



Assembly Member Heather Hadwick

Serving At Today's Meeting

AV	Tony Giovaniello
President's Fundraiser	PP Jen Finnegan
Pledge	Randy Smith
Invocation	Mark Rincon
Welcome Guests	PP Art Smithson
Greeters	Phil McCarthy, Kristi Davis, Andree Blanchier, Leslie Williem
Photographer	Leslie Williem
Sergeant-At-Arms	PP Jen Finnegan

On the Mic Today



Pres. Wendy
running the show



Mark Rincon
with the invocation



Leslie and Andree
introducing team 3



PP Art Smithson
welcoming our guests

Calendar

August 7	Shasta Community Health Center
August 14	Dolly Parton Imagination Library
August 21	District Governor Joy Alaidarous
August 28	1 % Sales Tax Explained

Sunshine Report

Mark Rincon, leading the Invocation, asked us to remember **Christian Vanlandingham** as he recovers from an accident. Also, **Bob Maurer** had detached retina surgery and is doing well.

Guest Introductions

- **Heather Hadwick**, our state assembly person, was introduced as the speaker.
- **Mark Mazzotto**, **Heather Hadwick's** field representative and a former city council member in Redding, was also present.
- **Bodie Gowden**, a legislative intern from Ukiah and a recent graduate, will be starting at Georgetown in a week or two.
- New Athletic Director at Simpson: **Rob Harlan** was introduced as the athletic director and inaugural head coach for women's flag football, sponsored by the NFL.
- Visiting Rotarian: **Steve Reese**, branch manager of Tri-County's Bank on Lake Blvd..

Rotarian of the Month

President Wendy recognized **Leslie Williem** as our Rotarian of the Month for her many contributions:

- Her tireless efforts in organizing and keeping track of the Scholarships.
- Being our Youth Protection Officer.
- Using her professional background to bring valuable leadership and strategic thinking to our club's endeavors.
- Running our Club's Social Media.

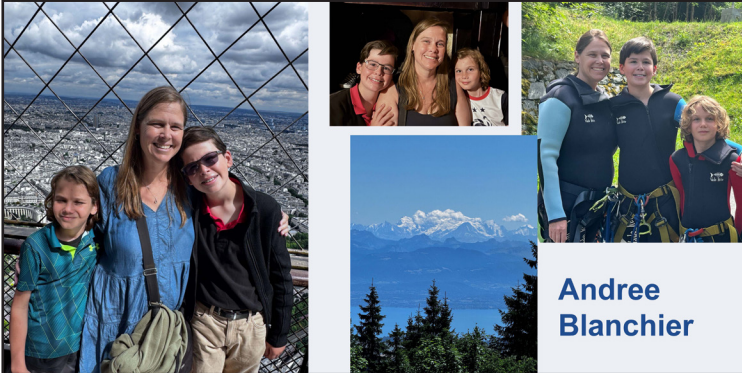


Announcements

- Sign up for a committee. <https://reddingrotary.wufoo.com/forms/z196xkr40ssh7ki/>
- Fill out your 2025-2026 Pledge Form: <https://reddingrotary.wufoo.com/forms/mpz9r9r1pe03jl/>
- DacDB training is coming - be on the lookout for more info.
- August 21 **District Governor Joy Alaidarous** will be here on August 21. Items are needed for a gift basket for her as well as committee topics to discuss - please see **President Wendy**.
- Team 8 Social on Wed Aug 6 from 6-8. Contact **Matt Mosley** for more info.
- Red Bluff Rotary event SIP & SUPPORT Showdown 5-7 in downtown Red Bluff on August 6 to support their downtown area. Any Redding Rotarian who walks in the door gets a beverage on **President Dolling**.
- **Brad Rullman** asked everyone to check their email for information on potential Local Service Projects. A meeting is being scheduled for the community service project committee and interested Rotarians to discuss potential projects and set dates.
- **Colin Duffy** mentioned the upgraded gym at his church and that pickle ball courts there are open Mondays from 6 to 8 PM and Wednesdays from 1 to 3 PM. Club members can text him to arrange other play times. Also, they are needing solutions to the acoustic issues of the renovated gym. If you know anyone who can help, please reach out to **Colin**.

Recognitions

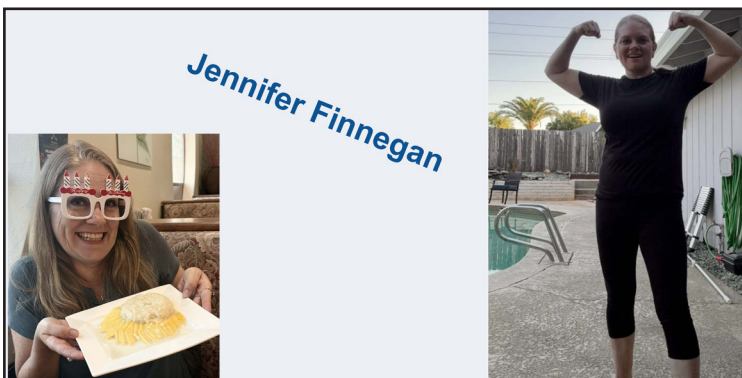
Steve Williams, was recognized for his 16th anniversary as a Rotarian, 8 of those years serving here with our club. Congratulations **Steve**! No fine required.



Andree Blanchier was recognized for a family trip to her homeland in Europe. Notable stops were made in Switzerland and Paris.

\$100 to her Paul Harris.

Colin Duffy shared photos from Point Loma Nazarene University (work meetings) and a Disneyland trip with the family, donating \$100 to his Paul Harris. Want a “cheap” meal at Disneyland? Try the stuffed bake potato!



PP Jenn Finnegan shared she is kick boxing and running seven to eight miles a week, and my oh my, she is getting skinny! Also noted was her recent birthday.

\$100 to the club.

Tony Giovaniello recognized our **Past President Rick Fauss** and his wife **Karen** for being the coaches of his granddaughter's basketball camp. **PP Rick's** grandson was a member of the team. **Tony** graciously offered up \$50 to **PP Rick's** Paul Harris in his honor.



Today's Program: State Assembly Member Heather Hadwick

Editors note: the following Program Report is longer than what is typically included in the Spillway, but given the significant and relevant information communicated by the speaker, a more comprehensive review is being provided.

Bruce Dean introduced our speaker for today, **State Assembly Member Heather Hadwick**.



Heather serves District 1, representing 11 counties from the Oregon border down to Amador and Alpine counties, making it the largest district in the state by area, encompassing 500,000 people. Her background includes operating a diversified family farm, holding a Master's degree in leadership and management, and extensive experience as an educator, small business owner, and in emergency management, including working for the Modoc County Office of Education and the sheriff's office. As a freshman legislator, she describes the job as intense, never dull, and at times "crazy," comparing it to kindergarten due to the need for constant relationship building and managing diverse personalities. Despite being a Republican in a super minority (20 out of 80 legislators), she emphasizes the importance of building relationships to achieve legislative goals. Her team includes staff in Redding (2 people), Jackson, and Sacramento (4 people), supporting her work across the vast district.

Legislative Achievements and Priorities

- She successfully passed 10 bills through the Assembly, exceeding the number of bills passed by most Democrats.
- Notable budget requests secured include \$10 million for the Karuk Tribe for a Fire Resiliency Center in Happy Camp, Siskiyou County, \$70 million for a conservancy program for fire mitigation, and \$2 million for the wolf depredation program.
- A significant legislative win was securing a tax exemption for fire settlements for fires from 2021 to 2024, allowing victims to avoid paying taxes on these settlements and even refile for refunds. The Governor's executive order extended this exemption for fires from 2025 to 2030.

Challenges of Representing District 1

- The sheer size of her district, spanning 11 counties, makes it challenging to be physically present everywhere, despite her relational approach.
- A significant part of her daily work involves educating legislators from urban areas (40 from LA, 20 from Bay Area) about the unique impacts of legislation on rural and Northern California.
- She faces challenges with the legislative process, including the Senate's tendency to "kill bills," requiring constant effort to keep her bills alive or make them two-year bills.
- Staffing processes in the state legislature are described as slow and bureaucratic, taking up to six months to onboard an intern.

State-Level Issues and Policy Discussions

Project Funding and Community Engagement

- **Funding Sources:** Federal funds are assisting with inflation-driven cost increases for a long-standing project, the Sites Reservoir, which has seen costs quadruple. While the exact state contribution is not available, it is confirmed that funding is not solely federal, and the Governor's support is expected to streamline processes.
- **Community Support:** Community leaders and business owners can best support legislative efforts by keeping representatives informed about local crises, costs, and events. This helps the legislative office understand needs across its 11 counties.
- **Specific Funding Initiatives:** Efforts are underway to secure funding for the Sheriff Alternative Custody Campus. There are also plans to work federally on infrastructure issues with ACID.

State Financial Health and Policy

- **Bleak Financial Outlook:** The state faces a projected \$50 billion deficit by 2027-2028, attributed to insufficient budget cuts. The budget process is described as emotional, requiring a "morally balanced budget."
- **Program Effectiveness and Audits:** There is frustration regarding the lack of clear audits for state programs, making it difficult to identify which programs are effective.
- **Local Control Advocacy:** A strong proponent of decentralizing program control to the local level, recognizing that not all programs are effective in every county. This approach would also involve less siloed funding.
- **Future Cuts:** The state is anticipated to face years of budget cuts.

Social Issues and Legislative Focus

- **Homelessness:** The Governor's approach to homelessness is evolving. The opening of mental health facilities is expected to help, potentially with associated funding.
- **Addiction Treatment:** Ongoing efforts are being made to secure more funding for addiction treatment, building on some gains from Prop 36, though current funding is deemed insufficient. This is described as a bipartisan issue.
- **Rural California Exemptions:** A legislative focus is on exempting rural California from certain housing red tape to facilitate development, leveraging their potential as pilot programs due to their smaller scale.

Political Strategy and Voter ID

- **Congressional Redistricting:** The drawing of congressional lines for the "big house" is expected to have a negative and "awful" impact, which is being actively fought. It is believed this will ultimately harm the party initiating it.
- **Flipping Seats:** A strategic plan is in place to target and flip six specific seats, with efforts focused on fundraising, precinct walking, and activating grassroots volunteers.
- **Voter ID Initiative:** There is an initiative to chair voter ID efforts in Northern California. This proposal would require proof of citizenship and ID to re-register to vote, and ID would be required every time a person votes. This is seen as a measure that could significantly impact voter registration.

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