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How to Build a Jail and Close a Haunted House

OPENING

This week in Rotary found us barreling into the final weekend of the Haunted House; however, there was surprisingly little discussion of it during our Thursday meeting as there was a robust agenda already. It was hosted by Team 8, and co-captains **Phil McCarthy** and **Lindsay Myers** announced the participants to a standing ovation. **Rob Adams** handled AV. Team 8 Greeters were **Amelia Ward, Kathy Anderson, Maurice Johannessen** and Keyway Greeters were **Wayne Martin, Melinda Brown** and **Colin Duffy**. Seargent-at-Arms was **Wendy Dickens**, fundraiser tickets were sold by **Phil McCarthy** and **Lindsay** provided one of the more popular raffle prizes in recent memory. **PP Amelia Ward** introduced visitors and guests, **President Finnegan** led us in the pledge and **Joe Wyse** gave the invocation.



Team 8 gets into the spirit.



Lindsay Myers' raffle prize was a hit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Local Grant Cycle Begins! – *Apps due November 16th*
- Thanksgiving Senior Dinner – *November 16th*
- Blood Drive – *November 9th*
- WES Camp Clean-Up Day w/ Redding East – *Saturday 9a-1p*



HISTORY MINUTE

In 1991 what was our club up to:

- Bill Kipp was President & Gary Burks was President-Elect
- \$75,000 was netted from the Ducky Derby event
- 450 families received food boxes from turkeys
- Contributions for Paul Harris Memberships topped all previous records!

Next month is Rotary Foundation month. Wear your Paul Harris pins!



We are amid our annual Grant Cycle. If you know of any local organizations serving our community that could benefit from some Rotarian generosity please encourage them to apply before November 16th. For applications contact **Rory Greek**.

PP Amelia Ward thought she had the Thanksgiving Dinner team all put together but it turns out she needs one more person to help the chef in the kitchen from 2 to 4 in the afternoon on November 16th. If you can help please contact **Amelia**.

Redding Rotary is hosting a blood drive on November 9th. To sign up please [click here](#) and enter the code SMFM171. You can literally save a life



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Appointments strongly encouraged and prioritized.

If a Rotarian brings a donor, the Redding Rotary Club will buy them lunch.



Redding Rotary Blood Drive

Thursday, November 9
11 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Riverview Golf & Country Club

For an appointment [click here](#), go to donors.vitalant.org and enter the Blood Drive Code **SMFM171** or call Vitalant at 530.893.5433.

Please complete your Fast Track Health History the day of your donation on your Smartphone or computer at vitalant.org/health.

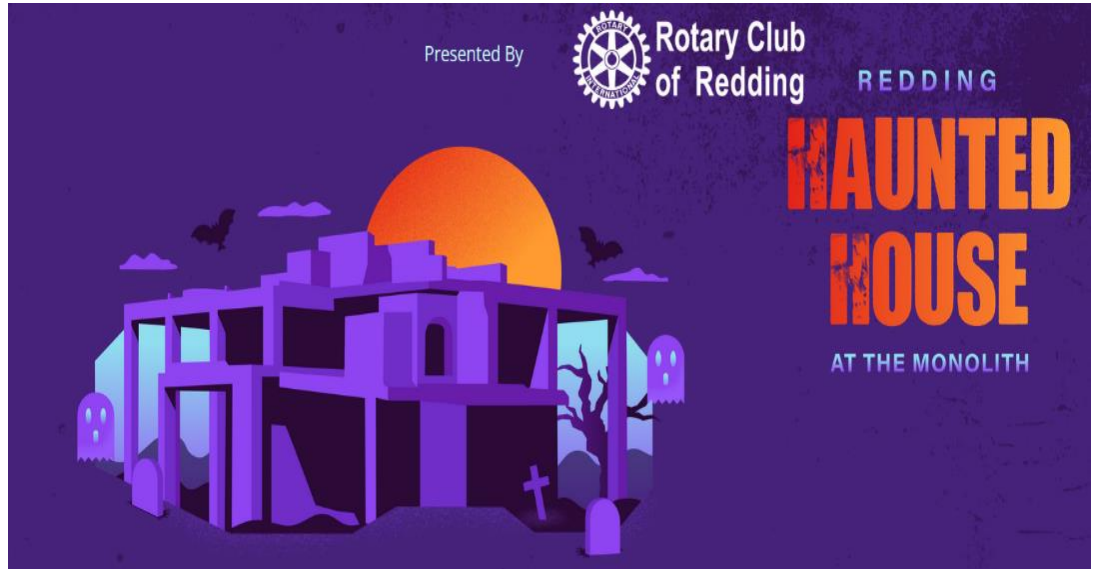
Please eat well & drink plenty of water prior to donating.
Please bring a photo ID.

November is Foundation Month. The Rotary Foundation rolls the collective support of all Districts to do enormous good throughout the world. Foundation Month will include the following:

- 100 matching recognition points for every Rotarian contributing their first \$100 to their Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)
- Each meeting in November will feature a short video highlighting the work of Rotary International.
- All members will be encouraged to make an annual PHF contribution so that our club can become an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club. Rotarians within \$150 of their next PH level will be advised by email.
- An honorary PHF will be awarded to a deserving member on November 30th.
- November 30th will be PHF Pin Day. All PHFs should display their pin to avoid a \$10 fine.

HAUNTED HOUSE

As of the publication of this newsletter the Haunted House is closed for 2023. Details on how it went will be included in a future Spillway. Special thanks to **Lindsay Myers** and **Wendy Dickens** who spearheaded the effort, and of course to the dozens of Rotarians whose names were left off here and are by now used to not being recognized for their Herculean efforts. Thank you.



CRAFT TALK

Scott Pewitt became a Rotarian on January 5, 2023, but began serving months before by helping with parking at the 2022 Haunted House. **Scott** is a commercial realtor with Venture Properties and was sponsored by **Todd Jones**. **Scott** loves his blended family of 7 adult children who are all successful and on their own. Being kid-free, teenager-free and pet-free **Scott** has “won at life”. **Scott** just celebrated his 10th anniversary with wife **Deanna**. **Scott** was told that if he kept his Craft Talk to less than 3 minutes he would receive an expedited blue badge. 1 minute 27 seconds. Easily the fastest Craft Talk in this Rotarian’s memory.

RECOGNITIONS

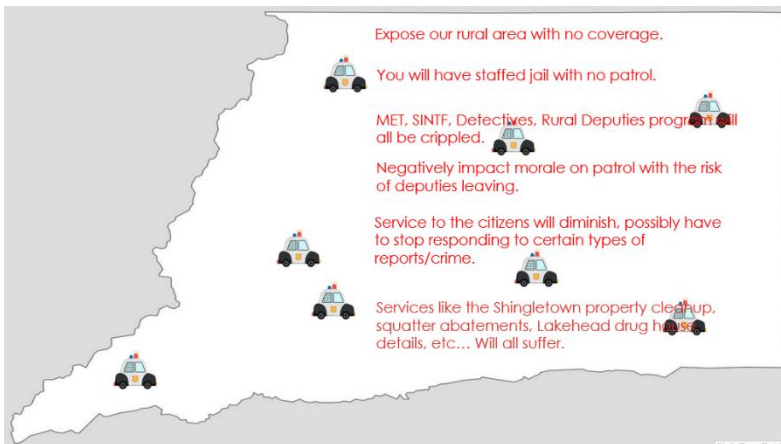
Due to time constraints there were no recognitions on Thursday.

PROGRAM – JAIL UPDATE

PP Ed Rullman introduced Shasta County Sheriff **Michael Johnson**. Ed shared his admiration for **Sheriff Johnson** as he had earned the privilege to retire at this point but chose instead to serve a compelling need as Shasta County Sheriff. Mike's Bio shows him to be an accomplished servant of his community (and a Rotarian). Among his many accomplishments Mike is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, has a master's degree in criminal justice and has served as Chief of Police in Lone and Anderson.



After commending **President Finnegan** for correctly spelling “Sheriff”, and admonishing Fire Chief **VanLandingham** for suggesting during **Sheriff Johnson’s** last visit that fire-fighting personnel were “better” than law enforcement personnel, **Sheriff Johnson** began with an overview of the Sheriff’s office. The office has 240 full time employees including Undersheriff Brian Jackson, 8 Lieutenants, 10 Sergeants, 56 patrol deputies and 76 Correctional deputies spread amongst the Service, Enforcement and Correctional Divisions. In addition, over 400 volunteers make up the search and rescue unit, citizen patrols, and perform various other duties.



Before moving on to the Jail **Sheriff Johnson** took a moment to explain why it has not been feasible to pull deputies off the street to work the understaffed jail with an entire floor closed due to staffing. In short, the impact to patrol services throughout are sprawling county would have been prohibitive, but there was also the question of morale. Deputies work patrol because they *like* it. Most began working in corrections and aspired to patrol, and now that they have made it would feel disappointed at having to go back to

corrections. As of today however, the Sheriff office staffing has finally improved to the point where **Sheriff Johnson** can begin pulling staff from all the various divisions to reopen the third floor of the jail, sharing the wealth (or misery as the case may be) amongst a larger pool of staff. In fact, the deputies and non-support staff currently coming off the street to staff the jail are all volunteers, which has mitigated the moral issue.

Currently the jail has two courtrooms attached to the it, making for easy transport of prisoners to their court appearances. When the new courthouse opens, the State has mandated these two attached courtrooms be closed and prisoners be transported across the street to the new courthouse, creating a whole new difficulty for **Sheriff Johnson** to navigate, which he has done smoothly. One of the old courtrooms will become a reception area for visitation and other services, while the other will become a video arraignment room. A secure transportation hub will be erected for the transport of prisoners across the street.



A very recent development according to **Sheriff Johnson** is the decision by the County Board of Supervisors to demolish the old courthouse and erect a new jail adjacent to the current one that will house up to 256 additional inmates. Good news? **Sheriff Johnson** was admittedly skeptical and cynical as he envisions a new offsite facility that encompasses mental health, counseling and other rehabilitative services. One group of people makes the rules, another group of people enforces them. **Sheriff Johnson** is of the latter. **Sheriff Johnson** also has demonstrated himself to be exceptionally intelligent, motivated, accomplished and passionate about his community. We are indeed lucky to have him as Sheriff.

Thank you, Sheriff Johnson, for an informative and entertaining presentation. Redding Rotary is pleased to see to it you escaped in time to attend you son's ceremonial badge pinning as he begins his career with the Redding Police Department.



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