



## AQUATERRA – Cremation by Water

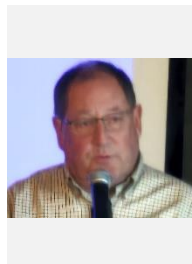
*Rotary Year 2024-2025, 23rd Meeting, 1st Year, 2nd Century*

**President Rick Fauss** started the meeting with his normal welcome calling out the meeting number in this Rotary Year, and also pointing out that we are in our 2<sup>nd</sup> century as a club!

He asked us to welcome those who you have not seen in a while! Then, he introduced Team Number 6 to share the meeting participants, their roles and responsibilities.



**Andy McCurdy & Ryan Burks, Team 6 Co-Captain**



**PP Pat Corey, Introduction of Program**



**Rick Fauss, President**



**PP Joe Ayer Invocation & Sunshine**

**Andy McCurdy** started by saying that the Greeters today included **Saaed Hedayattzadeh**, **Jack Kimple**, and himself. **Trisha Funk** helped by selling President Fundraiser tickets. The pledge was led by **Ryan Burks**. Then, **PP Joe Ayer**, provided the Invocation today! Our Sergeant-at-Arms was **Dr. James Tate**. **Jack Kimple** was also the photographer for this meeting. Our **PP Kathy Anderson** introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. **Ryan Burks** shared that our program today was "AQUATERRA." **PP Pat Corey** introduced our speaker, **Bryn Valencia**." Today's door prizes were a 12 pack of Michelob Ultra and a 12 Pack of Trulia Seltzer.

### Rotary Program Calendar

	<i>Introduction</i>	<i>Program Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
23-Jan	Jason Salter	The Difficulty in Recruiting Doctors to Redding	Dr. Paul Dhanuka
30-Jan	Jerrod Van Landingham	Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Andrew Atkins
6-Feb	Bruce Dean	Community Foundation North State	Kerry Caranci

**PP Joe Ayer**, in his Invocation, spoke about **GRATEFULNESS**... "He said,

***"In daily life, we must see that it is not Happiness with makes us Grateful, but Gratefulness that makes us happy!"***

*A Benedictine Monk*

**PP Ayer's** prayer focused on thankfulness, being compassion, loving, and fair...

PP Kathy Anderson, introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. Cindy Fisher had a guest, who was also a visiting Rotarian from Redding West. PP Pat Corey introduced his guests, which were our program speakers, Bryn Valencia and Dr. Chris Valencia. Eva Jimenez introduced her guest, he husband, Chris!

## 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.

### Still Need to Fill these Slots!

Bob Dicker is in the hospital. He may need to be in rehab for a bit. Hopefully, he will be out in time to celebrate his 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday, in February! His grandson, Chris, will keep us posted...

Dr. Richard Malotky has returned home from the Midwest. He seems to be doing a lot better! Hopefully, you all had a chance to sign the cards that PP Greg Balkovek had at the back table!



Ryan Burks announced that there would be a meeting for the "Blue-Collar Scholar" Committee after the meeting today. If you missed the meeting, please reach out to Ryan for an update.

Jason Salter announced that I-House is just around the corner. He had a cast of a characters helping share the details and opportunities related to this program which included PP Tiger Michiels, PP Amelia Ward, and Randy Smith.

Our goal is to host thirty (30) or more students! The team is looking for hosts for our students. You can host as many as you'd like. The dates are Sunday afternoon, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Host families responsibilities include transporting the students to City Hall each morning by 8:00 am, and then, picking them up at 5:00 pm. You would then feed them dinner and offer a place to stay on Sunday-Wednesday evenings.

The agenda for these days includes ski equipment rental on Sunday afternoon, Skiing on Monday, Houseboating on Tuesday, a tour of Shasta Dam on Wednesday hosted by Redding Rotary East, then, in the evening, the Anderson Rotary will host a barbeque and line-dancing. On Thursday, the students will attend a luncheon at our club to share their experiences during the preceding days.

After the luncheon, they will return to the bay area via bus. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jason or Amelia!

## Announcements (cont'd)

**President Rick** reminded us about his goal of attaining 75% attendance next week. He suggested that we reach out to club members who have not been here in a while, and ask them to come and say hello!

He also talked about the board initiative to encourage more bill payment via check to reduce card processing fees. He said, it saves the club at least \$2,000 annually!

These thoughts were prompted by Board discussions in January, as you can see below!

In the next few weeks, there will be more information about the financial performance of our "Haunted House" fundraiser. There will be a financial accounting as well as a discussion about what we learned and how it could be used to create better outcomes.

There may even be a club-wide survey, as we had last year, to gather input from the club in general. The Haunted House committee has already met once this year. They would like to have one more meeting to come to consensus on how we could improve the whole program.

Once they have recommendations for consideration of the board, a discussion as to whether the survey should be conducted will occur.

## January Board Meeting

**President Rick** is looking for our club to work toward an attendance of 75%.

He also asked if we could where our Rotary "Pins."

The Club is spending over \$2,000 a year in card processing fees. He asked if could make more of our payments by check, so that we can deploy even more funds into our community!

## January 2025 Board Decisions

- Seventy-five percent attendance day - January 23 - next week! If we hit our target, the team with highest percentage will get a prize!
- Avoid the card transaction fees by paying with a check. Would save our club about \$2,000 per year.

## Recognitions



**PP Jake Mangas** shared that his son, **Joe**, is home from 4 years in the Air Force, after serving his whole tour in Okinawa. He has experience in water systems maintenance and plumbing.

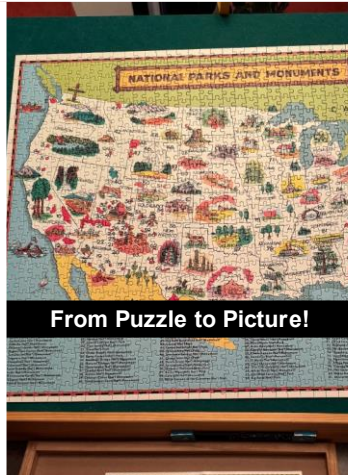
As a service member, he also has a lot of general experience that could be applied in many careers.

**Joe** is living at home with **Jake** and **Janet**. **Joe** and **Jake** are looking for the next opportunity for **Joe**!

**Jake** offered \$100 to the club to generate some good luck for **Joe**!



## Recognitions (cont'd)



When the question of your recent accomplishments comes up, **Eva Jimenez**, always has one in her back pocket, or on a “puzzle” table!

It started as a pile of 1000 puzzle pieces, but they were transformed into a picture, with many learning opportunities!

In honor of her accomplishment, **Eva** offered \$100 to her Paul Harris!

On the right, next to his coach, we have **Carson**, who is **PP Kathy Anderson’s** 17 year-old grandson. He is a junior at Foothill High School. You can see from his size, he definitely looks like he belongs on the varsity football team!

However, he is just not on the team, he is on of the very important contributors. That belt you see if awarded to the Most Valuable Player on the team!

He is only a junior, so he has one more year to show his stuff. I am sure that his coach, the students, and Palo Cedro football fans are quite happy that they’ll have **Carson** for one more year!

**PP Kathy** celebrated this award with \$100 to the club!



### Tony & Kelli Giovaniello

- Purchased a “gently used” Motorhome
- Bought in Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Fly-Drive, End of October
- Small Accident on last day of X-Country trip
- Just got back from Body Shop
- Ready to GO!



**Tony and Kelli Giovaniello** looked long and hard for the perfect motorhome. They had units inspected in NY, IA, and FL. They finally found the perfect “gently used” unit...

**Tony** flew to Florida. He could purchase the unit, visit his brother, and then drive the motorhome back to Redding!

Everything was going just fine until the last night of his trip. He had to stop for an urgent bathroom break. During that quick stop, **Tony**, all of sudden, felt what he thought was an earthquake. Then, he thought the truck in front of him had backed into the front of the motorhome. It was a small collision, but he noticed that his motorhome was in DRIVE. UUJGGGHHH!

**Tony** offered \$100 to the club and \$50 to his Paul Harris to remind him of how to properly put the unit in “PARK.”



## Recognitions (cont'd)



**1)** Kathy Malain's new granddaughter, Briannan is being held by her older brother, Sterling.



**2)** Kathy and Guy visited Sicily. Here is shot of Mount Edna, which is an very active volcano in the Northeast region of Sicily.



**3)** This is a Rotary Monument that was pointed out after **Kathy** shared an overview of the Rotary Program, "Feeding Hungry Children" with the group of accompanying travelers!

**4)** To travel on the narrow roads at night, you have to join a "road club." Here, you can see **Kathy** and **Guy**, with their driver, after they become members, of course!

**Kathy** offered \$200, \$100 for each, her new granddaughter and the fabulous trip to Sicily!

**President Rick** pointed out the wonderful thoughtfulness and the camaraderie of our group here to the right!

**PP Amelia Ward, Trudy Tavares, and PP Kathy Anderson** went to visit Rotarians, **PP Lou Gerard, Dee Domkee, and Gene Pouch**, in their assisted living facility.

This is a Rotary meeting on location!

A definite example of Rotarian Spirit and Support for our fellow Rotarians!



# Program



Pat Corey



### What is Water Cremation?

**Aquamation:** a gentle process that uses water instead of fire to return a body back to the earth.

The scientific name for this is alkaline hydrolysis.

Gentle Water + Temperature + Alkalinity



Bryn Valencia

### The Options

Post Life

- Traditional Burial
- Fire Cremation
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Energy Consumption:

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Reduces CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions:

**75% Reduction**

water cremation helps reduce our carbon footprint

Harmful Chemicals:

**Zero.**

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Link to Program Slides:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GDZoaUvVSs0Wc-kljzwuYhPRhUbXfvXw/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103710665847894715894&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Link to Program Audio:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/14RNkt\\_BCEss4UDjclH1feaOqmcIR-hQc/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14RNkt_BCEss4UDjclH1feaOqmcIR-hQc/view?usp=sharing)

Door Prizes:

Michelob Ultra – Dave Dennis, Trulia – PP Jenn Finnegan

President’s Fundraiser (4 Way Test Game):

Ken Wood’s ticket is picked for \$40!





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