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## OPENING

Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> marked the final weekly meeting of soon-to-be **PP Jennifer Finnegan**. It was an event packed hour so let's get started.

Team 9 co-captain's were unavailable so **President Finnegan** provided introductions. Greeters were **Ken Freigher, Karen Karnatz, Randy Smith, Lindsay Myers** "plus". Seeing as Thursday guaranteed a winner of the \$4000+ "President's Fundraiser" prize, ticket sales were robust and required additional support. Thanks to **Wendy Dickens** and **Trisha Funk**. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Phil McCarthy**; **Mark Rincon** subbed for **Rick Fauss** for the invocation; **Laurie Baker** was Sergeant-at-Arms; **PP Mark Ball** introduced visitors and guests.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This upcoming weekend there is an opportunity to serve at Whiskeytown Lake. Seems there are numerous sandbags that need to be moved. Knowing our reputation for "Service above Self" Whiskeytown National Park has reached out to Redding Rotary for help. Please see **Brad Rullman** for details.
- Next week will be dark as we gather for **President Finnegan's** demotion at Mercy Oaks that evening.
- July 11 will be a blood drive before our meeting at Riverview Country Club. If you can bring a friend to donate blood Rotary Club will pay for their lunch.
- Happy Birthday **Phil McCarthy!**

## CRAFT TALK

**Allen Knott** is the CEO of K2 Development. He grew up in Happy Valley, attended Cal-Poly, and worked many years in Ohio before making his way back to Palo Cedro. He is married to Kristen, and has 3 children: Anthony, Korinne and Kamryn. He was explaining his vision for K2 and the Knott Family Foundation when his phone rang! Ready to call-it-a-day at that point, club members encouraged him to continue. He finished by explaining his overall vision is to create a community where his children, and other Redding natives, want to “boomerang” back to. Four minutes and 35 seconds. Nice job **Allen**.



### THE KNOTT FAMILY

- Kristen 25, Anthony 14, Korinne 11, Kamryn 8
- HV → Cal Poly → OH  
→ Rocklin → Palo Cedro
- Water, Snow, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Football
- K2 Development Companies
- Giving Bank to our Community
  - Knott Family Foundation,
  - Company Projects
  - Consulting
- Boomerang

## RECOGNITIONS

**PP Art Smithson** recently traveled to Jackson, Fl to celebrate the high school graduation of his granddaughter, who has quite the resume at a young age. She graduated 5<sup>th</sup> of about 2000 students with a 4.71 gpa; was VP of Interact which boasted 144 members and was voted the Best Club in the school; was awarded the Principal’s Leadership award; and she received a \$5000 scholarship from her local Rotary Club. Worth \$100 to the club and \$100 to **PP Art’s** Shan. Thanks Art!





'Tis the season for Rotarians to celebrate the High School Graduation of granddaughters it seems. **PP Pat Corey's** second granddaughter graduated middle school recently, a Valedictorian. Worth the balance of his pledge to the club. Thank you, Pat!

Pictured to the right is **Jason Montague** pondering the air-speed velocity of an unladen swallow (see castle in the background). They spent a week in London and Edinburgh. If that wasn't enough fun **Jason** followed it up with the purchase of a new truck. Worth the remainder of his pledge.



## ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

The 2023-2024 Rotarian of the Year joined our club in the Summer of 2021. In his first year he plunged into club activities, a member of several clubs and a key figure in the Haunted House. In his second year he became a Team Captain, co-chair of Keyway, a member of the scholarship committee. In his third year he was again a Team Captain, chair of Keyway and co-chair of scholarships.

"In a time when it's often difficult to get Rotarians to attend meetings, let alone take on a leadership role, this person seems to be the exception. They thrive in roles of responsibility, they genuinely want to help others, and they excel at it. They've even moved their professional career from the for-profit arena to the non-profit



arena, working for two different non-profits concurrently while also serving on others in addition to their Rotary service.”

## **PROGRAM: FOREST MANAGEMENT AND FIRE RISKS AND HAZARDS BY CARL SKINNER**

**CARL SKINNER** is a retired Research Geographer, U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station (PSW), Redding, California. He grew up on a farm in the mountains between Redding and Burney and graduated from Central Valley High in 1968. He has degrees from Shasta College, UC Berkeley, and Calif. State Univ., Chico. From 1968 to 1977 he worked in fire suppression for U.S.F.S. on the Lassen and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. He worked in fuels management and prescribed fire from 1978 to 1988, mostly on the Mt. Shasta Ranger District. Carl then transferred to PSW in Redding to do research focusing on understanding how fire, climate, and management activities interact to influence forest vegetation dynamics and fire hazard. After retiring from U.S. Forest Service in 2014, he has continued in fire research and consulting. In 2022 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the international Association for Fire Ecology.

**Carl** gave us a detailed presentation on the past and present of forest and wildfire management. He began by explaining the difference between fire risk and hazard. For a given area, fire risk is defined as the likelihood of a fire starting, and fire hazard is defined as the level of intensity that fire will burn at should it ignite.

**Carl** explained that a hundred years ago, it was unusual to see blue skies in California during the summer. A pervasive haze of smoke was common because there were typically dozens or hundreds of wildfires burning at any one time. This is how our ecosystem was designed to work, with regular burns consuming fuel and keeping the forests healthy. It seems that decades of persistent wildfire extinguishment has turned many parts of our forest into fuel rich, high hazard areas, resulting in the devastating and intense fires we have come to know in recent years.

**Carl** is one of the leading minds in the field of forest and wildfire management as we look to improve are wildfire management techniques. Thank you, **Carl**.

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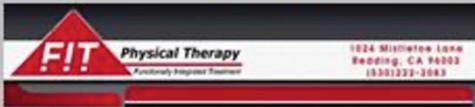
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