

Rotary



Club of Mt. Shasta

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Mt. Shasta Rotary Meeting 10/28/2020

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Call to Order & Welcome
Pledge of Allegiance

Guests/Visiting Rotarians: None

Thought of the Day: Greg Messer

There is a difference between giving up and knowing when you've just had enough. Happiness is when you feel good about yourself without anyone's approval

Reports:

- Mike R ♦ Dictionaries have been ordered. Mike will be recruiting Rotarians to help distribute to 93 third graders. Al S commented on how the kids treasure the dictionaries
- Kathy announced programs for November:

Nov 4 ♦ Audra will talk about branding

Nov 11 ♦ Former Sheriff John Lopey

Nov 18 ♦ Kathy Suvia ♦ the journey to becoming district governor

Announcements:

Molly is still working on a Rotarian social gathering. She had another idea to possibly meet in a parking lot that has sun at 4pm.

Program:

Mark Foster ♦ Rotary International Foundation

Raised \$395M last year for its projects. 1971 the Rotary Foundation was formed. It was a new model which allowed people to people connections to form a better world. Endowment of \$2B. The foundation has a number of:

- peace building and conflict intervention
- water sanitation
- maternal and child health
- basic education and literacy
- disease prevention and treatment

This year Polio Plus has pledged \$150M to eradicate Polio. Each year each member of Mt. Shasta Rotary contributes \$50. Now the challenge is to eradicate Pakistan and Afghanistan. This year we also need to protect the health workers against Coronavirus. Rotary has so far contributed more than \$2B to eradicate Polio. Let's all work together to bring polio to zero. Mark then showed a short video about the Polio Plus program.

Student of the Month:

Rynn Cobb ♦ student of the month. Her mom Grace. 7th grader at Sisson School . Lives in Mt Shasta for four years. Biking skiing photography and anything outdoors. Loves hanging out with family ♦ during Covid that hasn't been exactly easy. Joined the Shasta Gravity Race team and will race again in the Spring. Hopes to visit Egypt, Fiji and Hawaii. She hopes to become a physical therapist or environment worker ♦ doesn't like to see trash and global warming. Loves helping people and believes in natural movement.

Ireland Cross from Mt. Shasta High School. Mom Suzie. Thank you and congratulations to other students as well. Is not into talking about self. Loves playing soccer and has played the past three years ♦ with covid. She has been able to focus on her future meaning college. Wants to major pre-med and minor in Spanish to help as many people as possible. Wants to become a pediatric surgeon. Besides focusing on future also wants to make senior year the best she can with all going on in the world. Is the Interact treasurer and has interacted with Rotarians. My grandpa, Jim Cross, is a big reason why she is involved in Interact.

Jacob Imlay, senior introduced dad. Born in Ogden, Utah, moved a lot because both parents are in the military. Fav subjects are history, sociology psychology. Plans include going to college and get a major in sociology. Likes to write poetry, read books and play games. Education is important. Is the

VP gay straight alliance (GSA), member of the debate club and writing club Thank you so much for nominating me.

Mike Mondeau ♦ Occupational Talk

I am privileged today to be able to introduce myself to you. I will meander through various parts of my life to give you all an understanding of my skill sets and why I chose to join this club of community servants and leaders.

I come from what was once a smaller suburb in the San Francisco bay area. My grandfather was a member of the Moose Lodge of Santa Rosa CA through a good portion of my childhood and was also heavily involved with the church we belonged to. It was through him that I saw the element of service and selflessness.

As for careers my first job of significance was at Petsmart where I became an accredited dog trainer. Unhappy with the corporate environment and mindset and not satisfied with turning away those with out financial means I left Petsmart. I then started work in manufacturing.

I began work in the field in which I remained for the majority of my life thus far, the MAC, Multi-layer Automatic Coating machine. 32 by 50 sheets of glass, 2 per minute slid off of this monstrous machine longer than 2 buses. And one needed to be sure to remove the glass promptly or risk broken shards of glass raining down from above. Each sheet was sanded loaded coated, unloaded, inspected, covered in a protective tape and loaded into a large shipping crate. Every hour we would alternate through these jobs for 12 hours each, the shift I worked was from 6pm to 630am.

All the while I ran my own dog training side business often accepting trade for compensation to those strapped for cash.

While at the MAC I survived 2 major lay offs and stayed on as a temporary employee for 5 years due to hiring freezes.

This is also the time that I took on my first significant hobby since graduating high school. Paintball. I was pretty good and soon joined the KAPP Store team and played in a handful of tournaments.

I then moved to Panama City Florida. It is here that I got together with my (now) ex wife and where my son was born. I did not enjoy florida. . . bugs, hurricanes, alligators, water moccasins, prejudice.

We soon drove back to California with an infant where I resumed my Job at the same plant, only now I will start in the coating profession, which I still do today. At this point what I mostly made went on military helicopters. They were filters that went on top of the helicopters that worked to confuse heat seeking missiles.

Here is also where I began my official time of volunteering and service. I joined the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park and Cotati. They had a multitude of projects both international and local. It was the local projects that I was most passionate about. We fed families, we built parks and planted trees but my favorite project was during Christmas time. We worked with the city and were able to get in touch with the families unable to provide a Christmas for their children. We got wish lists and with the fire departments through toy drives we were able to fill these lists. A few of us (myself included) were able to dress the part for the Christmas spirit and rode fire trucks to these homes able to give these families a beautiful Christmas gift. I will always remember the parent♦s eyes welling with tears as their kid♦s screamed in joy.

Soon after I joined the education foundation of Cotati Rohnert Park and SCRRAP Sonoma county residents responsible about pit bulls. I served on all their boards and developed and ran events.

Some time during this my department changed, a new department with new machines and technology, only created a few months before my joining. Here we combined multiple types of coatings and processing to create Birefringent contrast enhancers. It makes the dark parts in shows even darker when watching the television. It♦s in this department that one of my coworkers told me about this place called lake siskiyou up north that he and his family would camp at. I set my reservation for the following year and fell in love with the mountain and the beauty that surrounds. It was then that I told my son I want us to live here one day.

My marriage had become increasingly toxic for me and my son and it was decided we should split up and see what new avenues we could follow in this crazy, amazing, tragic, beautiful world.

Becoming a single parent left little time for much else even with my family to help me out. It was at this time Things like Rotary went by the wayside.

After hours when my son was asleep and grandma was home to keep an eye on him I started visiting the bars and found Fluidity Showcase a local group of hip hop artists and poets. I eventually found myself on stage a long side them reciting spoken word to a crowd of strangers.

At this point my job was working to create the projector wheels and glasses for dolby 3-D movies. And an optical filter for the X-box Kinect gesture recognition system.

Around now I find a new hobby on accident. I buy a 2009 mini cooper s clubman and join a local mini group. This unassuming group spent it♦s meets driving quickly through the canyons. I loved the feeling of spirited driving through beautiful, twisty and undeveloped country roads. I delved deeper into the car scene and modified car world. I upgraded and tweaked the mini to it♦s limits and made a lot of great friends that enjoyed many of the same aspects. This is when I chose to start the California Canyon Cutters. A group that started with a handful of semi local enthusiasts to what it is now a massive group over 5000 strong spanning the state to all sides and beyond.

Through all this change I continued to come to the peace of Mount Shasta and Lake Siskiyou. Building memories and an appreciation of the area with my son.

Having proven the quality and reliability of the newer coating system we began getting more and more government requests beginning with many unclassified jobs and progressing to secret level clearance jobs that I am able to make as well. One of the coolest jobs I have worked on that I can talk about is for the Europa Satellite. That will be sending amazing deep space photos to us and something I personally helped to create and touched with my hands will be farther than any man has ever been.

The next chapter of my life began when I met Tara, my beautiful now fianc. I had a crush on her in high school and saw on facebook one day that she was going through some things, I asked how she was doing and everything fell into place from that moment. We had a 10 hour first date, stealing her away on a 3 hour drive to fort bragg where they make her favorite pilsner and watching the sunset on glass beach. We've now been happily together for the last 2 and a half years and will be getting married in February. In my relationship with Tara I also became father to two girls bringing the grand total to 3 1 15 year old boy and a 10 and 4 year old girl.

Tara became the Payroll Supervisor for Amy's kitchen, because of covid she was given the opportunity to work remotely permanently which allowed us to realize one of both our dreams to live here in the mountains of mount shasta. And what helped to bring me here today to speak with you.

I greatly look forward to doing good works with Rotary here in the community as I did in my last.

Happy Bucks:

- Al S said Dorthea wouldn't let him out of the house because his hair was too long. She gave him a haircut - \$5
- Kathy gave \$5 to thank Mark Foster for the info on a Positive Peace movement in Rotary
- Lorinda gave \$10 because she was expecting a new router to be delivered after more than a week of no internet.
- Mark F had a visit with his grandkids who got married on Zoom. They spent the night and had dinner at Denny Bar. He loved seeing their love and joy - \$5
- Ken said his sone visited. He is a PhD student in astro physics at Georgia Tech and also a pickleball athlete - \$5
- Gary told us that in 1988 he represented an LA Dodgers team member and got to attend the world series as a result. Last night he listened to the game, reminding himself it has been 32 years since they played - \$5
- Ken said that in 1988 he was the house doctor for the LA Dodgers when Kirk Gibson hit a home run - \$10
- Dorthea told us Al had to almost rescue her. A gust of wind came up and blew down a 20 long 4 in diameter tree branch that missed her by inches - \$5
- Ted said his son was working with a guy who's wife tested positive for COVID. His son had to quarantine. After 3 COVID tests he is home and well.- \$5
- Shayna got to steal away to the coast on a mountain bike tour through Aston, Bandon and the area, and camped on the beach near Whiskey Run - \$5
- Doug gave \$10 in gratitude for Mike Mondeau's talk and \$10 for progress on the park

Marble Game: Ken B-S did not draw the blue marble

The program next week is about Branding by Audra Beylick

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries



[Ken Kellogg](#)
November 1st

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

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

Mt. Shasta, CA 96067

Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM