



**Redding Police Department – Collaboration to Restart  
Redding Merchant’s Crime Watch**

**Rotary Year 2024-2025, 22nd Meeting, 1st Year, 2nd Century**

**President Rick Fauss** started the meeting at 12:03pm. He wanted to get to the meat of the meeting quickly today!

It was a beautiful day with lots of sunshine, a full flowing river, and snowcapped mountains in view.

The room was full since we had many guests to recognize from our “Honor to Youth” Program!



**PP Greg Balkovek, Team 5**



**Rick Fauss, President**



**Invocation & Sunshine**



**PP Dave Gerard, Visitors & Guests**



**Thank You Team 5 - Greg Balkovek**

- AV: Tony Giovaniello
- President’s Fundraiser: Trudy Tavares
- Pledge: Jerrod Vanlandingham
- Invocation: PP Joe Aver
- Welcome Guests: PP Dave Gerard
- Greeters: Andree Blanchier, Dave Rickert, Maurice Johannessen, Dan Ghidinelli, Lee Salter, Ken Freigher
- Photographer: Tony Giovaniello
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Jerrod Vanlandingham
- Prize Donation: Lee Salter
- Spillway: Tony Giovaniello

*“We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope”*  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Rotary Program Calendar**

	<i>Introduction</i>	<i>Program Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
16-Jan	Pat Corey	Aquaterra Water Cremation	Bryn Valencia
23-Jan	Jason Salter	The Difficulty in Recruiting Doctors to Redding	Dr. Paul Dhanuka
30-Jan	Jerrod Van Landingham	Community WildfireProtection Plan	Andrew Atkins
6-Feb	Bruce Dean	Community Foundation North State	Kerry Caranci

PP Joe Ayer, in addition to sharing the **Martin Luther King, Jr.** quote that was a favorite of former **President Jimmy Carter**, we recognized **President Carter's** passing and his life of service!

PP Joe tied **President Carter's** life of service to our opportunity we have, with the beginning of each and every new year, to be of service to others and our community!

PP **Dave Gerard**, introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. We had **Kristin** visiting from the Chico club. PP **Greg Balkovek** introduced **Steve Clark** mentioned that we had sixteen (16) guests joining us for the "Honor to Youth" program. The guests included four (4) honorees, their parents and their teachers or organizational leaders, that had recommended these students for recognition.

## Announcements

Food for Thought  
*Open Slots for Spring Deliveries*



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### Deliveries for the Remainder of 2024-2025 School Year

Date	Rotarian
01/16/2025	Judy Maxwell
01/30/2025	Tony Giovaniello
2/13/2025	Greg Balkovek
3/6/2025	<b>OPEN</b>
3/20/2025	<b>OPEN</b>
4/3/2025	Greg Balkovek
4/24/2025	<b>OPEN</b>
5/8/2025	<b>OPEN</b>
5/22/2025	Tony Giovaniello

The former "Food for Thought" program is now referred to as "Feeding Hungry Families."

We are delivering food to 224 families every other week during the school year.

Our need is for volunteers to deliver 68 food bags to five (5) school districts on the days highlighted in yellow. For more information reach out to Kathy Malain or Tony Giovaniello.

For many years, **Randy Smith** has been working with a team to build and deploy wood duck shelters along the Sacramento River. They have already built and placed many of these to take us through this year. As you know, **Randy** is very active with many aspects of the **Stream Team**, this being one part of their great work!

**Randy** has asked if someone else can lead this wood duck shelter effort next year! If you are willing to step up to get the healthy repopulation of these beautiful, very important member of the ecology of our area, please reach out to **Randy**, for more information!



## Honor to Youth



Representatives from our Honor to Youth Committee, **Steve Clark** and **Mike Warren**, introduced our honorees and their entourage. Today, we recognized four (4) of our accomplished young people. The committee, as you may know, receives recommendations from teachers and organizational leaders. The committee is looking to award youth with strong character, academic and athletic excellence, leadership qualities, and community engagement and service. Three (3) students were presented, one each from Sequoia Middle School, Grant School, and Turtle Bay. 4H also presented an honoree. Each of these awardees receiving \$250 in cash and a certificate of recognition!



# Recognitions

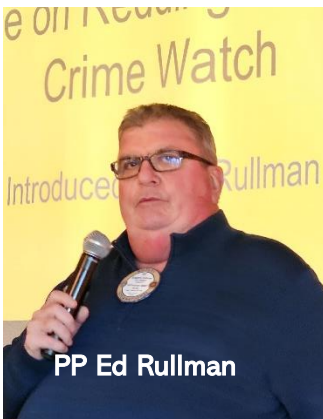
Over the holidays, **Trudy Tavares** went to Oklahoma, specifically Oklahoma City to visit family. She had a wonderful time and a safe trip.

She offered \$100 to the Club in appreciation of her time well spent in the Midwest!



**Oklahoma is OK! However, it is flat!**

# Program



**PP Ed Rullman**



**Sergeant, Ryan Ellis,**

**Speaker and Leader of Redding Merchant Crime Watch Initiative**

**RPD wants to reinvigorate this group and use it in a manner similar to Neighborhood Watch Program**

In approximately 2011, PP Ed Rullman started the "Redding Merchant Crime Watch" group. It's focus was on the illegal activities on Hilltop Drive. The group had meetings and eventually a Facebook page. Over time, it expanded from the Hilltop area to a Redding wide group. Although it offered many wonderful attributes to communicate and build understanding, it was too big for the small group managing it. Eventually, the group went dormant.

**Sergeant Ellis would like to see interested citizens engage and help recreate this group with renewed enthusiasm and organization. He envisions this tool as a means to gather information, to share it, and to act on it in a coordinated fashion. Community involved as exists in the Neighborhood Watch Program with RPDs NPUs (Neighborhood Policing Unit) would be the best way to gain leverage and with the community!**

**RPD is looking for interested community membership to enege in the development and management of this program in a collaborative manner. Please call the Redding Police Department at (530) 225-4200.**

*The Neighborhood Police Unit (NPU) is a specialized unit within the Redding Police Department focused on building positive relationships between law enforcement and the local community. The primary goal of the NPU is to enhance public safety and address the unique needs and concerns of specific neighborhoods.*

*The NPU fosters a sense of community, enhances public safety, and builds trust between law enforcement and residents. By actively involving the community in problem-solving and crime prevention efforts, this unit contributes to the overall well-being of the neighborhoods they serve.*

Link to Program Audio:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Kk1KSKqcz3bmCCTieXp\\_Pp\\_Sy5Cw-BMR/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Kk1KSKqcz3bmCCTieXp_Pp_Sy5Cw-BMR/view?usp=sharing)

## Prizes

**Lee Salter** had donated two bottles of wine for the door prize. **Officer Yabra**, RPD NPU, won the first one, but donated it back. Then, **Lee Salter's** number was called! **Lee** offered it back! **Phil McCarthy** finally won a bottle. **Dan Ghidinelli** won the 2<sup>nd</sup> bottle. Congrats to **Phil** and **Dan**!

In the tile game, **Mike Warren's** number was called. He offered it to his 4H awardee. She was able to score \$40 on **Mike's** generosity! **PP Ed** donated his \$40 and many other members also donated at the end of the meeting.

**Link to the 4 Way Test**

**Song:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nYfpEjqog4gxAen9qZj6YasdxgmXyA3z/view?usp=sharing>

## Quotes from Jimmy Carter

**"God wisely designed the human body so that we can neither pat our own backs nor kick ourselves too easily."**

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**"Earlier in my life I thought the things that mattered were the things that you could see, like your car, your house, your wealth, your property, your office. But as I've grown older I've become convinced that the things that matter most are the things that you can't see -- the love you share with others, your inner purpose, your comfort with who you are."**

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**"Throughout my life, I've seen the difference that volunteering efforts can make in people's lives. I know the personal value of service as a local volunteer."**

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**"What are the things that you can't see that are important? I would say justice, truth, humility, service, compassion, love...They're the guiding lights of a life."**

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**"You always get back much more than you give."**

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**"I am no big shot. I am not anybody's boss. I want to be everybody's servant."**

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**"Always tell the truth, and take an interest in serving the people around you as much as possible."**

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## The Four-Way Test

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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