



Meeting Date: August 14, 2025

Day Publisher: Steve Clark

TEAM 5: Tim Thomas and Steve Clark

AV	Tony Giovaniello
President's Fundraiser	Steve Clark
Pledge	Mark Cibula
Invocation	Mark Rincon
Welcome Guests	PP Greg Balkovek
Greeters	Tim Thomas, Greg Balkovek
	Saeed Hedayattzadeh, Ben Sprague
Photographer	Jason Richart
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mary Brace
Prize Donation	Saeed Hedayattzadeh

OPENING

BOB!! Thursday's meeting opened with a bout of eardrum rattling feedback from our audio system, from which **President Wendy** took a minute to recover. It is traditional that **Bob Allen** gets the blame but this time it was **Tony Giovaniello** at the controls. **Tony** is an amazing Rotarian and has manned the AV many times without incident, so he gets a pass. BOB!!



Team 5 Captains Tim Thomas and Steve Clark.
Tim announced the meeting participants and
Steve explained the origins of the Word of the Day.

After the undesirable crescendo, **President Wendy** introduced a new meeting procedure....the "I'm Fired Up!" procedure. Throughout the meetings of Wendy's tenure, when she gets excited about something, she's going to yell "I'm fired up!", to which the rest of the club is to reply, "We're ready to go!" We gave it a practice run and it sounded great!

WORD OF THE DAY: DUEDNO
An emphatic expression of the
negative, as in "Dude, NO!"

*Next, **Mark Rincon** gave the invocation, but first a little Four-Way truth: the perfect man. The perfect man wakes every day at 5am, exercises regularly, makes his own bed and keeps a clean home. He works sincerely and does not touch alcohol, is punctual, and in bed every evening by 9am. Where can we find such a man?
.....in jail.*



Question of the Week 8/7/25:
Why do a fundraiser?



Top Answers:
Scholarships and Community Projects

Question of the Week:

8/14/25

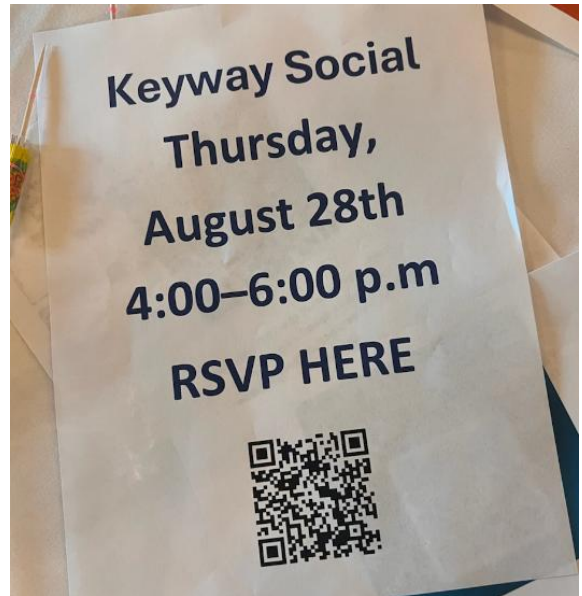


How satisfied are
you with Riverview?

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PP Rick Fauss (standing), Jack Kimple (chewing)
and the back of Mike Ashby's head.



Scan the QR Code above to RSVP for the Keyway
Social on August 28th.

- **Tim Thomas** is looking for items to put in a gift basket for **DG Joy Alaidarous'** visit next week, particularly items that are NorCal, Shasta, or Redding themed. Please reach out to **Tim** quickly as time is running out.
- **PP Amelia Ward** announced a meeting of the Fellowship Committee after Thursday's meeting. You're probably wondering, if the meeting is over, why announce it in the Spillway? Because **PP Amelia** is still recruiting for the Committee, and she wants YOU. If you are interested in ways to further plug into the club, Fellowship is a great place to start.
- There will be a club wide social hosted by Keyway two weeks from Thursday at CR Gibbs. **Carlene Fish** requests you RSVP by scanning the QR code above.
- **PP Rick Fauss** reminds the nominating committee there is a meeting on Monday at noon regarding 26-27 prospective board members. Elections to be held September 18th. Monday? Hope this Spillway gets out in time!

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The Board held its monthly meeting last Tuesday and the following topics were discussed:

- What to do with the mountain of Haunted House materials. Several ideas were offered, including a workday to sort, discard unwanted items, and to move items desired for retention. However, since the Thursday meeting, there has been an exciting development on this front; however, since it is not yet official, it will be announced in a future Spillway.
- The Finance Committee, headed by **PP Jenn Finnegan** and **Ken Freigher**, is nearing the final touches on the 25-26 budget. Details to follow.
- **Brad Rullman** is again asking the club for opportunities to perform community projects. He has little to nothing on the agenda, and if you know **Brad**, that makes him antsy.... and we don't want that!
- **Nikola Hawes**, supported by husband **Greg**, was awarded her Blue Badge. Congratulations!

RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions took a detour towards the weird on Thursday as **President Wendy** recalled the attempted theft of the Rotary Bell last week....guess you had to be there. Anyways, **Azi Barzin** said he wanted to get caught and son **Dar Barzin** was found guilty by association in absentia. Worth \$100 to **Azi's** Shan. **Dar's** contribution TBD.



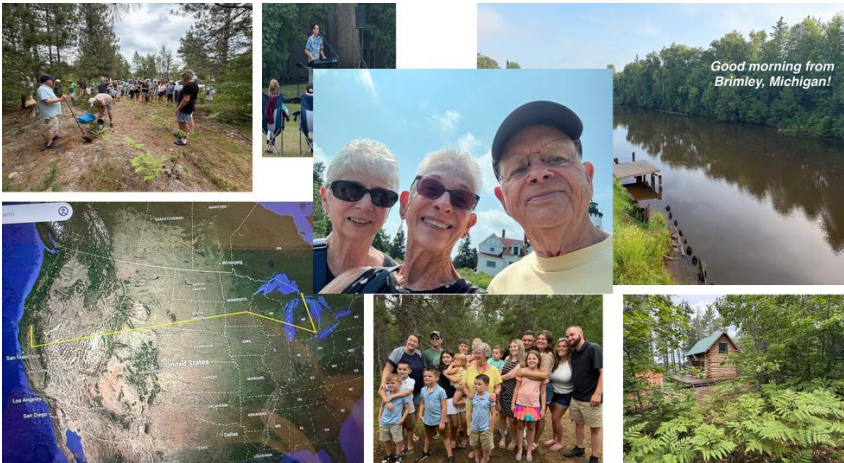
HANDS OFF, AZI!



Azi Barzin explaining that humor is not a crime!



← **Mary Brace** suffers from MT Pockets after a combo trip to Italy, Twirler World Championships and Graduations. Still had enough to part with \$100 to the club! →



It seems a regular occurrence that **PP Greg Balkovek** is recognized for traveling, this time to Brimley, Michigan for a family Reunion. **Greg**, did you say there were 70-80 attendees?! **Sacrebleu!** Last time half that number of my family got together it resulted in handcuffs and emergency rooms. Nice job pulling it off. Worth \$100 to **PP Greg's** Paul Harris.

Tim Thomas

In keeping with the tradition that no misfortune goes unpunished, **Tim Thomas** lost \$100 to the club after having surgery. **Tim** justified the fine by saying the surgery went well, he feels great and now can have some fun. Nothing more fun than scalpels and stitches.



What happened?



President Elect **Brian Scarr** and lovely wife **Lorraine** attended a Country Music concert in Redding recently. **Brian** apparently is not a big Country Music fan, although he had fun anyways, though not as much fun as he had afterwards when they played Black Jack and he won \$100, which now belongs to the Club.



What began as a recognition for a first visit to Shasta Caverns turned into a recognition for missing 3 meetings in a row. **Scott Pewitt** shared this has been a terrific year in business, the best in the last 15, and that is why he has been absent. Cost him \$100 to his Paul Harris. Thanks, Scott!

50 Years of Service Above Self

On August 7th 1975 **PP Joe Tallerico** became a Rotarian. Today **Joe** was honored for 50 years of service to the club and the community. When asked why he has remained a member so long **PP Joe** mentioned the fellowship, love of community, and all the friends. "Rotary has been very good to me".



PP Joe Tallerico (center) is flanked by **Todd Davis** (left) and **Joe Girimonte** (right)

PROGRAM

A theme for President **Wendy's** year will be literacy, and to further that end today's presentation, given by our own **Shauna Bambino**, was about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, an effort to improve literacy rates in young children. Below are some highlights.



Why Early Literacy Matters

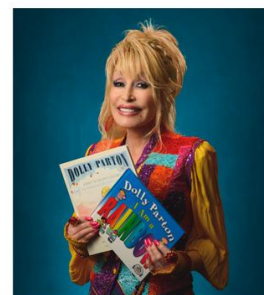
1 in 3 American children enter kindergarten **without the skills they need to learn to read.**

57.2% of 3rd graders in **Shasta County** were **not meeting** Literacy Standards as of 24/25.

When a young child enters kindergarten **ready for school**, there is an **82%** chance that the child will **master basic skills** by age 11, compared with a **45%** chance for children who are **not school-ready.**

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

- Dolly Parton launched the Imagination Library in 1995 to foster an early love of reading and learning in her hometown of Sevier County, Tenn.
- The Imagination Library has since become the highest quality, most recognizable and most effective book gifting resource in the world.
- Over 280 million free books have been gifted since the program's inception in 1995.
- More than 3 million free books are gifted each month to children around the world.



How Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Works

- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails free high-quality, age-appropriate books to registered children every month from birth to age 5.
- Children enrolled from birth receive 60 books by the time they graduate from the Imagination Library program.
- The Foundation covers overhead costs and negotiates wholesale pricing for the books, while local community partners cover the cost of mailing and decided-upon wholesale book prices.
- All children in Shasta County, birth to age 5, can enroll. There are no income restrictions.



The Imagination Library in Our Community

- 1 Improved Kindergarten Readiness**
 - Children who receive books from birth show better literacy skills at school entry.
- 2 Strengthens Families**
 - Promotes parent-child bonding through shared reading time.
- 3 Lifts Entire Communities**
 - Long-term economic benefits through improved education outcomes.
 - Supports literacy and education.
- 4 Local Impact Potential**
 - 16,593 eligible children live in Shasta County with an average of 1,720 births per year.
 - Our goal is to serve at least 30% of eligible children by the end of 2026.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS

A special screening of
SENTENCED
AN IMMERSED AND VULNERABLE FILM ABOUT THE CRISIS OF LITERACY IN AMERICA
FROM PRODUCERS STEPHEN & AYESHA CURRY
FOR THE CHILDREN'S LITERACY PROJECT

Cascade Theater
1779 MARKET ST. REDDING, CA
**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 4th, 2025
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

SCHEDULE
5:30 PM BOOKS OPEN
6:00 PM FILM SCREENING
7:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION WITH DANA
8:30 PM RECEPTION

IT TAKES A VILLAGE—AND YOU'RE INVITED.
COME SEE HOW WE CAN REWRITE THE
STORY FOR OUR KIDS IN SHASTA COUNTY.

HEALTH • RESOURCES • ENTERTAINMENT • ACTIVITIES
CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
Turtle Bay Exploration Park | 10:00AM - 2:00PM
844 Sundial Bridge Drive, Redding, CA

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

FREE FOR TURTLE BAY MEMBERS | FREE FOR NON-MEMBERS AGE 12 & UNDER
Enjoy a day at Turtle Bay and learn about the resources and supports available to young children in Shasta County. This event will include child development information, hands-on activities for children, story time and so much more!

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES | CHILD DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION
STORY TIME | SIGN-UP FOR DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

For more information contact: (830) 805-2649 or info@shastalibrary.org

DATE	UPCOMING PROGRAMS
Aug 21	District Governor Visit
Aug 28	1% Sales Tax Explained
Sep 4	WES Camp Update
Sep 11	Club information/input - (Cpt Cole?)

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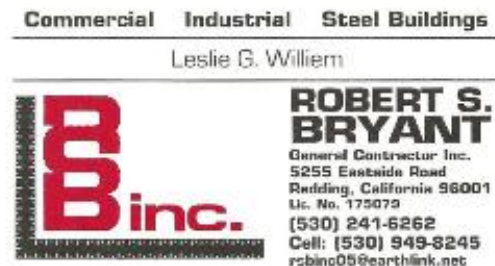
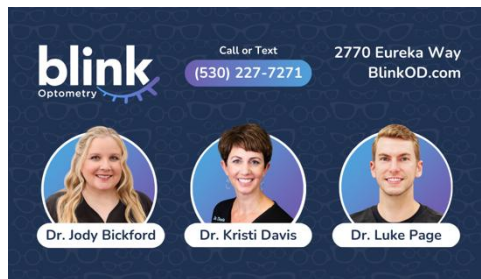
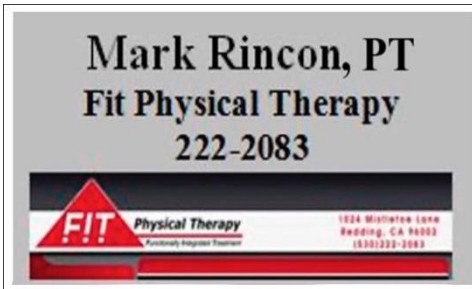
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