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North State Symphony

OPENING

President Finnegan rang in April 11th's meeting at precisely 12:05, the room warmed by the closing of a 4-day cameo by Ole Sol, much to the enjoyment of all. Team 9 co-captains "not-that-new" **Joshua Johnson** and **Eva Jimenez** addressed the podium and **Joshua** began by thanking the group for the stool, which your author found odd, until I realized he was speaking of the president's stepstool.



Greeters were father/son duo **James and Randy Tate**, **Gary Parkinson** and Keyway members **Alan Knott** and **Jerry Kelly**. **Leslie Williem** peddled fundraiser tickets, **Rory Greek** led us in the pledge and **Mark Rincon** was a last-minute sub for **Rick Fauss** as the invocator. **Gary Parkinson** and **Mark Cibula** teamed up as sergeant-at-arms, **Leslie** snapped photos and **PP Jeff Avery** introduced guests (3) and visitors (0). The raffle prize was a bottle of wine, red in color with a matching sash of unknown material.

April 11th is:

National Cheese Fondue Day – World Parkinson Day – National Submarine Day – National Barber Shop Quartet Day – National Marketing Operations Appreciation Day – National Ranch Water Day – National Alcohol Screening Day – and finally, National I Can't Read My Own Writing Day

-Mark Rincon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Bowl-A-Thon – **This Saturday** @ Country Bowl
- Club Photo – **May 2nd**
- Centennial Celebration – **May 23rd**
(Remember to get your shirt!)



BOARD MEETING UPDATE

- **Attendance** - We only had ten (10) members with zero (0%) percent attendance in the last six months. That equates 8.2% of membership. When we first measured this in 2022, it was ~ 30%. Last quarter, it was fourteen (14%). So, we are steadily reducing the number of members that do not attend any meetings over long periods of time!
- **Capital Projects** – We had a brief presentation for the WES Amphitheatre capital project by Friends of Whiskeytown, and the Redding Bike Park by the Redding Trail Alliance at this month's board meeting. We're compiling data on the options for sponsoring these types of projects in the future and will be presenting our findings to the full club on May 2nd.



HISTORY MINUTE

We need photos from the years of 1997 to 2024 for the Centennial Celebration in May.

If you have some digital images that you wish to share, please contact Tony G.

- Team 1 will be holding an all-team inclusive “River Walk” social on Saturday April 27th. Meet at the Branch House Riverfront Bistro (south end of the Sundial Bridge) at 830am and walk starts at 9am. Thank you Team 9 (wink).
- **PP Greg Balkovek** announced our annual Sentinel Send-Off will be May 16th. This event will honor some 20 high school graduates/military recruits who have volunteered to serve our nation.
- The 2024 Bowl-a-Thon was this past Saturday. Updates on this event will appear in a future Spillway.
- On May 2nd, along with a club photo, will be an update on the Capital Projects the club is considering.

RECOGNITIONS



Tim Thomas recently visited his Niece in Nassau. Her husband is a native of Nassau and after several visits from them to California **Tim** felt it was time they reciprocated. **Tim** enjoyed being pounced upon by his two great nephews and who wouldn't want to visit Nassau?

But wait! There's more! **Tim** also made some personal time out of a business trip to Orlando, visiting Medieval Times. Worth the balance of his pledge. Thanks, **Tim**!





It seems the arid Arizona climate has been good for **PP Jeff Avery's** golf game. He and partner former NBA player **Jeff De Laveaga** (heretofore known as "the jeff's") took home the Gold in a recent tournament. Worth \$100 to **PP Jeff's** granddaughter's Paul Harris.



Joshua Johnson has been busy. But before he could tell us about it, **President Finnegan** mistook the photos of **Joshua** for **Todd Jones**, for which she fined herself \$100. **Joshua** went to Costa Rica with his wife, **Bekah**, to celebrate their 20th Anniversary. Then traveled with his daughter to Arizona for a dual Spring Training and College recruitment visit. His daughter was accepted to Grand Canyon University and will start in the fall. **Joshua** was also accepted into the Redding Police Citizens Academy. Slow down, **Josh**. We can barely keep up! Worth \$50 to the club and \$100 to his Paul Harris, although we're just not sure who's going to pay, **Joshua** or **Todd**.



NORTH STATE SYMPHONY

Jack Kimple introduced Thursday's Speaker **Scott Seaton**, Musical Director and Conductor of the North State Symphony. **Scott** has held this post for 9 years, the longest tenured employment of **Scott's** relatively young life. He is simultaneously the artistic director for the orchestra in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has conducted numerous other orchestras in South American and Europe and has won several competitions and prizes. **Scott** is known for his dynamic performances, musical programming innovation and outreach to the community and youth orchestra. **Scott** is also an avid cyclist and long-distance runner and has completed multiple marathons.

Scott spoke to three questions: what is a conductor? what is the North State Symphony? and what kind of things are we doing?

As **Scott** put it, a conductor stands in front of an orchestra and through some black magic is able to conjure sounds from 65 plus musicians all without saying a word. It is a combination of physicality and psychology, requiring the conductor to read the room and infer what the orchestra needs from him which, sometimes, is nothing at all. The result is a creation that lives only in that moment, and never leaves you. This music is timeless, as it would have to be to have survived 200 years.



The North State Symphony is known as a Professional Regional Orchestra, meaning every musician is paid. Indeed, the North State Symphony is the only professional orchestra north of Sacramento, leaving them with an unusually large territory to serve. They perform mostly in Redding and Chico with an occasional performance in Red Bluff and other outreaches to various communities. The symphony makes use of an annual budget of \$500K - \$600K per year. By comparison, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra has a budget of over \$180 million. Founded in 2001 by combining the Chico and Redding Orchestras, they perform 6-8 concerts a year.

Concert week begins with two rehearsals on the Saturday before the main performances. They then take four days off and reconvene for two more rehearsals on Friday. Then they have a performance on Saturday in either Redding or Chico, then travel one hour to either Redding or Chico for a performance on Sunday. **Scott** strives to have a diversity of musical sets. Along with traditional classical music by Mozart and Beethoven, they perform pop music from the likes of the Beach Boys and Taylor Swift. In May will be a Sounds of the Cinema performance, highlight music made popular in cinema and television. In addition, they perform youth concerts and have young artist competitions.

Redding is fortunate to have a symphony of this caliber that is performed locally. Please support your local North State Symphony.



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