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GO-BIZ

OPENING



Attendees on January 18th were greeted by **Ian Stripling**, **Ken Freigher** and **Phil McCarthy**. It seems our Keyway Greeters missed the memo. After introductory hand shakes and back slaps Rotarians were immediately relieved of a few dollars for the President's Fundraiser courtesy of **Karen Karnatz**, who also spearheaded the meeting alongside co-captain **Larry Olmstead**. **Larry** also led us in the pledge, **Mike Ashby** served as sergeant-at-arms and **Colin McDuffy** gave the invocation along with a short lesson in Irish accents (yelling). The raffle prize was "pending" as its donor, **Todd Davis**, agreed to supply said prize on a week he was vacationing in Hawaii, which certainly will earn him a modest fine upon his return. **PP Joe Ayer** introduced visitors and guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The District Conference is coming up and tickets are still for sale at a discounted price until the end of February, so sign up now.
- Team 6 has an upcoming happy-hour social. Location is yet to be determined but you can harass **Larry Olmstead** for details.
- Host families are still needed for I-House from March 24th thru 28th (the date in the graphic is \$100 wrong). **PP Amelia Ward** is once again the I-House hero. In addition to hosts she needs help with a skiing trip and navigating two houseboats. This event has been deeply rewarding for those who have chosen to participate in the past. If you are compelled to make a difference as a Rotarian this is a great opportunity.
- Redding Rotaries centennial celebration is on May 23rd. **President Finnegan** is soliciting volunteers to help. That means you. Reach out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- District Conference – *Regular Registration Jan-Feb*
- Team 6 Social – *February 1st*
- I-House – *March 22nd-28th*
- Centennial Celebration – *May 23rd*



HISTORY MINUTE

In September 1981 the Burney club, which our club sponsored, was struggling with attendance and funding. Our club stepped up and helped!

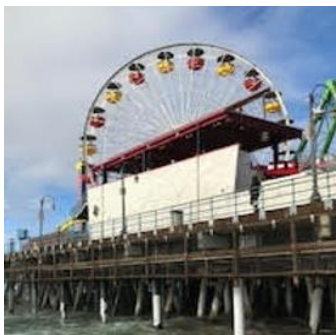
Our very own Lou Gerard, serving as the DG's Area Rep., rallied the Rotarians and invited members of our club to skip our Thursday meetings in order to attend the Burney club's Thursday meetings.

What a wonderful demonstration of solidarity and support for fellow Rotarians!



RECOGNITIONS

Larry Olmstead recently enjoyed a rare vacation staying a few days in Santa Monica, San Juan Capistrano and San Diego to visit friends. The weather was beautiful, and **Larry's** tummy stayed beautiful as he refrained from the carnival rides. **Larry** opined that it is very expensive down there, but he was still able to offer \$200 to the club. Thanks, **Larry!**





As is too often the case, it was the two co-captains sponsoring the meeting that were recognized. Following **Larry**, **Karen Karnatz** shared a few things in her life recently worthy of recognition. First, she has added a second puppy to the family; second, she was invited to speak in Brooklyn to a group about dealing with grief because of her Morning Space workshop efforts; and third, she recently gained 1000 followers to her Instagram account, of which half the Rotarians in attendance had no idea what she was talking about. What followed was a fairly confusing back and forth between **Karen** and **President Finnegan** about fines and who should pay them and to this point nobody seems to be quite sure whether **Karen** was fined or not.

HONOR TO YOUTH



Two students from U-Prep were honored on Thursday by **Mike Warren** and the Honor to Youth Committee. **Karina**, a senior, and **Treyvon**, an eighth grader, were introduced by U-Prep Superintendent **Rochelle Angley**. In addition to being outstanding students and role models, **Rochelle** shared that it is these students' character that sets them apart.

Treyvon, the best dressed individual at the meeting, plays travel baseball everyday and umpires little league games all while maintaining a 4.0 gpa. He thanked his family, friends and teachers for inspiring him every day.

Karina began by thanking God for her success. She added that "true leadership is about inspiring others to reach their full potential and fostering a sense of community". In addition to training in Taekwondo and kick-boxing, she competes in varsity volleyball, tennis and track.

Behind the scenes of the Honor to Youth ceremony was a push to keep the presentation to less than 10 minutes. The committee chair recommended **Mike Warren** keep his comments to one minute, but **Mike** being **Mike**, he fearlessly included a 2-minute joke about monasteries and a 2-minute story about **Rochelle's** brother **Brody**. Nevertheless, the entire presentation took 9 minutes and 45 seconds (who's counting??). Great job, **Mike!**

GO-BIZ

Thursday's program was delivered by **Nina Natina** of Go-Biz, which is short for Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. **Nina** is fairly new to the position but intrepidly delivered a broad overview of the agency's goals and activities. **Nina** is a former Rotary Scholarship recipient some 30 plus years ago.



In short, Go-Biz strives to improve economic stability and development, offering monetary incentives to encourage businesses to come to California. They assist in site selection and other cultural and logistical challenges a business faces when coming to a new area. Much thanks to **Nina** for the info.



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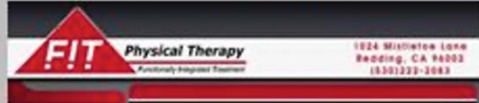


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