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OPENING



Our Thursday meeting was brought to us by Team 3 Co-Captains **PP Amelia Ward** and **Wayne Martin** in absentia. To recognize the extreme difficulties being experienced in Maui, and to simply bring a little fun to the meeting, **Amelia** decorated the room and our members with Hawaiian Lei's. Team 3 Greeters were **Randy Smith**, **Jack Kimple** and **PP Amelia Ward**, while **Nikola Hawes** was the lone Keyway Greeter. **Dee Domke** hawked Fund Raiser tickets and led us in the pledge. **Rob Adams** stepped in for AV duties and did a great job. **Jack Kimple** was Sargeant-at-Arms, **Cindy Fisher** was surprised to be photographer and **PP Lou Gerard** introduced visitors and guests.

Amelia Ward is resplendent in Lei's.

Eva Jimenez led us in the invocation, but before that she had a few things to say about hugs, since due to recent surgery she hasn't had a decent hug in while. After acknowledging the recent cooler weather she was sure to mention that trees are care-free and easy because every Fall they let loose (duh-dum-dum) and Lumberjacks announce Fall be yelling "Septimber!!"

Tom Semingson and **PP Jake Mangas** demonstrating the art of a good hug



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Haunted House 2023 is only one month away! Saturday September 23 was a work party to haul all of the items from storage to the Monolith. If you missed that it is likely there will be work to help with every weekend between now and the opening, so stay alert for more announcements.

November 8th will see a mentoring event focused on the Culinary and Tourism industries and as many as 50 students are anticipated. If you are interested in participating please RSVP with **PP Ed Rullman**. Lunch will be served so a head count is needed.



November 18th we will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner to the seniors at Mercy Oaks. Volunteers are needed and **PP Amelia Ward** will be sending out a sign-up form this week.

An election for Board of Directors was held Thursday. Results to be announced next week.

A group of seniors we don't know in an undisclosed location being served a meal that may or may not be a Thanksgiving feast.

HISTORY MINUTE

On June 7, 1991 our club hosted a Charter Night Dinner to recognize and present the charter to Redding's newest Rotary Club, Redding Sunrise Rotary.

The current RCR President, Gary Burks, & District Governor Joe Cranmer presented the Charter, and Newly Appointed President, Paul Ogden, accepted the charter on behalf of his club Redding Sunrise Rotary.

This was the 4th club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Redding.



BOARD MEETING UPDATE

- Rule of 85 Members– Coffee / Dessert Option Update: 6 Rotarians have used this since it's inception last month.
- Interact: Leslie Williem certified in her capacity of Youth Leadership for Interact on behalf of our club (and District!)
- Camp Royal: The board was updated on the annual process for nominating/selecting students from UPrep & Shasta High School
- Bank Signers: We're updating the signers on the club accounts for this year's Board.

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Total Members as of September 2023: 122



BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Congrats to those who have 90% or more attendance in the last quarter!

- Greg Balkovek 100%
- Randy Smith 92%
- Azi Barzin 92%
- Ian Stripling 92%
- Wayne Martin 92%
- Leslie Williem 92%
- Ed Rullman 100%



RECOGNITIONS



Jack Kimple recently executed and emergency-escape-from-the-heat sojourn to Bend, Oregon where his grandchildren joined him on a hike along the Upper Deschutes river. Worth \$100 to the club and 4 Haunted House tickets to Pathways to Hope.

From the You-Really-Should-Read-The-Spillway department, **Rory Greek** has a pending fine form **President Finnegan** awaiting his arrival to a meeting. It seems **Rory**



failed to properly receive the President's attendance award in the spirit it was intended. His next meeting would likely be delayed if he knew about the fine, which if he reads the Spillway he will know all about. Heads up, **Rory!**

The beautiful Quack-Tastic Award has been sadly maligned, impugned and discarded.

HONOR TO YOUTH

Thursday's meeting included two Honor to Youth awards. The first was awarded by **PP Greg Balkovek** to **Davis** (last name withheld per California law). **Davis** is a highly decorated Eagle Scout with Troop 37. **Davis** joined the Scouts in 2014 and transitioned to the Boy Scouts in 2017. In 2021 Davis set out to complete his Eagle Scout project but the Covid 19 restrictions made that all but impossible and there was no end in sight. Finally, however, Tortoise Acres offered **Davis** the opportunity to earn his Eagle Scout badge by building a shelter for a 600 pound Galapagos Island Tortoise name Darwin.

Davis holding his Honor to Youth award while sporting some of his 135 merit badges



Next **Chris Visconte**, Associate Director for Girl Scouts of Northern California introduced Girl Scout **Madeleine**. **Chris** has been selecting and introducing Girl Scouts for the Redding Rotaries Honor to Youth program for 12 years. 16 year old **Madeleine** has been a Girl Scout for 11 years having attained the level of Girl Scout Ambassador. She recited the Girl Scout Law before giving a detailed account of her time in Scouts.

Honor to Youth award recipient **Madeleine** with Associate Director **Chris Visconte** and Rotarian **Steve Clark**. Contrary to what you may think you see in the photo, **Steve Clark** is NOT trying to take back the award.

PROGRAM – REDDING SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Jerrod VanLandingham introduced **Lane Carlson**, Executive Director of the Redding School of the Arts. Long before coming to work with Redding School of the Arts in 2021-22, Lane was an RSA parent when both his children went through the Kindergarten through fifth grade Mandarin immersion program at RSA. Lane started his educational career as a teacher at University Preparatory School where he taught middle school and high school science for five years before being asked to move into an administrative role. Lane served as an assistant principal for U-Prep for 7 years before leaving there to become the principal at California Heritage YouthBuild Academy, a local YouthBuild program that targets out of school and out of work students between the ages of 16 and 24. Lane moved to Redding in the sixth grade, attended Parsons, and graduated from Enterprise High School before getting his Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Idaho. He then earned both his single subject teaching credential, and his Masters in Educational Leadership from Simpson University.



Redding School of the Arts (RSA) is one of the first charter schools in Redding and in the State of California. Last year RSA expanded by adding a high school. RSA believes that “when it comes to young minds, art enriches, expands and prepares them for a full life in useful and unexpected ways. Children who participate in music and arts programs often do better in other subjects than children who do not, and low achieving students engaged in a visual and performing arts program have better attendance, increased self-esteem, and cooperate more fully with teachers and peers.”

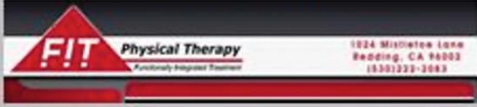
RSA offers “Early College Highschool”, which is intended to remove barriers to completing higher education. Lane shared that only about 25% of students who go on to college actually get a degree within 6 years. Quite a sobering statistic. Top five reasons are: cost; lack of preparation for academic demands; lack of discipline; unhappy with the experience and ...life happens, unforeseen events.

RSA helps with cost by college credit classes, up to 60 units, saving time and tuition later on. AP (Advanced Placement) classes give students experience with the rigor and challenges of college level classes.

RSA’s motto is “Where Education Meets Art”, and they are dedicated to maintain that mission by providing dozens of curricula focused on performing and visual arts. Thanks for presenting, Lane.



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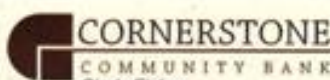


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