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### OPENING

After spending an extremely hectic half hour keeping up with fundraiser ticket sales, team 6 Captain Karen Karnatz opened today's meeting by introducing her team: Greeters were **Kristi Davis** and **Scott Pewitt**, **Colin Duffy** gave the invocation and **Brian Scarr** the pledge. Sergeant-at-Arms was **Tony Giovaniello** and **PP Jeff Avery** subbed as past president introducing visitors and guests.



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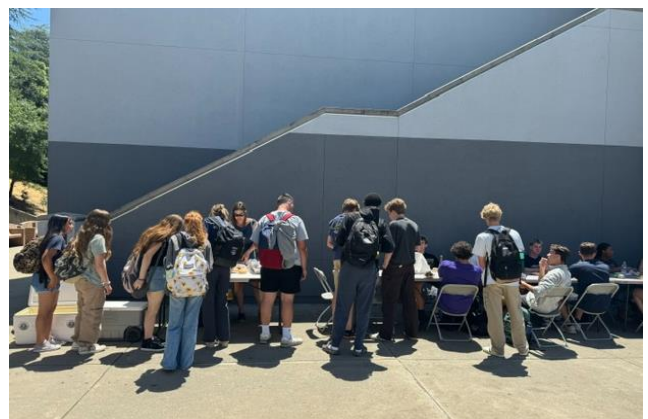
- 100<sup>th</sup> Complete... THANK YOU!
- Polio Plus
- Offsite Mtg @ Simpson – June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Demotion – June 27<sup>th</sup>



- The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was a huge success. If you did not attend **President Finnegan** asks that you sign the guest book anyways. It was located in the back. Its location during future meetings is undetermined.
- When the global initiative to eradicate Polio was founded in 1988 there were over 350,000 documented cases. Last year there were 12, and so far this year there are only 5. Thank you for the update, **Jack Kimple**.
- **PP Ed Rullman** announced there will be a meeting of the Program Committee on June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Hey! That's today!) at CR Gibbs starting at 4:30. He encourages all non-Program Committee members to attend.
- There are already over 70 members signed up to attend **President Finnegan's** demotion at Mercy Oaks on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pre-registration is required so if you have not yet signed up please [sign up here](#).
- **Ken Freigher** announced that Teams 5 and 8 are holding a joint social at the Branch House Riverfront on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>. A competitive Trivia Battle will ensue. Sounds like a great time.
- The meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup> will be offsite at Simpson University. If you show up to Riverview you will be hungry and alone.

### INTERACT BBQ

**PP Greg Balkovek, Laurie Baker and Brian Scarr** held a BBQ at Shasta High to recruit students for next year's Interact Club. About 70 Students were served. Date and time not specified.



### RECOGNITIONS



**PP Tom Semingson** was fined \$200 by **President Finnegan** for the justifiable extermination of one rattlesnake which had imprudently wandered into his wood shop; and also for some undisclosed impropriety at last week's anniversary celebration that most certainly was not justified.

## Teacher of the Year

From the Honor to Youth committee came our annual Teacher of the Year awards on Thursday. Two teachers, one from Turtle Bay School and one from Juniper School each received a certificate and a check for \$1000.

**Rich Hall**, principal at Turtle Bay School introduced **Emily Vincelli**. “**Emily** is an organized, structured high expectation teacher that has the empathy and compassion to strive to meet all student’s needs,” said **Rich**. **Emily** says she didn’t get into teaching for the money, as her husband often reminds her, and if she is being honest, she would rather be with her first graders.

**Julie Reaves**, principal of Juniper Elementary School said that over the years she has only nominated two teachers for Teacher of the Year as she takes the award seriously, and **Jillian Rauch** is a most worthy nominee.



From left to Right: **Rich Hall, Emily Vincelli, Jillian Rauch, Julie Reaves** and **Steve Clark**

## REDDING SOCCER PARK

**Teresa Adams** introduced **Kenny Breedlove**, Executive Director of the Redding Soccer Park, a position he just recently assumed. Soccer has been a big part of Kenny’s life starting at age 5. He has played semi-pro soccer and has a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from CSU Chico.

The Redding Soccer Park filled a need for an all-weather soccer facility. It opened in 2007 next door to Big League Dreams; however, though they share a parking lot and are both owned by the City of Redding, they are otherwise unaffiliated. The facility has four regulation size fields and a fully equipped commercial kitchen, Strikers Food and Beverage; the improved utilization of which is a primary focus for **Kenny’s**.

The artificial turf fields actually require a surprising amount of maintenance, including sufficient water

to keep the glue from drying out and failing, causing dangerous ripples in the turf. 2019 saw a \$4.7 million restoration of the turf, funded by the City, McConnell Foundation and other public and private sources.

**Kenny** continued by explaining that having an A+ facility is critical to attracting teams from the Bay Area and Sacramento to travel to Redding for large tournaments, an exercise that benefits the whole community, and that is what **Kenny** was brought in to do. Thanks for info, **Kenny**.



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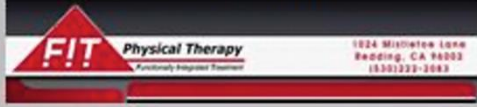
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