

Tino Hofer, Ventriloquist

"The Swiss Army Knife of Entertainment"
Rotary Year 2024-2025, 29th Meeting, 1st Year, 2nd Century

President Rick Fauss started the meeting with the sound of the bell! The backdrop was a rainy day and a very full river. From the Riverview windows, we could see the river below extending far beyond its normal banks!

Lindsay Myer and Phil McCarthy, Co-Captains for Team # 2 then introduced their team and the roles they played for today's meeting. Eva Jimenez provided the invocation. The Greeters were Mark Wood, Susie Michiels, Amelia Ward, Randy Smith, and Jerrod Vandlandingham. The President's fundraiser tickets were sold by Lindsay Myers. Our pledge was led by Randy Smith. The sergeant-at-arms was Michelle Nystrom. Photos for the meeting were taken by Phil McCarthy. Introducing our visiting Rotarians and guests was PP Amelia Ward. Our one and only, Rob Adams manned the AV controls for today's meeting. Mr. Steve Williams donated a bottle of Cabernet for the door prize. Lastly, PP Jake Mangas introduced our guest speaker, Tino Hofer, a ventriloquist!



President Rick Fauss, or is it?

PP Amelia Ward led the introduction of guests. We have 5 guests today brought by Michelle Nystrom, Brian Scarr, and our PP Jake Mangas (our program speaker and his significant other).



Eva Jimenez, during the sunshine report /invocation told us that Friday was Valentine's Day. She encouraged all those that had not yet made preparations for this very important day that they had one day left to get it together!

Announcements

Eva Jimenez and **Leslie Williem** shared that Teams 3 and 6 are collaborating in putting on a social. All teams are invited to attend! The social will take place at CR Gibbs, on the patio, weather permitting. There is a no host bar, but some light food will be served. An invitation will be sent out. Please RSVP so that the Teams and Gibbs can plan for the appropriate amount of food and seating. This will be held on March 13 @ 4pm!

Rotary Program Calendar		
Date	Program Topic	Speaker
20-Feb	California Home Insurance Crisis	Jeff Avery
27-Feb	McConnell Foundation Priorities	Shannon Phillips
6-Mar	TBD	
13-Mar	Irish History/St. Patrick's Day Celebration	Colin Duffy/Allison Hall
20-Mar	Yoga At SUHSD	Anette Wilson

Steve Clark shared that this year's Rotary Directory was about to be printed. He encouraged any and all that needed to have contact information added or edited to do so.

PP Amelia Ward is still in need of homes for as many as ten (10) students. If more host homes are not identified, they will have to reduce the number of students that can participate. Please contact Amelia, if you'd like to help in this regard! PP Jake Mangas told us about a story that a cashier shared. The mom told Jake that when her kids were about twelve (12), our Rotary gave bikes to them through Trinity Lutheran Church. She shared how this was something that was very well remembered since it was during a period when her family had very little. Jake was amazed at how this mom remembered this from so many years ago. It is a reminder of how our club's little acts of kindness and generosity have big and lasting impacts! Thanks for sharing this, Jake!

BOARD MEETING UPDATE



February 2025

February 2025 Board Decisions

 New level of membership for those who are under 30 years of age and have two sponsors who will help share the cost - \$27 per week to \$17 per week; one-time fee of \$100 is waived for first year dues.

The Board had been discussing ways of motivating younger members of our community to join our club. A key barrier was determined to be cost. So, creatively, the Board adopted a new policy whereby current members can subsidize new, younger members. Hopefully, this will act as a means of building our membership and engaging younger adults in Rotary and our club! Thanks to **PP Greg Balkovek** for researching what other clubs are doing and suggesting this new program!

Little Free Library Program

This is a Local Service Project led by **Brad Rullman**. Rotarians install these little libraries in our neighborhoods. Families agree to have these placed in front of their homes. The community fills them with free books for kids. This is to ensure that kids have access to free and appropriate reading material right in their neighborhoods!

Featured in these photos are Rotarians:



Judy Maxwell shared that she sponsored a little library in her neighborhood over ten (10) years ago.. She said, "it is still widely used!"

Brad Rullman, Jason Montague,
PP Greg Balkovek, PP Pat Corey, Colin
Duffy, Laurie Baker, and Tony Giovaniello

Recognitions



This is the granddaughter of **PP Amelia Ward**. She is an accomplished "horseman," which is a prerequisite for consideration. On the left, she received the honor of "Miss Rodeo California." Next goal, "Miss Rodeo USA!"

She promotes the sport and events of rodeo around the state!

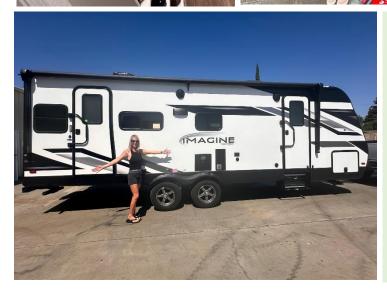
Michelle Nystrom is back for a cameo appearance...\$200 to Paul Harris











More of Michelle:

Upper left is a new closet that almost fits all of her shoes.

Middle Upper is a picture from a recent European trip.

Upper right is the receipt of a Raising Shasta sponsorship check from our own Dr. Norman Hall from Simpson University.

Lower Left is a new travel trailer for more upcoming travel in North America......

That's a lot of activity. No wonder why she has not been around...she is a busy lady!

Program

Ventriloquist, **Tino Hofer,** from Bern, Switzerland, performs at the Redding Performing Arts Center!

He entertained us with his Unicorn, an endearing Sloth, and then with our own president, **Rick** Fauss!



PP Jake Mangas introduced our program and guest performer!

Prizes:

The wine donated by Steve Williams was won by Rick Hill!

In the tile game, 's number was called. He pulled the letter "N". That was worth \$40!

Link to the 4 Way Test

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



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