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### OPENING

The tenth meeting of the first year of the second century of Redding Rotary Club was brought to us by Team 1. Co-Captain **PP Joe Ayre** introduced his team and greeted, **Nikola Hawes** served as Keyway Greeter, **Mark Rincon** greeted and led the pledge, **Phil McCarthy** greeted, **Kathy Malain** peddled tickets, **Eva Jimenez** gave an invocation that built goodwill and better friendships, **Randy Tate** was Seargent-at-Arms, **Bret Christensen** shot photos and **PP Jake Mangas** introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

**Bret Christensen** was finally recognized by proxy from our District Governor, who three weeks ago singled out **Bret** and **Phil McCarthy** for all their support of the club behind the scenes.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pease see the photo to the right. These are the Giving Trees that were donated by Rotary Club to **Eva Jimenez** when she was battling cancer. The trees were named **Bella** and **Gigi** after **Eva's** two daughters; the idea being, since **Eva's** ability to care for her daughters during her intense treatments was compromised, they would be able to snatch a gift card off the tree when needed to get a meal, or a snack, or just to get a break from the stress. Cancer devastates everyone close to the infirmed.



Our **President Elect Wendy Dickens** allowed **Eva** to share with the club that she is currently battling her own journey, so **Eva** took a collection to make Giving Trees for **Wendy**. **Eva** gets emotional when she thinks about how impactful the Giving Trees were for her. It appears a full house participated. If you were absent and would like to contribute, please reach out to **Eva** soon.

- Elections will start next week. You can vote on the paper ballots which will be provided, or you can vote online. **PP Jen** cautioned you will have to identify yourself if you vote online, which prompted a brief debate about the legality of requiring a voter to reveal their selections. **PP Jen** replied, "This is not the United States Government it is the Rotary Club of Redding, and I get to make the rules." Enough said. If you don't want your selections revealed, it is best to vote the old-fashioned way.
- The Lassen Park Foundation is having a fundraising auction on Sat September 21st, and they need volunteers to help. Contact **PP Jen** to volunteer but look to Lassen Park Executive Director **Ken Freigher** to pay the fine for the unsolicited plug.
- **President Rick** took a minute to express his appreciation for **Mary Brace** and **Lindsay Myers** for their tireless devotion to the Haunted House since its inception. **Mary**, in

**Haunted House 2024**




**SAVE THE DATES – Work Party**

- **Fri Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 12p-2p:** Assistance needed to put up fence panels.
- **Sat Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 8a-12p:** Assistance needed to move items from storage unit to the Haunted House.
- **Sat Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 8a-12p:** Assistance needed to assemble tents and put walls into place for the Haunted House.
- **Sat Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 8a-12p:** Assistance needed to expand fence and place décor.
- **Sat Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 8a-12p:** FINISH DAY – assistance needed to complete the Haunted House! 😊
- **Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 8a-12p:** CLEAN UP DAY – assistance needed to clean up Haunted House and move back into the storage unit

response, gave credit to **Brian Scarr** for the brilliant idea to involve local youth clubs. Their input is substantial. Your author was at the Haunted House to erect tent frames on Saturday, working with most of the Shasta High Baseball Team. I was struck by their work ethic, courtesy, and competence. If these young men are any indication, the future of our country is in good hands.

- In February of 2018 the board approved a policy to limit Foundation Expenditures to 3%-7% of the balance above \$500K. The fund currently sits close to \$700,000, which would limit Foundation expenditures to about \$42,000 for the year. The club has the opportunity to purchase naming rights for the under-construction Redding Bike Park. **President Rick** and other members of the board think this very important, however the naming rights would cost \$75,000. No decision has been made but the club amended the 2018 policy limiting expenditures to \$42,000 to allow for the consideration of purchasing the naming rights.

## RECOGNITIONS

**Mark Rincon** and his lovely wife **Sherry** recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to Switzerland. Worth \$100 to his Paul Harris. Thanks, **Mark!**



Similarly, **Kathy Malain** recently traveled to Utah and Colorado to visit Antelope State and Arches National Parks. Country stunning enough to warrant \$100 to her Shan.



### PROGRAM – PROP 36

**PP Ed Rullman** introduced this week’s speaker, Attorney General and fellow Rotarian **Stephanie Bridgette**, to give us a deep dive into Prop 36, on November’s ballot. What is it and why should we care about it?

To understand the importance of Prop 36 we need to go back ten years to when Prop 47 was passed. “The Safer Neighborhood’s and School’s act”, as it was called, was a reaction to what was perceived to be a big problem at the time, “mass incarceration”. It made retail theft and drug possession much less punitive. In part it raised the cap on felony retail theft from \$450 to \$950 and removed consideration of repeat offenses in sentencing. A person could be arrested every day for shoplifting and if the theft did not exceed \$950, they could never be charged with a felony. Additionally, it made possession of any “hard drug” a misdemeanor regardless of the drug type or quantity.



The evidence above exposes disastrous results. Indeed, it suggests that Prop 47 is a principal driver of homelessness in California, as people who gravitate to the homeless/petty crime lifestyle have made their way across the country to California where our soft on crime policies have made life much better for them.

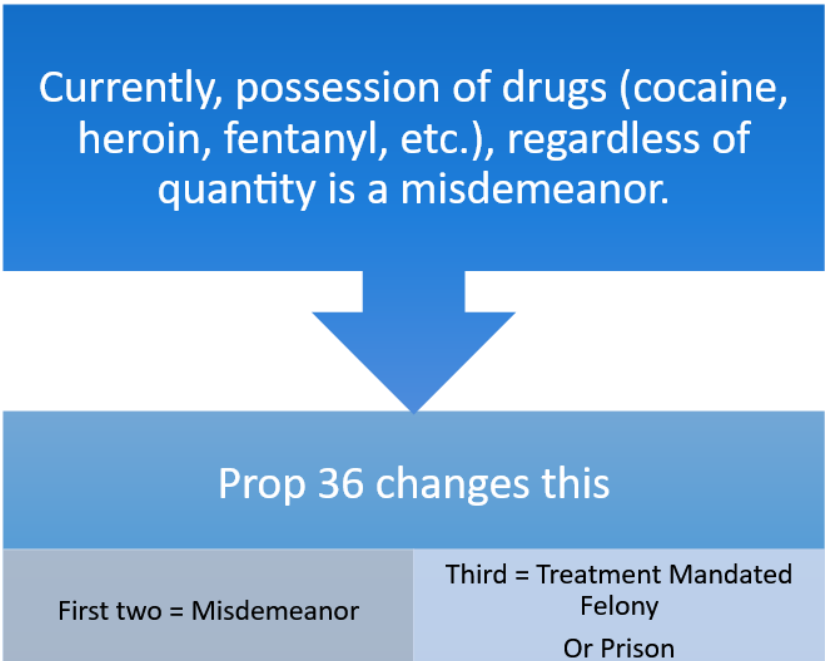
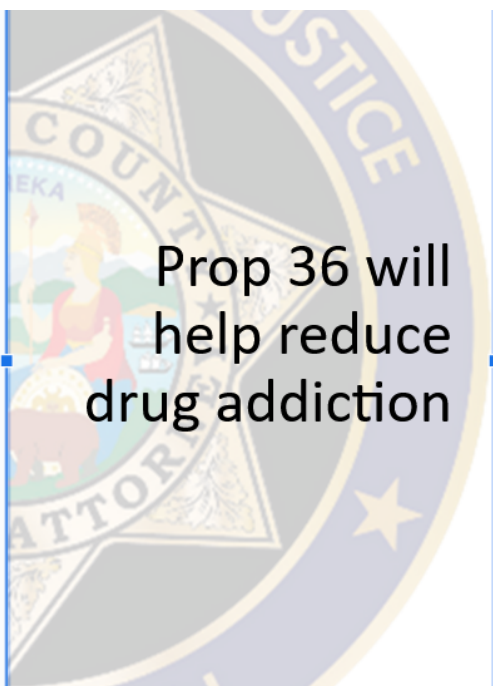
Prop 36 is a bi-partisan ballot measure that provides common sense, targeted reforms to Prop 47 that legislative proposals alone are unable to deliver.

- Addresses Serial Retail Theft and “Smash-and-Grabs”
- Confronts the Fentanyl Crisis in Our Communities
- Prioritizes Mental Health and Incentivizes Drug Treatment

**Felony Theft:** classifies repeated theft as a felony for individuals who steal less than \$950 if they have two or more prior theft convictions.

**Aggregation:** Allows stolen property values from multiple thefts to be aggregated so repeat offenders can be charged with a felony if the total exceeds \$950.

**Enhanced Penalties:** Authorizes judges to impose an enhanced penalty when an offender steals, damages, or destroys property by participating in organized theft with two or more offenders or by causing losses of \$50,000 or more.



Let it be known that since Prop 47 was a voter approved initiative, it cannot be changed by the legislature, but only by another voter approved initiative. It has made its way to the November ballot. Please be sure to vote on this important and culture changing initiative. Thank you, **Stephanie!**

Before the meeting was adjourned at 1:05, **Phil McCarthy** won \$20 in the President's Four Way Test Game, and **Eva Jimenez** walked away with a fifth of



**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

September 19	Career Tech Education Is Strong at Shasta College
September 26	OSP/Children's Legacy Center
October 3	State of the City
October 10	Belize's First Fishing Lodge

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of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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