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Pathways to Hope for Children

OPENING



From the “People will make a big deal about anything department”, Thursday was National Waffle Day and was crisply celebrated by Team 8 Co-Captains **Lindsay Myers** and **Phil McCarthy** as they introduced their team. Greeters were **Jason Waybright**, **Colin Duffy** and **Steve Clark**. **Phil McCarthy** made himself busy by tripling as President’s Fundraiser salesman and leader in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Lindsay Myers** acted as Sargeant-at-Arms, **Bret Christianson** handled photography, **Ed Rullman** introduced no visitors and guests, Mark Rincon gave the invocation and Halloween is 68 days away if you aren’t aware.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andy McCurdy reminded the club about Saturday morning’s fence building endeavor for Catalyst Mentoring. By the time this newsletter is published this activity will be “in the books”. See below for the stars who shined in this effort.



President **Jen Finnegan** shared that Sunday will be a private screening of the Haunted Mansion movie at Cinemark and tickets are/were still available. Hope you all had a great time!

Brian Scarr is heading up the 2nd Annual Redding River Revival on September 9th. This is a put-your-own-team-together event and **Brian** urged all team captains to reach out to their members to try and fill a raft.

REDDING ROTARY RIVER REVIVAL SEASON 2



Reserve your raft at North Country Raft soon!

- Saturday September 9th 2pm – 6pm
- North Country Raft Rental - raftredding.com
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HISTORY MINUTE

In 1995 our club and its 176 members helped fund the new pool at the YMCA with a \$10,000 contribution to the project.



BOARD MEETING UPDATE

- Budget Approved for '23 – '24 Year
- Rule of 85 Members – Coffee / Dessert Option Enacted
- Bylaw Revision - Complete
- Haunted House - Announcement of Past Presidents taking on décor of a room (Thank You!)
- Interact @ Shasta High School – Reinstated
- Blood Drive Results – Only 8 of the required 12 units.
- I-House – Looking for ways to reduce transportation costs



- September 9th we will hold elections for the Board of Directors. The current Board is soliciting volunteers and nominations.

RECOGNITIONS

Todd Davis admitted he and wife/fellow Rotarian **Kristi Davis** are enjoying their best life. He even enjoyed a Taylor Swift concert much to his surprise. Worth a whopping \$300 to the club. Thanks **Todd!**



Our other **Todd, Mr. Jones**, introduced his two boys to the NFL recently when they attended a 49ers pre-season game. We learned that the 49ers have the most expensive tickets in the NFL and thus a pre-season game is an economical alternative, enough so for \$100 to his Paul Harris and two

haunted house tickets to Pathways for Hope.

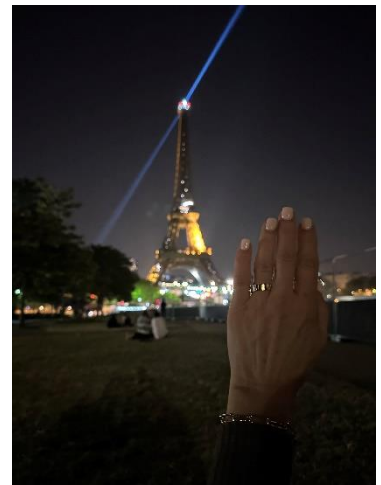
On June 3rd in Paso Robles **Jeff Avery** gave his daughter **Allison** away in marriage to Cody. It was a spectacular affair followed by a wine tasting excursion the next day. Worth \$150 to the Foundation. In addition, today, August 24th, is Jeff's eldest daughter, Amanda's, 31st birthday. So he added the 3 and 1 together and included 4 Haunted House tickets to Pathways to Hope.



Next in line for our President's costly attention was **Jill Wilson**. With a son going off to college at San Luis Obispo, one daughter living the Senior Life in High School life and a second daughter in Cheer as a Freshman, so is seeing a lot of money fly out the door in short period of time. A good time to part with an additional \$200 and 2 Haunted House tickets. Thanks, Jill!



Jason Waybright had a plan. He would take his young girlfriend to the original City of Love, Paris. They would visit the Eiffel Tower in the evening where he would propose to her. Brilliant! Unbeknownst to **Jason** however, two years ago the City decided to shut off the lights at 11:45 in the evening every night to save power. It seems **Jason's** marriage proposal was timed for about 11:46. Ah, the best laid plans of mice and go oft away. Nevertheless, she accepted. Congratulations, **Jason**, and worth 100 Euros to the Club!



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Next “Queen” **Jeanne Jelke** ascended the President’s step-stool to announce Paul Harris Fellow awards. **Jeanne** is the chair of our Rotary Paul Harris Foundation. A Paul Harris Fellowship award is earned for every \$1000 donated to the Paul Harris Foundation.



First Time Paul Harris Fellow
Bret Christianson



First Time Paul Harris Fellow
Tim Thomas



Four Time Paul Harris Fellow
Jeff Avery



Five Time Paul Harris Fellow
Trudy Tavares



Six Time Paul Harris Fellow
Ed Rullman



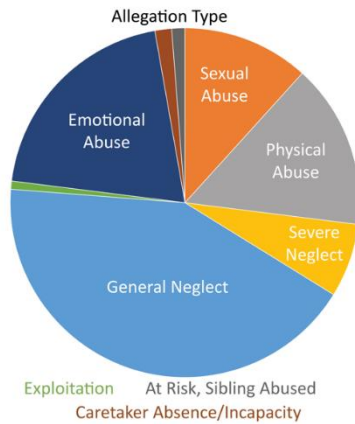
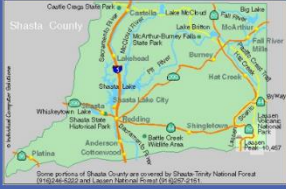
Seven Time Paul Harris Fellow
Lee Salter

PROGRAM: PATHWAYS TO HOPE

Wendy Dickens introduced **Jennifer Ely** with Pathways to Hope for Children. Jennifer, a mother of five, started out as a part-time staffer at the Anderson Teen Center and now leads the Camp Hope project.



Substantiated Child Abuse In Shasta County 2022



So, what is Pathways to Hope? In 2016, in response to legislation designed to identify and prevent child abuse, the Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Council was created. In 2019, the name was changed to Pathways to Hope for Children, as the new name carried less stigma. Their mission is to promote a local culture that values all children and families.

Pathways to Hope engages in multiple programs to fulfill their vision of a community where all children are valued, nurtured, protected, and therefore will reach their full potential. **Jennifer** then went into detail on each program and how the function. However the program **Jennifer** leads is Camp Hope.

Camp Hope is the only evidence based camping and mentoring in America for youth exposed to domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

Our Programs

A collage of logos for various programs and partners, including AmeriCorps California, pathways to hope for children, Hotline for hope, Teen Center, CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS, Launch, and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

An Amazing Week at Kidder Creek



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During the week long camp children are encouraged to challenge themselves physically, emotionally and intellectually. Bonds and friendships created build confidence and self-esteem, teaching children who feel unloved to love themselves and others.

Jennifer then introduced us to **Freedom Fernald**. **Freedom** was a camp invitee previously, and in a video shared how much of an impact Camp Hope had on her. "I wouldn't be here

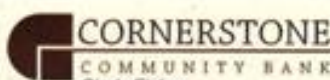
today if it wasn't for Camp Hope. I learned I was not alone. I want to work with Camp Hope like kids."

Thank you **Jennifer Ely** for sharing your passion with us today. Our Rotary Club is honored to support you!



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