



Program: District Governor, *Joy Alaidarous*

The meeting opened with thanks to **Rick Hill** for live music. Team captains **Ben Sprague** and **Phil McCarthy** introduced their team. **Jack Kimple** led the pledge and served as Sergeant-at-Arms. Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced by **PP Tom Semingson**, including **Bob Nash** and **Daniel Adams**.

Members were encouraged to participate in the weekly satisfaction survey, which had a 3.16 average score last week, with responses ranging from 1 to 5.

President Wendy had one eye on her bell and one eye on **Azi Barzin** all through the proceedings!



President, Wendy Dickens

Team 6 Captains - Ben Sprague and Phil McCarthy

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Jack Kimple
John Mancasola
Maria Orozco
Mike Warren
Norm Hall
Pat Corey
Ray Stewart
Richard Malotky
Shauna Bambino
Stephanie Bridgett
Tom Semingson



Announcements and Updates

Jack Kimple presented an update on Polio Plus:

Karen Lightfoot was announced as the new district polio chairperson for District 5160. She currently lives in Chico and teaches at Cal State, Chico. Her husband, **Rob**, and **Karen** lived in Palo Cedro for many years prior to moving to Chico.

Bill Gates was quoted regarding Rotary's commitment to polio eradication, emphasizing the importance of continued funding.

There have been 21 polio cases worldwide this year, primarily in the border region between Pakistan and Afghanistan. - Afghanistan is projected to be the next country to become polio-free, with the current number of cases significantly reduced from 350,000 before the vaccine.

Recognition was given to club members participating in polio fundraising and awareness efforts.

Upcoming Elections

PP Rick Fauss shared the status of our upcoming election candidacies:

- Elections for board members and president-elect are scheduled for September 18, with both electronic and physical voting options.
- Nominated board members are **Colin Duffy**, **Phil McCarthy**, **Brad Rullman**, and **Melinda Brown** (who reconsidered and accepted her nomination).
- **Mary Brace** will continue as secretary; the treasurer position remains undecided, with Jen having made a one-year commitment and other candidates under consideration. The finance committee is working to improve transparency and assess club capabilities for the year.
- Nominations from the floor are being accepted until the election date.



Keyway Social is
NEXT WEEK!

Thursday, August 28th
4:00 to 6:00 p.m
@ C.R. Gibbs



- Service projects are being planned, with **Brad Rullman** to send out a list of activities that are financially feasible.
- Haunted house storage is progressing, with a workday to be scheduled and details to be sent via email from **Ken Freigher**.

Recognized for achievements and contributions, a Blue Badge was earned by **Carlene Fish!**
Congratulations, Carlene!

Shenanigans and Recognitions



Shauna Bambino

Shawna Bambino shared about attending the ATV Takeover event in Winchester Bay, Oregon, and contributed \$100 to the club.



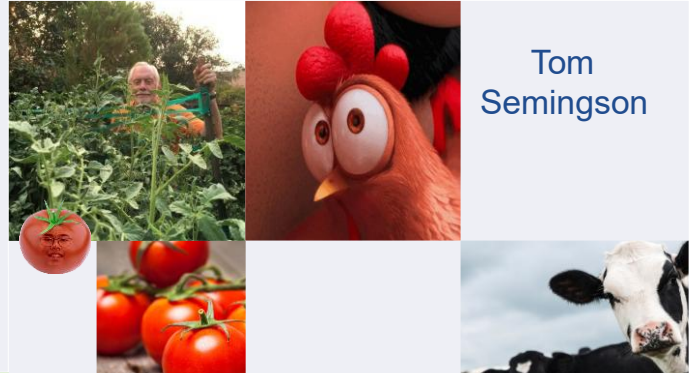
Melinda Brown

Melinda Brown shared the details of a “girls” trip to Nakoma Resort and Buck’s Lake, also contributing \$100.



Trish Funk

Trisha Funk shared family milestones, including her youngest child’s senior year tradition of using the backpack they used in kindergarten. They also celebrated her oldest daughter’s wedding, with a contribution of \$100 to the club.



Tom Semingson

PP Tom Semingson shared information about his agricultural endeavors. We believe this was captured off of Facebook and then used against him in a surprise attack by **President Wendy!**

Here is the link to the Pledge Form:

<https://reddingrotary.wufoo.com/forms/mpz9r9r1pe03jl/>

Here is the link to the '25-'26 Club Committee Signup Form:

<https://reddingrotary.wufoo.com/forms/z196xkr40ssh7ki/>

Other Items of Interest:

- Raffle tickets for a Hot Rod Chevrolet are being sold for \$100 each, with the drawing on Friday night as shared by **Bob Nash**.
- Bumper stickers commemorating the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence are available on tables, with plans to produce higher-quality versions of popular designs. These stickers were produced by **Steve Clark** of Minuteman Press.
- The Paul Harris Fellow Award presentation is planned for September 21, with Foundation Committee members to be contacted for a prior meeting as shared by **Jeanne Jelke**.
- A chili cook-off event is being organized for late October or early November, with multiple clubs participating and a large trophy for the winner.
- Team 6 will hold a social event on September 4, with details forthcoming.
- The Lassen Park Foundation auction is scheduled for September 6 at the McConnell Foundation, with volunteers needed for setup from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m, shared by **Ken Freigher**.
- Key Way Social and FTP training is set for 4–6 p.m. at Gibbs, with RSVP via QR code or email.
- Members are encouraged to nominate candidates for Rotarian of the Month using QR codes on tables.

If you would like to support our District Governor beyond the gift basket you can consider giving her a donation made out to Rotary District 5160 to benefit her chosen project: **Shelter Box**, which is an Emergency Disaster Relief Project. Joy will present the collected funds to their representative at our District Conference which will be held in Santa Rosa May 1-3, 2026.

Welcome District Governor



Joy Alaidarous

Program Summary by Our District Governor

District Leadership, Membership, and Program Updates

- The district governor oversees approximately 110 leadership positions, with key staff including Chief of Staff Leanne Christman (Chico Club) and Executive Secretary/Treasurer Carol Roberts (past District Governor).
- The district includes 66 clubs and 2,600 members, with 12 assistant governors serving as local resources and meeting monthly with club presidents.
- The district governor line requires a six-year commitment, including two and a half years of training, one year as governor, and three years of additional responsibility.

- The next district governor will be Woody Fridae (Winters Club), followed by Barry Casper (Pittsburgh Concord area), with the third successor to be selected in early fall.
- The district governor team meets every Monday morning via Zoom to discuss ongoing issues and policies, fostering continuity and cooperation.
- Mary Kipnitz, responsible for membership, recently completed zone training for membership chairs and returned with new ideas.
- Karen Lightfoot, highlighted for her work with Polio Plus, is a nurse educator at Chico State.
- The district president, Mario from Brazil, resigned two weeks before taking office due to unspecified personal problems.
- The board quickly appointed a retired dentist from Italy as the new president, described as modest and humble. The district conference theme, originally “Road to Rio” in honor of Mario’s heritage, may be reconsidered.

ShelterBox, Disaster Relief, and Rotary Giving

- Members were encouraged to donate to ShelterBox if they had not already contributed to the club’s gift basket.
- Joy will present the collected funds to the ShelterBox representative at the district conference in Santa Rosa, scheduled for May 1st through 3rd.
- Attendees were asked to mark their calendars for the conference.
- ShelterBox, originally a Rotary project, provides disaster relief supplies such as tents (\$500), shelter boxes (\$1,000), sleeping bags, pots, pans, and seeds.
- ShelterBox is currently active in Pakistan, distributing water filters due to contamination.
- Donations to ShelterBox can be made via check or through the district website (rotarydistrict5160.org).
- The ShelterBox CEO will be a major speaker at the upcoming district conference.
- Disaster relief projects in Ukraine and Palestine are on hold due to ongoing conflicts and lack of peace for rebuilding.

Grants, Environmental Stewardship, and Training

Literacy Grant:

- **The club received approval for a literacy grant totaling \$17,000.**
- The check from Rotary International is pending and will be presented in person due to its significance.
- Early literacy was praised as a valuable focus, with district funds amplifying the club’s initial investment.

Environmental Stewardship:

- The club's river restoration project was commended for transforming an inaccessible, eroding river into a visible and approachable area.
- Efforts include reintroducing salmon and ongoing work led by **Randy Smith**, with regular updates shared with members.

Fall Festival of Learning:

- A virtual event focused on foundation and membership training, required for clubs.
- Scheduled for two hours: one hour on foundation, one hour on membership.

Grant Training:

- To qualify for grants, at least one club member must attend training on the last day of January.
- The session will focus solely on grants, with stewardship training required only for grant recipients.

District Conference:

- Planning is underway for a conference at a new hotel with a locked-in room rate of \$159 (regular rate \$300).
- Activities include a carnival-themed Friday night party and a bike ride.
- The next district conference will be in Redding.
- Rotary International Conference:
 - This year's conference is in Taipei, Taiwan, with 33,000 registered attendees.
 - Future locations may include Dubai and the United States.

Personal Stories and Rotary Values

- A speaker shared a formative childhood experience with severe illness, which instilled a lifelong desire to help others.
- This led to a career as a psychologist and later involvement with Rotary, fulfilling a need for service.
- Rotary's mission to eradicate polio was highlighted, with emphasis on the impact of polio and the importance of supporting affected families.
- The current Rotary International theme, "Unite for Good," was discussed, urging members to practice ethical standards and peacemaking skills in a divided world.
- Joy shared her experience of contracting polio at age five during a Kansas City epidemic, describing the severity of her illness and her recovery.

Bridge Builder Pin:

- **Phil McCarthy** received the limited edition "Bridge Builder" pin, one of only 100, for his contributions to the club, presented by **DG Joy** and **President Wendy**!
- A basket of local items was presented as a token of appreciation.





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