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## OPENING

At 12:05 the Rotary bell clanged open our Thursday meeting. It was brought to us by Team 6 co-captains **Larry Olmstead** and **Karen Karnatz**, who soundly rejected the assistance of **President Finnegan's** custom fit step-stool given her quarter inch vertical advantage. Greeters were **Scott Pewitt** and **Ian Stripling** while lost-your-marbles tickets were peddled by **Karen Karnatz**. **Joe Wyse** gave the invocation along with a pair of vampire jokes; **Mike Ashby** was sergeant-at-arms and **PP John Mathena** led us in the pledge and introduced guests and visitors.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



- World Polio Day – October 24th
- Local Grant Cycle Begins! – Apps due November 16th
- Thanksgiving Senior Dinner – November 16th
- Haunted House – Preview Night Report!
- Blood Drive – November 9th



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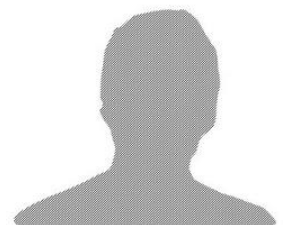
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Tim

**President Finnegan** made a point of recognizing (without a fine I might add) **Tim Thomas**. **Tim** was not at the meeting last week when District Governor **Claire Roberts** gave him a “Most Inspirational” award. **Tim's** contributions to the Haunted House, specifically the Vortex, have been indispensable. He was awarded a special District 5160 pin. **Tim's** a busy guy, so much so that in his 6-plus years as a Rotarian he has not found time to get a photo of himself on DacDB, leaving your author a bit flat-footed.



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October 19<sup>th</sup> is also **Mike Warren's** birthday. **Mike** has been a Rotarian for over 28 years and took exception to a few chuckles when he "admitted" he turned 55 on Thursday. Even still, a mostly serious rendition of "Happy Birthday" was worth \$100 to the club. Thanks **Mike!**



Mike Warren turning 55 😊

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

World Polio Day is the 24<sup>th</sup>. So far in 2023 there have been six cases of child paralysis due to Polio: four in Pakistan and 2 in Afghanistan, an area devastated by recent earthquakes.

Redding Rotary had begun its annual Grant Cycle. This year there is \$30,000 available to grant to local organizations that serve the community. This money comes to us courtesy of last year's Haunted House. Applications were emailed to all Rotarians and are due by November 7<sup>th</sup>, so encourage groups who could benefit to fill one out.

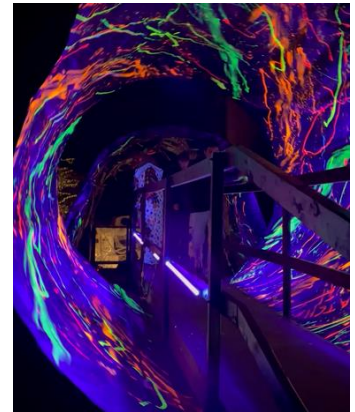
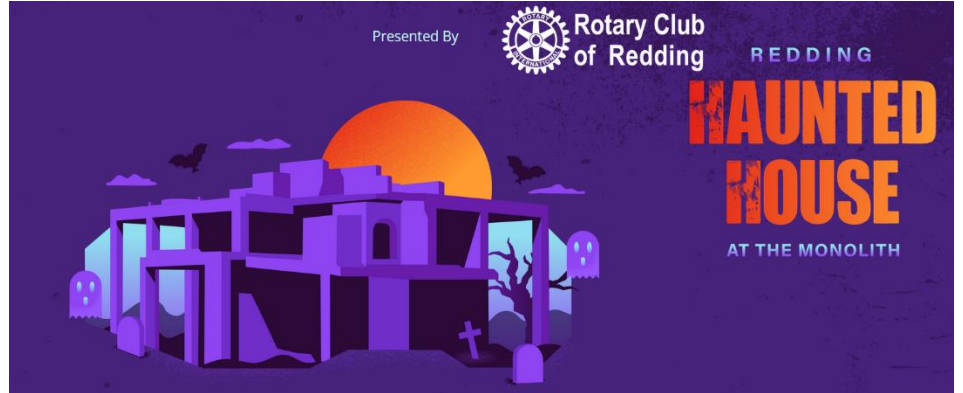
The Thanksgiving Dinner on November 16<sup>th</sup> now has a full house of volunteers, including our President who will be getting her hands dirty washing dishes. Thanks to all who volunteered.



**Jack Kimple** updates the club regarding Polio in advance of World Polio Day next week.

**PP Greg Balkovek** reminded the club that November 9<sup>th</sup> is our Veteran's program during which we will honor all Rotarians who have served their country in the military. In addition, **Greg** asked the club to invite any other veterans or service members to the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting so we can honor them as well.

# HAUNTED HOUSE



The 2023 Haunted House is now in full operation. Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> was the “soft” opening for Rotarians. This year’s version includes the “Vortex”, which your author inexplicably does not have a photo of but imagine a catwalk through a spinning tunnel and you get the idea; and a “Noodle Room” which has received rave reviews from the public. We are still in desperate need of volunteers. You can sign up and/or buy tickets at [www.reddinghauntedhouse.org](http://www.reddinghauntedhouse.org)



The first three nights have seen 1263 people representing \$21,870 in sales traverse the monolith. Please share with everyone you know. Tickets are \$15 online or \$20 at the door and Fast Pass Tickets are \$30 online or \$35 at the door.

## HISTORY MINUTE

On April 10, 1984 the Board of Directors, led by then President Alan Hill, voted unanimously to approve the purchase of:

“...Two Computer Machines amounting to \$337 and donate them to the Stepping Stones organization.”



## BOARD MEETING UPDATE

- Rotary Foundation Month is November... More exciting news to come!
- Food For Thought is serving 177 food insecure Shasta County families this year
- Jill Wilson new Chair of Interact Committee
- AV is working on plans to improve audio at meetings
- Ding-A-Lings about to get going!



## RECOGNITIONS



**Larry Olmstead** recently received an Award of Excellence from the Butte County NAACP. He was accompanied by his wife **Michelle**, his Board Chair and the rest of his team at United Way. In particular the award was in recognition of the United Way providing new laptops to 15 scholarship recipients who will soon be off to college. **Larry** was very proud to be a part of the effort.... \$200 proud to be exact. Thanks **Larry!**

**Mike Mangas** put together an excellent video segment promoting the Redding Haunted House that made the evening news and also resides on the [www.krctv.com](http://www.krctv.com) website. That didn't spare him recognition for his recent annual trip to the Trinity Alps with his two high school buddies. Worth \$100 to his Paul Harris and 2 Haunted House tickets to Pathways to Hope. Nice job, Mike!

Mike Mangas



## HONOR TO YOUTH

Redding Rotary Club was pleased Thursday to honor the students below with a certificate and a check for \$250 Thursday for their outstanding leadership and service to our community.



Lindsey  
4H



Yuton  
Turtle Bay Exploration Park



Heather Schultz accepting  
for Lily - YMCA

## **PROGRAM**



Today's program was delivered by Jeremy Pagan, Director of Development Services for the City of Redding, and he spoke at length about the Redding Riverfront Specific Plan (RRSP) which is a land use document that guides development and planning for a specific area of land, in this case the riverfront from Turtle Bay moving East and South to Cypress Blvd.

It is interesting to note that 100 years ago the Sacramento River formed a simple curved thread around the city of Redding. Today, it is a somewhat sprawling complex of tributaries, estuaries and pools formed by the excavation of aggregate for the construction of Shasta Dam.

The plan itself is far too complex to discuss here; however it will be a continuation of the previous RRSP which was created in the mid 90's. The process is long and begins with 3 community feedback engagements to gather input from the various interest groups. We are currently between the first and second community engagements.

This is an exciting time for the future of the riverfront. I think we can all agree this area is a gem of the Northstate and proper and effective planning can pay dividends for generations.

Thanks to Jeremy Pagan for his time and expertise.

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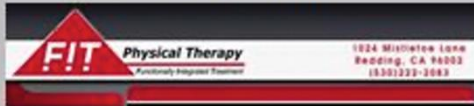


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