Program
November 10	Veterans Appreciation Day	December 8	<b>Dark - Rotary Christmas Party</b>
November 17	Fentanyl in Shasta County	December 15	Past President's Meeting
November 24	<b>Dark - Thanksgiving</b>	December 22	<b>Dark - Holidays</b>
December 1	Dignity Health	December 29	<b>Dark - Holidays</b>

# Announcements

**President Mark Ball** shared the news of the great success of the Haunted House! Thank you to all that volunteered. There was a gathering at CR Gibbs on Friday evening, November 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the success and show appreciation for to many Rotarian and community volunteers.

**PP Greg Balkovek** announced that on November 10<sup>th</sup>, we'll be acknowledging and recognizing the service of our veterans in the club and in our community.

**Wendy Dickens** announced that there will be a "clean-up" weekend on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the site of the Haunted House. The club needed a little break after all the hours spent on the setting up and running of the HH event. So, the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> are the days!

## Normal Club Activities

Due to our offsite location at the Nur Pon Open Space, normal club functions such as Recognitions, Craft Talks, and others were not conducted this week. Something to look forwards to next week!

## Today's Program – NUR PON Open Space (formerly Henderson Open Space)

**Michelle Nystrom** introduced our speaker, **Kim Niemer**, Director, Community Services. Her areas of responsibility include Parks & Recreation. In her introduction, **Michelle** shared that **Kim Niemer** has worked at the City for twenty-five (25) years, in various roles, and has an educational background well aligned with her current responsibilities.

**Kim** shared a little history about her involvement with Rotary in her youth. She was part of a Rotary Study Exchange. As part of such, she spent five (5) weeks in Mexico City.

Some history was shared regarding the effort put in by so many, over more than fifteen (15) years, to try and maintain the beautiful and environmental integrity of this area. She specifically acknowledged the long-term commitment of **Randy Smith** and the "Stream Team." She also shared how the name change to Nur Pon came to be. As part of this space's "new beginnings" and since these waters were important fisheries to our Native American population, they joined efforts with the Redding Rancheria. They decided on the name Nur Pon as it means, "Salmon Run."

The clean-up effort and the construction of new bridges and trails was funded by a number of interested organizations including the City of Redding (clean-up and ongoing maintenance), Dignity Health (fencing), Bureau of Reclamation (Bridges), Water Agencies (Fish Run), and State of California (Trails). There are now restrooms and parking available in the Open Space. The City is allowing "off-leash" dog walking as a means of attracting more foot traffic in the space.

The water ways are open to licensed fishermen that can wade or use non-motorized boats to fish. In addition to the new "fish run," there is a bridge to the island which borders on the main part of the river. There are also two other (2) bridges for added access and a culvert to ensure that fish can travel through the "fish run" and fresh water can enter and exit.

For those that just would like to walk in a beautiful, peaceful place, there is a 3/4 mile natural trail. This Open Space is open daily from Dawn to Dusk. There are four (4) sworn Officers that open and close the park daily. They also patrol during the day to help maintain the environmental integrity and safety in the area. They're also being formally trained as "park rangers" due to the special nature of that open space. In the future, "Story Walks" will be added to describe various parts of the space and its history. Also, more concrete tables and benches will be added for comfort.



# Today's Program – NUR PON Open Space (cont'd)

Here are some photos from the meeting and of the space:



**Kim Niemer** mentioned that there has been a fund established at Community Foundation of the North State called the, “Redding Parks Trail Fund.” She said that this fund will be available for donations on Giving Tuesday for those who may be interested.

Please remember that we have an opportunity to volunteer to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at Mercy Oaks on the afternoon of November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact **Bob Allen** for the specific times and to volunteer.

**Jack Kimple's** number was called enabling him to take home a bottle of wine! **Randy Smith** was the lucky winner of a Starbucks Gift Card!





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