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## Underwriter Focus—Tapas Downtown

Brad Tillson and Christine Silver's Tapas Downtown started in June 2008 as an idea. The two developed a business plan around their concept of "tapas," Spanish-style small dishes. Tapas features small plates, up-scale and often unusual cuisine, fine wines and a leisurely, dining experience.

As obstacles appeared, new doors were opened. When the owners of the Oregon Street Tea Company called Brad one day to share plans to close their retail operation, Brad and Christine toured the facility and discovered a beautiful dining area, huge commercial kitchen, and other amenities with tremendous potential. With another stroke of luck, Tapas Downtown acquired a full liquor license in the 2008 lottery and the restaurant opened that November.

Tapas Downtown features some unique flavors, including many authentic Spanish dishes such as pasta fideo, and brochetas of beef, lamb and chicken. Christine Silver, as executive chef, focuses on using the freshest and healthiest ingredients available, keeping four varieties of olive oil for cooking, all trans-fat free. Vegetarian and vegan dishes are always featured. Even the side dishes have exceptional attention to detail. An example of this is the "Downtown Fries", house-made potato chips of red potatoes, sweet potatoes and yams, cut on premises and lightly fried in canola oil, served with a dusting of sea salt. Delicious! Local response has been overwhelmingly positive, placing Tapas Downtown in the very top tier of dining in Redding.



Delicious Brochetta!



Tapas Downtown's dining and bar areas.

The restaurant also features a great selection of Spanish, Argentinean, and Chilean wine, with some California favorites, at very reasonable prices. The bar has a reputation of serving the most carefully crafted cocktails in town, with all house-made mixers and fresh squeezed juices, in the style of the great mixologists of the 1930s and 40s.

Currently, Tapas Downtown is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Breakfast is served on Saturday and Sunday, with many of the same imported ingredients and flavors from Spain, Greece and the Mediterranean in general. Live music is featured on Monday nights as well as Friday and Saturday, with an eclectic mix of local musicians providing entertainment.

A new private dining room expands the ability of Tapas Downtown to host groups of up to 40, and supports an art gallery featuring works selected monthly from the Art Hop. In addition to supporting several other local civic groups, Tapas Downtown is proud to sponsor Leadership Redding .

Brad has some great memories from this involvement - as a member of the Redding Improv Players, he did a sketch for the incoming class of 2005 that was hilariously received, punning on member's names and occupations. Thanks so much for these memories, and congratulations on the success of Leadership Redding!

# Government & Planning - Session Highlights

**Facilitators:**

- Brad Williams
- Roxanne Burke
- Jason Hull
- Jaclyn Kong
- Jason Parker

**Session Sponsors & In Kind/Service:**

- City of Redding
- Carnegie's

**Think Tank:**

- Kim Hein
- Erica Morrow
- Jessica Tegerstrand



LR Alum and City of Redding employee, Chris Glover (Class of 2009), gives a tour of the Redding City Hall, along with Class member Kim Woodland.

The Government and Public Service session held on January 6<sup>th</sup> was a success. Held at the Redding Civic Center at Redding City Hall, the day included many dynamic panels and a "backstage tour" of City Hall.

The morning panel began with the visions and challenges of local government with Larry Lees, Chief Administrative Officer for Shasta County, Dana Shigley, City Manager with the City of Anderson, and Kurt Starman, City

Manager with the City of Redding. The next panel focused on the building permit process with Wayne Gungl, City of Redding Permit Center Manager. The class learned many surprising facts related with impact fees and associated costs.

A planning downtown improvements panel followed and engaged the class in a planning scenario. In this panel, Steve Bade, Associate Redevelopment Project Coordinator for the City of Redding, and John Truitt with Viva Downtown crafted an interactive exercise that focused on the various aspects and complexities of planning.

We took a break and enjoyed a delicious sack lunch provided by Carnegie's. The

afternoon presentations included a panel representing federal and state elected officials. The presenters included Lisa Buescher for California Senator, Doug LaMalfa, Jerry Crow for California Assemblyman, Jim Nielsen, and Dave Meurer for U.S. Congressman, Wally Herger.



Class members Kim Hein, Naomi Yamamoto, Margaret Arthofer, Michelle Slade listen to the tour.



Class members Melissa Freilich and Ericka Morrow enjoy the City Council Chambers.

Following the interactive tour of City Hall, the class listened to Brad Frost and Barbara Harrison share their passion and insight regarding community service. Pam Mize and Glenda Tracy then presented on how to get involved in public office and commissions. Their presentation culminated in a tour of the City Council Chambers and Closed Session Chambers.

## Public Safety & the Courts—Session Highlights

### Facilitators:

Steve Moravec

Ronda Ball

### Session Sponsors & In Kind/Service:

Redding Police Department

Fasolini's Pizza

### Think Tank:

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Butch Brown

Todd Garr

The Public Safety Session began with a panel discussion with Chief Hansen of the Redding Police Department, Sheriff Tom Bosenko, Anderson Police Chief Dale Webb, and the CHP Northern Division Chief, Chris Jenkins. This panel was relaxed, humorous, and interacted extremely well together. Sheriff Bosenko spent much of the presentation standing by the coffee pot, often serving coffee to his counterparts, resulting in a conversational atmosphere. The class had many questions for this panel.



From left to right, CHP Chief Jenkins, Redding's Chief Hansen, Shasta County's Sheriff Bosenko, and Anderson's Chief Webb started the day off well with their great humor.

Officer Tim Renault made a powerful presentation of his experience while working in the Shasta County Jail. Renault was trapped and beaten severely by two inmates planning an escape. His story is dramatic and has a huge impact on anyone that hears it.

Sgt. Mike Thomas made an interactive and interesting presentation on the use of force by Law Enforcement. During the presentation, Officer Brian Berg brought in his dog, immediately scaring a class member. The dog was placed on a table where he promptly went over and licked the face of a different class member and became visibly excited. Officer Berg gave a heartfelt presentation and spoke about his love of the animal, its capabilities, and the dangers associated with being a dog handler.

After a lunch catered by Fasolini's Pizza, the class moved to a tour of the Shasta County Jail. This was followed by a presentation by Judge Cara Beatty in the Jury Assembly Room.

Judge Beatty is the presiding judge over the Addicted Offender program. She explained how the program works and discussed the positive effect this program has on the participants and how it contributes to society by truly redeeming the participants.

This presentation provided an extremely personal view into the impact a "government program" can have when it's done right. It was listed as one of the best parts of the day by several of the class members. The presenters hold this program in high esteem and it shows in their passion for the program.

On February 28 the Firearms elective was held at the Institute of Technology. Attendees were able to utilize the 'Shoot-Don't Shoot' program to test their ability to judge the appropriate response to a threatening situation. Several images were dusted for picking up cell phones, being annoying, or just looking unsightly. It was a great time for those that attended.



LR class members, a.k.a. Charlie's Angels, participate in the Firearms elective.

## Class 2010 Project—MLK Library Project

A phone call to City of Redding Parks and Recreation Director, Kim Niemer, also a Leadership Redding alumnus, led to the Class of 2010's MLK Library Project. Ms. Niemer suggested the Leadership Redding class contribute some volunteer hours to help get this library up to speed with the Accelerated Reader (AR) program now used in all local schools.

The AR program consists of reading comprehension quizzes which are available in electronic format for some 25,000 children's books. Books are grouped according to reading level and length so that students can locate appropriate titles for their skill levels. After reading the book, students take the online quizzes and receive classroom credit for their reading. This program allows teachers to better assess students' reading level and comprehension.

The MLK Library contains over 3,000 books and is used regularly by the after-school program and anyone else in the community. The MLK Center hosts an After-School program affiliated with Cypress Elementary School as well as several community programs offered by the City of Redding Parks and Recreation Department. These City programs include Kids' Night, Positively Girls Club, Boys' Council, Teen Night, Choir Adventures, and Free Tutoring for grades K-12.

This project appealed to the Class of 2010 after a moving presentation given by LR Alumnus Charles Menoher in the May 2010 Future of Leadership Redding session. Menoher advocated that future community leaders be cognizant of the particular needs of the greater Redding community for education and outreach. Our community has specific needs and there are many ways to "fill in the gaps."



Back row, left to right: Class member Demetra Jones, MLK Library Director—Christina Massey, and Class member Dan McTimmonds. Bottom row, left to right: Class members Susanna Sibilsky, Monique Gaido, Bernice Corey, and Derek Parsons.



Left to right: Class members Derek Parsons, Demetra Jones, and Dan McTimmonds locate books.

Given the library's small work area, the Leadership Redding Class of 2010 divided themselves into two work groups to label and color-code the books. In a few hours, most of the updated stickers and color coded labels were on the correct books. Several Class of 2010 members also donated books to the library to add to their collection. It was evident that the library is used extensively and these small efforts will benefit many.

## Upcoming Activities

Art, Communication &  
Boardsmanship  
April 7, 2011

Recreation & the Environment  
May 5, 2011

Future of the Redding Region  
& Graduation  
May 19, 2011



L.R. Alumni Association  
Special Events:

Spring Fireside Chat

TBA

Open-House, Farewell and  
Thank you Party for Kathy Ann  
Anderson, Shasta Regional Com-  
munity Foundation

April 27, 4-6 pm

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