

Meeting Date: February 27, 2025 Day Publisher: Steve Clark

McConnell Foundation

Thank You Team 4 - Judy Maxwell & Nikola Hawes

AV Rob Adams

President's Fundraiser Nikola Hawes

Pledge Jeanne Jelke

Invocation Joe Wyse

Welcome Guests PP Jake Mangas

Greeters Tenessa Audette, Shauna Bambino, Colin Duffy,

Nikola Hawes, Judy Maxwell,

Photographer Nikola Hawes

Sergeant-At-Arms Cindy Fisher

Prize Donation Cindy Fisher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I House is almost here and host families are still needed. Please contact PP Amelia Ward.

- **PP John Mathena's** wife **Jean** passed away recently. **John** has elected to provide a private service; however your condolences are welcome.
- May 2-4 is the District 5160 Conference in San Ramon, including a Rotary Golf outing on Thursday the 1st. Please scan the QR Code here to register. There is a special room arrangement at the Marriott and lots of fun activities planned.
 President Rick expressed concern that very few Redding Rotarian's are signed up presently and he's hoping we will make a good showing.
- PP Amelia Ward is still in desperate need of hosts for I-House, and the crucial dates are coming near. Please reach out to PP Amelia.
- Everyone was pleased to see **Dee Domke** in attendance. It has been a while since she was able to attend. Good to see you again, **Dee!**
- Nikola Hawes recently presented to the Shasta County Board of Supervisors regarding needed code adjustments for Hawes Farm. She wanted to thank all the members who supported, and \$150 to the President's Discretion to show her gratitude.
- Eva Jimenez and Andy McCurdy reminded the club there is a club wide social on March 13th at CR Gibbs at 4pm. Food will be provided with a no-host bar. Please RSVP so they can plan for the food.



RECOGNITIONS



Jean Jelke recently enjoyed a Disney Cruise with grandchildren **Emily** and **William** and their parents **Karen** and **Mike.** \$100 to the club. Thanks, **Jean**!



PP Ed Rullman spied Brian Scarr wearing PP Tom Semingson's badge. Not sure if a fine was levied.

Jason Montague went on a Heavy Metal Cruise and followed it up with a tour of the Pentagon and the Museum of the Bible. Worth \$200 to the club. Thanks, **Jason**.



Simpson U President **Norm Hall** presented a \$1000 donation to Raise Shasta in support of our own Simpson Alum **Michelle Nystrom. President Rick** didn't feel right about a fine but **Norm** gave \$100 to his Paul Harris anyways.



PROGRAM - MCCONNELL FOUNDATION

Chief Operations Officer **Shannon Phillips** did the program Thursday about the McConnell Foundation. She's been with the McConnell Foundation since 1994 and is also a 20-year Rotarian. A few highlights:

- The Foundation was founded by Leah and Carl McConnell with proceeds from stock in the Farmer's Insurance Group held from the 1920's until 1988. The Foundation was created in 1964.
- The Foundation, headquartered at Lema Ranch, has an asset base of about \$500million dollars, including ownership of over 5000 acres.
- Supporters of North State Together, Career and College Options, Nature Bridge Yosemite and many other social endeavors.
- Modified the Scholarship to a highly successful "ongoing mentorship" model.
- Purchased and repurposed the old Police Station, IOOF Hall, and the Bell Room as part of their Community Vitality Program.
- Heavily involved in Wildfire Recovery and Prevention efforts in the North State.
- What's new for the future? A focus on Foster Youths. Details to be determined,



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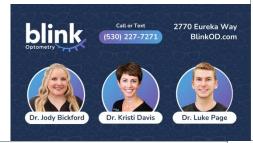


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