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## McConnell International Projects

### OPENING

Thursday's Meeting was brought to us in post-St. Patty's Day flavor by Team 6 co-captains **Karen Karnatz** and **Larry Olmstead** (in absentia). Greeters were **Ian Stripling**, **Scott Pewitt**, **Nikola Hawes** and **Melinda Brown**. **Karen** also handled President's Fundraiser ticket sales while **Mike Ashby** led us in the pledge and **Kristi Davis** hustled the microphone around the room.

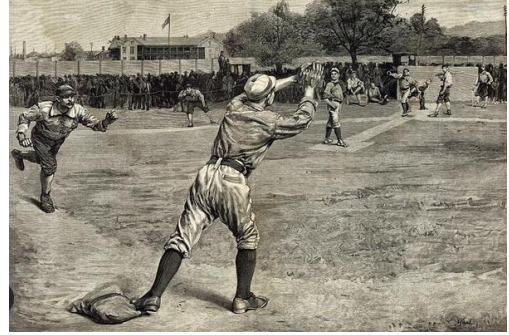
**Mike Mangas**, prior to the invocation, shared the sad news of the passing of **Alene Barzin**, wife of **Azi** and mother to **Dar**. Cards were available to sign on the back table.



**Karen Karnatz** commemorates St. Patrick's Day while introducing her team.

After, **Mike** acknowledged the season of his great passion, baseball, was set to begin in the next few days. In recognition he led us all in a rousing rendition of "Take me out to the Ballgame". This famous snippet was just the chorus of a longer song, **Mike** shared. It seems round about the turn of the century, when women were not yet able to vote, they were also discouraged from attending baseball games as it was deemed inappropriate for the "fairer" gender. The song is a feminist anthem, and tells the story of Katie Casey, who upon being asked to go on a date replies, "No, take me out to the ballgame instead". Your author, being a bit of a baseball nut also, feels it timely to include the complete lyrics below:

Katie Casey was baseball mad,  
 Had the fever and had it bad.  
 Just to root for the home town crew,  
 Ev'ry sou<sup>la</sup>  
 Katie blew.  
 On a Saturday her young beau  
 Called to see if she'd like to go  
 To see a show, but Miss Kate said "No,  
 I'll tell you what you can do:"



**Chorus**

Take me out to the ball game,  
 Take me out with the crowd;  
 Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,  
 I don't care if I ever get back.  
 So let's root, root, root for the home team  
 If they don't win, it's a shame.  
 For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,  
 At the old ball game.

Katie Casey saw all the games,  
 Knew the players by their first names.  
 Told the umpire he was wrong,  
 All along,  
 Good and strong.  
 When the score was just two to two,  
 Katie Casey knew what to do,  
 Just to cheer up the boys she knew,  
 She made the gang sing this song:



—Take Me Out to the Ball Game, 1908 version<sup>L</sup>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HISTORY MINUTE** 

- Rotary was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris
- The period between 1912 and 1930 were called "Expanding our Reach"
  - Rotary becomes International:
    - Canada (1912)
    - Europe:
      - Dublin (1912), London (1913), Madrid (1921)
    - South America:
      - Uruguay (1919), Argentina (1920), Brazil (1923)
  - Rotary Foundation formed (1917)
  - First International Assembly (1919)
  - Rotary Grows into Asia, Oceania, and Africa
    - Manila and Shanghai (1919), Calcutta (1920)
    - Melbourne, Auckland, and Johannesburg (1921)
- Prioritizing Peace (1921)



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- I-House – March 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>
- District 5160 Spring Assembly – April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Bowl-A-Thon – April 13<sup>th</sup> @ Country Bowl
- Red Bluff Centennial – May 18<sup>th</sup> @ Red Bluff Elk's Lodge
- Centennial Celebration – May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 (Remember to get your shirt!)



- **PP Amelia Ward** announced that sadly I-House will not be happening this week. Due to a sudden loss of bus service, and the inability to re-charter another bus, there is no transportation available. She apologized to all those involved who had already made considerable sacrifices and were anticipating this fulfilling week. Thank you, **Amelia**. You do SO much for this club and we know this was a heartbreaker for you.
- No updates on the Bowl-A-Thon. Sponsors are still needed.
- Invitations for our Centennial Celebration are going out this week.

## RECOGNITIONS

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Eva Jimenez



Please feel sorry for **Eva Jimenez** as she now has no money and a child at home thanks to the recent retirement of her 52-year-old husband, **Kris**. She is thankfully able to keep him bearing honey-do's consistently. Worth \$100 to her Paul Harris. Congratulations, **Eva and Kris**.

### RECOGNITIONS

**Kristi Davis** was thrilled to announce the addition of Dr Luke Page to her Blink Optometry practice. Luke is a local product whose family is well known in the community. He will begin serving in August. Nice pick-up, **Kristi**, and worth \$100 to her Paul Harris.

Kristy Davis

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## HONOR TO YOUTH

Thursday also brought us Honor to Youth, where we recognize outstanding young students from our local schools. This month we recognized **Jorianna** from Shasta High and **Dylan** from Pioneer. **Jorianna** was introduced by **Jordan Freilich**. **Jorianna** excels at academics, sporting a 4.6 weighted GPA, and as a four-sport athletic, serving as captain of both the women's basketball and swim teams. Her greatest skill, **Jordan** shared, is as a person. **Dylan** was introduced by **Dan Voorhees**. **Dylan** came to Pioneer last year and since has not missed a single day of school. He is graduating soon and is fielding job offers **Dan** shared with a wink and a smile. **Dylan** is heavily involved with Youth Leadership on campus and other school issues. **Dylan** hopes to move into the legal or automotive field. Congratulations to both students!



## **McConnell International Projects**

Next, **Eva Jimenez** introduced **Shannon Phillips** with the McConnell Foundation. **Shannon** was born in a hospital (insert chuckle here) in Marysville, Ca. and graduated from Chico State University. After graduating Shannon worked for two congressmen, **Gene Chappie** and **Wally Herger**. In 1994 she went to work at McConnell where today she serves as the Chief Operating Officer. She is a graduate of Leadership Redding and has been a Redding East Rotarian since 1995.

McConnell has an international program focused on Nepal and Laos due to a Foundation principle that small investments in developing Countries pay large dividends. **Shannon** spent about 15 minutes detailing some of her personal experiences in these countries and then played us a video that went into more depth. To view the video please click [here](#).

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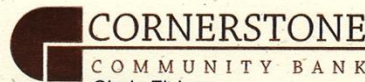
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