



Shasta County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit

At Today's Meeting...

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| AV
Pledge
Invocation
Welcome Guests
Greeters
Presidents Fundraiser
Photography
Sergeant-At-Arms
Prize Donations | Tony Giovaniello
Ken Siemens
Mike Mangas
PP Jeff Avery
Ken Wood, Rick Hill, Lindsay Myers, Andy McCurdy
Michelle Nystrom
PP Jake Mangas
Laurie Baker
Lindsay Myers - \$50 gift cert. to Mosaic |
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President Wendy
leading our meeting



Andy and Lindsay
Introducing Team 4



Mike Mangas
with the invocation



PP Jeff Avery
introducing our guests

Calendar	
October 9	Reading Pals
October 16	Shasta Dam is 80 Years Old
October 23	Only1ca.com Time in the Capital
October 30	Shasta College Bond

Announcements

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Great 8 Chili Cook Off November 9th Thank you Rory Greek for leading us in this!

Veterans Day Celebration - See Greg Balkovek

Thanksgiving Senior Dinner - Service project - See Amelia Ward

❑ **NEED Basket DONATIONS!!!!**

If you have a project and you need help, see Brad.

❑ **Also loop in PE Brian Scarr or Jason Richart for Rotaract help!**

■ **We want to involve our youth!**

● **Any announcements from the club?**

North State Chili Cook-Off



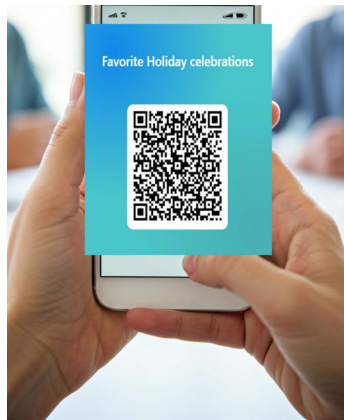
Assistant District Governor Dan Adams was present today to give more details about the upcoming fundraiser chili cook-off. Showing off the “ridiculous trophy” that was purchased for the competition, this will go to the winning chili entry. Our area Rotary Clubs will convene at the Anderson River Park on November 9th. The winning club also gets the winnings to go to their chosen charity. For our club’s involvement, please see Rory Greek.

District Grant Presentation

Dan Adams also presented our club with a \$10,000 District Grant for our Little Free Libraries, Dolly Carton’s Imagination Library, and for some other reading efforts that we have as a club. Accepting the check on behalf of our club was **President Wendy, Kathy Malain, and Todd Davis**.



Question of the Week



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What is your favorite way to celebrate the holidays?



Quick Response

Takes less than 30 seconds to complete.

Results of last week's Question of the Week,

**“What do you want to know
more about as a Rotary Club
Member?”**

The Epstein files

More on projects and community support. Just seems like we don't do much in the community service domain as we did before COVID

What has this club done in the past for community involvement and making money!

Like the question of the week. Want to know more about our members.

Monthly finances in newsletter, but would settle for quarterly.

I feel pretty plugged in and up to date

Monthly financial reporting as a snapshot.

How does stealing the bell from the president work, history, understood rules, etc? How did we come to expect \$100 for a recognition instead of giving what we feel like giving? Do we have any input on our meals at RGCC? (No more breakfasts for lunch)

Meet Your Board

Meet your Board Jennifer Finnegan - Treasurer

Oversees: Finances

Other Club Experience: Past President (23-24) Former Projects Chair, former scholarship committee chair, former Fellowship chair, have served on community projects, program committee, reading rotarians, Spillway Committee, Haunted House Committee, Open World Program, Rotary Thanksgiving and a Team Capt.

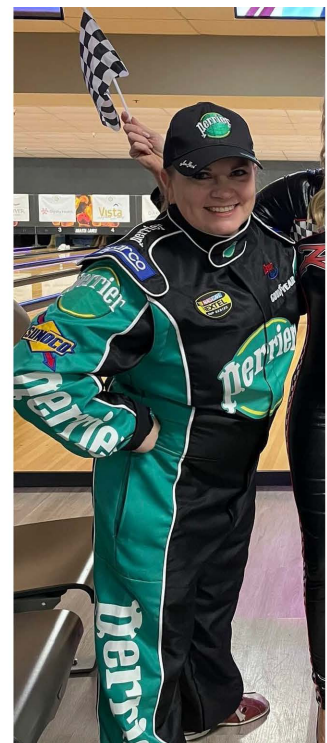
Why Rotary: Her boss at the time asked, but stayed because she enjoyed the people and the causes championed by our club

Meaning of "Service Above Self" To give time, expertise, or money to those who are less fortunate or who need help.

First Job Lesson: At a Piano Store where she got to try out pianos and got a change with bookkeeping - "Numbers and music are inseparable to me."

Karaoke song of choice: "Little Voice" by Sara Bareilles

She has a favorite math problem. She loves numbers that much!



Club Info

Committee, Board & Club Updates



Board Meeting Update

Next week Meeting October 7
at 7am 393 Park Marina Circle



Finance Committee

Recent meeting: Oct 1, 2025
First 5 Shasta 393 Park Marina Circle.
If you would like to join the committee see **Ken Freigher**

Next Meeting: Nov 5, 2025



Service Projects

See **Brad Rullman** if you have an idea and to help with LFL's
See **Randy Smith** to help the Stream Team
Talk to **Amelia Ward** about Thanksgiving help - DONATE Baskets

Recognitions

Kristi Davis was recognized for a marketing video for her practice featuring a couple of our Club's "stars", **Leslie Williemi**, and **Jason Richart**. **Kristi** gave \$100 each to **Leslie** & **Jason's** Paul Harris



Rotarian of the Month

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September

Jennifer Finnegan

This month, we proudly recognize **Jenn Finnegan** as our Rotarian of the Month for her outstanding service and dedication. Jennifer has gone above and beyond through her work on the Finance Committee, her thoughtful service on the Board, and her tireless commitment to ensuring the financial health and sustainability of our club.

Jennifer truly embodies the spirit of Rotary—leading with integrity, dedication, and heart. Her efforts strengthen our club and allow us to continue making an impact in our community.

We deeply appreciate Jennifer's commitment to **Service Above Self**. Please join us in celebrating her outstanding contributions and



Today's Program - Shasta Sheriff's Department K9

Judy Maxwell introduced our program for today, **Shasta County Sheriff Michael Johnson**, **Detective Kylie Holroyd**, and the star of the show, **K-9 Toni**. **Sheriff Johnson** kicked things off with some laughs and a bit of canine wisdom—dogs can change the tone of a scene instantly. He's been a Rotarian for 30 years and used to be a K-9 handler himself, so he knows the power of a good pup. His take: if staffing and budgets allowed, every rural deputy would have a dog. Even a friendly lab that can bark on command can shift attitudes on the street or brighten a tough day at the office.



Detective Holroyd brought the inside scoop—and **Toni** brought the charm. The county's K-9 program runs on community support through Friends of Shasta County K-9, a local nonprofit that funds the dogs, training, and gear. It's not cheap to start a dog—think \$15,000–\$20,000 each—so the nonprofit covers those costs and donates trained, certified dogs to the county. Right now, there are six working dogs: five dual-purpose patrol/narcotics dogs and **Toni**, who's uniquely trained, plus several retirees living their best couch lives with their handlers. The nonprofit even helps with medical bills for those retirees.

So what makes **Toni** special? She's an Electronic Storage Device (ESD) and gunpowder detection dog. Translation: she can sniff out phones, USBs, micro SD cards, hard drives, shell casings, and hidden firearms. **Toni's** nose is tuned to a specific chemical found in memory-storing electronics, which means she's hunting for the stuff that actually holds data—like a USB tucked in a fake coin or a hidden camera disguised as a charging block. When detectives are digging through clutter and decoys, **Toni** is the fast “flashlight” that points them to what matters.

Toni helps in three big ways:

- Community outreach: She's a friendly, pettable police dog who makes law enforcement approachable at schools and events.
- Peer support: A wagging tail can be the best morale boost. **Toni** regularly visits departments to take the edge off tough days.
- Criminal investigations: From homicides and sexual assaults to property crimes and compliance checks, **Toni** finds what humans miss—especially hidden electronics and shell casings. She doesn't create probable cause, but she saves massive time.

Her journey started in January 2022 when her handler tested for K-9 and got **Toni** at just five months old—the youngest they've ever had, with no formal training. First came bonding, then a six-week handler school to learn **Toni's** “language” (her sit alert, tail flags, and head snaps). By April 2022, she passed certification and has re-certified each summer since.

Since then? Around 75 deployments with impressive wins: a hidden gun pulled from thick bushes in minutes after humans searched for half an hour; shell casings found in grassy lots; and a sneaky under-bed compartment packed with guns that she wouldn't stop alerting on until the team found it. She nailed a firearm wedged in a couch at a marijuana grow—missed by humans, sniffed by **Toni**.



Toni also supports compliance ops like “Operation Boo” on Halloween and arson task force sweeps. She's even certified for short-haul helicopter ops—vest, “doggles,” the whole thing—so she can fly into remote scenes and make sure nothing gets missed.

She's social, calm, and great with “tiny humans.” The nonprofit keeps the program strong with merch, fundraisers, and county-wide presentations. Costs run about \$30K annually through the county for vehicles, training, and maintenance, while the nonprofit covers dogs, food, and toys.

Bottom line: **Toni's** got a powerful nose and a big heart—proof that small dogs can do big work, build trust, and make a real difference.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rotary District 5160 Club: Redding

Birthdays and Anniversaries for 10/01/2025 to 10/31/2025

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Christensen, Bret (BRET)	10-Oct
Giovaniello, Anthony (TONY)	22-Oct
Hawes, Nikola (NIKOLA)	24-Oct
Myers, Lindsay (LINDSAY)	8-Oct
Poole, Erik C. (ERIK)	17-Oct
Rincon, Mark A (MARK)	18-Oct
Tavares, Trudy L. (TRUDY)	28-Oct
Warren, Michael (MICHAEL)	19-Oct
Williem, Leslie Goddard (LESLIE WILLIEM)	17-Oct
Wood, Kenneth H (KEN)	5-Oct
Wood, Mark G. (MARK)	8-Oct

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Allen, Cindy	Allen, Robert O.	10-Oct
Baker, Bill (BILL)	Baker, Laurie	25-Oct
Brown, Don	Brown, Melinda	15-Oct
Salter, Irene	Salter, Jason	10-Oct
Williams, Nancy	Williams, Steven L	21-Oct

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Total
Anderson, Kathy Ann(KATHY)	10/16/97	28
Balkovek, Gregory L(GREG)	10/14/73	52
Dean, Joanna(JOANNA)	10/20/11	14
Duffy, Colin Andrew(COLIN)	10/21/21	4
Hurst, Fred(FRED)	10/9/86	39
Jones, Todd(TODD)	10/24/19	6
Richart, Jason(JASON)	10/4/12	13
Salter, Lee W.(LEE)	10/9/86	39
Smithson, Arthur J.(ART)	10/7/82	43
Sprague, Ben(BEN)	10/24/24	1
Tate, Randy(RANDY)	10/21/10	15
Wood, Mark G.(MARK)	10/11/18	11

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Clark, Steven(STEVE)	Cheryl	22-Oct	31
Mangas, Mike(MIKE)	Lindy	13-Oct	46
Parkinson, Gary(GP)	Rocio	28-Oct	36
Pewitt, Scott(SCOTT)	Deanna	12-Oct	12
Poole, Erik C.(ERIK)	Kristi	9-Oct	26
Richart, Jason(JASON)	Erin	11-Oct	22
Rullman, Bradley D.(BRAD)	Danielle	11-Oct	7
Sprague, Ben(BEN)	Nicole	6-Oct	24

Shasta READS

Formerly known as Read for the Record



GUEST READERS WANTED! SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

Shasta Reads, a community literacy event supported by Reach Higher Shasta and First 5 Shasta, is recruiting Guest Readers to read the Shasta Reads featured book, *I Am We: A Book of Community*, to children in child care, preschool, and K-2nd grade children in Shasta County on Thursday, October 23. Sign up to read to a Shasta Reads site near you today and show your support for early literacy in our community! Questions? Contact Megan Johnson by email mjohnson@first5shasta.org



SCAN the QR Code or click the link below to sign up today!

<https://bit.ly/ShastaReadsCelebrity2025>





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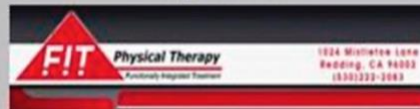
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