

Rotary



Club of Mt. Shasta

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Mt Shasta Rotary Meeting 9-2-2020

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Call to Order & Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance: Ted Palfini

Guests/Visiting Rotarians: Dorthea Schoenstein

Thought of the Day: The curious paradox is when I accept myself just as I am, then I can change

Announcements:

- District 5160 Fall Seminar will be online Saturday, October 3 from 9-11:30. Please consider attending. Register [here](#).
- North State Giving Tuesday. Doug has attended the mandatory webinar. This may be important for our club since we've lost so many fundraisers this year.
- Donna announced that Linda and Ron Stremel are back in town. They left in June, heading to Medford for a doctor appt.
- Kathy had asked Ken Brummel-Smith to organize pickleball training on September 23. She is curious how many people are interested in learning and on a day different from a Rotary meeting. There was an enthusiastic show of hands for those interested. Ken says 9am is a good meeting time. Wednesday would be a good day to meet. Only need to bring tennis shoes. Ken says they can accommodate 16 people. Dates will be arranged and a notice sent out.

Program:

Speaker: Merle Anderson, Rotary Foundation President

Back in 1999, the club wanted to add more money to the scholarship endowment program. At that time, we were giving away \$1,000 in scholarships. The club established a 501c3 in 1999. August 13, 1999 is the anniversary date we officially organized. Tim Stearns was involved in writing the Bylaws and articles of incorporation.

People think the foundation is a separate organization from Rotary. It is, in that they have Bylaws and articles of incorporation, a president and board. But the intent is more as though it is a finance committee for the club. Once funds are entrusted to the foundation, they are managed in the best way for the club. A couple of provisions include making a recommendation to the foundation to allocate funds. If the club board makes a recommendation and the foundation thinks it is inappropriate, they may request a change in the request or renegotiate the request in a way that is more appropriate.

An example is when we bought a rapid transfuser for the hospital. The hospital foundation provided a match, the district also provided a grant, in addition to the Mt. Shasta Rotary foundation funds. Collaborating in this process is cause for celebration.

We just recently wrote a check for \$2,000 to the Senior Nutrition program. Also, \$10,000 that the club approved was sent to the Parks & Recreation District. We recently approved \$5,000 to the Siskiyou Outdoor Alliance to purchase outdoor equipment for people to borrow.

Merle recently wrote a letter to Larry Bechtel. Since June 2017, our club has received \$80,000 from the Foothills Foundation, Gary Bechtel's foundation. About half of that went to the coordinator of the project, who was assigned to us. Over \$17,000 was included for projects not directly related to the lake and fishery project. It helped buy shelters for the museum, for the green screen setup for the Science Fair. It helped pay for the booklet. It also helped pay for two \$2,5000 scholarships.

Lynn Teuscher estimated the Foundation is losing \$25,000 of income during 2020 which we would have raised from events such as Blackberry Festival and the Castle Crags Century ride. The foundation operating account is currently at \$23,000. We have about \$10,000 in the Lake Siskiyou account so we can prepare for this year's fishery project. Donna is building funds for the Goodbye Thirsty project. The foundation investment account is an investment fund with about \$53,000 in that account. These are our reserves. Some ask if we should be using this on a project rather than investing. The preference has been that it is a good thing to save the funds for situations such as the inability to host a Blackberry festival.

The scholarship fund is healthy also. We are hoping to raise the scholarship amounts to \$3,000, but that remains to be seen.

In November last year, the foundation, initiated support of another phase of the project in Tanzania and reserved \$10,000 for the next two years. The foundation wants to build the infrastructure for the rain project and help pay for Donna's travel.

Merle then asked for questions.

Kathy asked how the revenue end of this works. How does the club have funds versus the foundation?

Merle: When we started the Blackberry festival and it grew, all the revenues went to the foundation. It's the same with the Castle Crags Century. Those revenues are then shared with the hospital foundation.

The club felt the foundation should maintain the community service projects. The foundation agreed they would reimburse the club for some expenses. The volunteers are club members so the club has been compensated for some expenses. Otherwise, the club earns revenues from fines and dues.

Kathy, then asked what other club expenses there are. Merle said he couldn't answer all of that, but if an expense is related to a charitable organization then the foundation should pay for it. The foundation has taken over the rental of the storage units because the items inside are used for events the foundation sponsors.

Tom H. explained his perspective as president of the club back in 1999. He talked about Gino Marconi as the treasurer and how he had saved up \$75,000 on the club's behalf. This is the reason they decided to create the foundation.

Ted also explained that back in 1999 some expenses were paid for by the club and others the foundation, some events were hosted by each. However, the club doesn't generate as much revenue. The club used to pay for scholarships and that was transferred over to the foundation. Last year, it was decided that a portion of the Blackberry Festival would be paid to the club to cover a portion of their expenses.

Ted explained that nonprofits can't raise too much money from investments, so the foundation took over hosting fundraisers and events to generate other revenue streams.

Ken asked what the process is when the club recommends an expense.

Merle: The club board considers the request and approves the recommendation in concept. The club board then recommends the foundation pay the request. Merle then communicates with the foundation board explaining the club board recommendation. The foundation board then discusses and votes.

Ken asked why we can't place all funds into the foundation and have them pay club expenses. Merle explained the foundation expenses are meant for charitable purposes as a 501c3.

Kathy asked if we ever prepare a list of priorities we intend to work from or do we consider projects as they come up.

Merle: We try to, but it can be a challenge. If a new project comes up, it is considered. The foundation does have reserves. They have a hard time with generating a budget because of how expense requests come up. Also, with the club board making recommendations in addition to the foundation board oversight, the expenses are managed well. Ted added the foundation income and funds have increased over the years rather than gone down.

Al mentioned that Merle gives an outstanding presentation in his emails when he proposes certain expenses to the foundation board. There are nine trustees on the board, so questions arise. Nothing is rubber stamped. Some trustees don't agree and give their reasons why. At some point following discussion, a vote is taken. He also said Merle is good at taking the time to make sure every Trustee's opinion is heard.

Following the presentation, Doug said we are missing two things at the club. One is our plan for the future 5-10 years from now. Part of the plan is having something to build and we need a budget in order to do that. Doug says a budget will give us a plan for the future.

Happy Bucks:

- Al has a large fountain in their backyard. Deer and birds frequent. For the past two days a red-tailed hawk has landed and drank from it. Al says the joy of watching the red-tailed hawk is worth \$5
- Tim Stearns saw Al Nickers earlier today, a former Rotarian. He sounds and looks good. Al was on the foundation board. - worth \$2
- Tom H is grateful for the clear weather and remodel on his house - \$5 each for a total of \$10
- Merle offered \$10 happy bucks is in Orangevale today visiting son and family
- Kathy - \$10, five for each week she and Glenn were gone camping.
- Donna has a new dog, Tommy. \$3 per foot for Tommy for \$12
- Lorinda is giving \$10 for finishing the remodel of her house
- Doug sold a car 1983 911 Porsche - \$10

Marble Game: Marble game was not held

Birthdays



[Molly Aston](#)
September 5th

Wedding Anniversaries



[Audra Beylik](#)
September 4th



[Michael E. Schweitzer](#)
September 5th

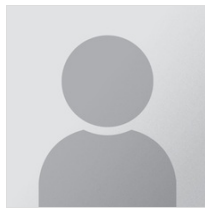


[Terrance A Taforo](#)
September 6th



[Linda Stremel](#)
September 7th

Years of Service



[Russell L. Porterfield](#)
38 Years

Club Meeting

Mt. Shasta

Meets at Normally, Mt. Shasta Resort. Currently via Zoom. * Please note first meeting of each month is an evening meeting at 5:30PM; same location

1000 Siskiyou Lake Boulevard

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Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM