

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

A New Year

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, January 7, 2021

President Geralyn opened our first ZOOM meeting of the new year. **Phil W.** volunteered for an impromptu invocation (in Susie B. ♦s absence). He wished all a happy New Year and challenged us to make good choices.

Our sole guest today was our speaker, Ed Mayer.

Announcements and updates

Geralyn S.: Made a toast to the New Year, with coffee, bubbly or toast. You should have received a package that contained balloons and spectacles. The balloons are for Crazy Hat Day on 1/21. There are tutorials on line for making creative hats. The winner will get a very nice gift basket.

Mike B.: Celebrates his Rotarversary of 3 years! Congratulations! He is glad to be a part of our club.

Randy K.: 89 Christmas meals were delivered to families that remain un-housed since the Camp Fire. Most are living in FEMA trailers. This was a joint effort with St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to all who helped. Geralyn read a thank you letter from St. Vincent de Paul for our efforts at Thanksgiving.

Nancy D.: ♦Things are brewing♦ with literacy. More to come♦

Geralyn S.: Use to fidget spinner as a reminder of membership, invite prospective members to our meeting! Sean I. has been moving forward with the accounting for our Foundation.

John T.: Our board of directors election is this month. He will send an email with eligible members. If you do not want to be considered, please let him know.

Happy Hamilton Recognitions

- **Dan B.:** His wife bought a new car, but his microphone kept cutting out (on purpose?) so that we never got to hear what kind of car! 1 Big Benjamin
- **Randy K.:** His son was accepted to Colorado State University! Congratulations!!! 1 Big Benjamin
- **Nancy D.:** Her nephew, Zach, has a band called the Blue Egyptians, that was featured in the Chico ER, they recently made a record, and did a live-stream on New Year ♦s Eve. 1 Happy Hamilton
- **Carol L.:** Received her first dose of the COVID vaccine the day after Christmas. Enloe expects to have administered 4000 doses by Friday. 1 Happy Hamilton
- **Heidi H.:** Also received her first vaccine dose. Compliments to Enloe staff for making the process efficient, safe and painless! 1 Happy Hamilton
- **Geralyn S.:** Her daughter got engaged on Christmas Eve! 1 Happy Hamilton
- **Karen:** Her son-in-law got his dream job after losing a job due to the pandemic. He will be working as a manager at DeLoite International. 1 Big Benjamin
- **Mike B.:** is ♦the Ag guy♦ and host of a possible new series called ♦The Harvest♦. He shared ♦a sizzle♦ or promotion that will be presented to networks to potentially pick up for a 10 episode series. Great job, Mike! 2 bells
- **Howard S.:** is the champion of CSR ♦s Fantasy Football winning \$350! A matching amount goes to Polio Plus. Howard will donate \$200 to the club and use \$150 to take the FF group to lunch.

Program

Larry G. introduced our speaker, Ed Mayer, the executive director of the Housing Authority of Butte County. He spoke about housing in Butte County and homelessness. The discrepancy in income has

Events/Speakers

January 14th
[Weekly Club Meeting](#)

January 21st
[Weekly Club Meeting](#)

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[Chico Sunrise Board of Directors Meeting](#)

January 28th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 4th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 11th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays



[Ron R. Piret](#)
January 17th



[John Carlon](#)
January 25th

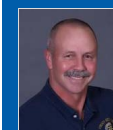
Club Anniversaries



[Leo A. Weiss](#)
04-01-2001
20 Years



[Bob Linscheid](#)
04-01-2002
19 Years



[David W. Warner](#)
04-01-2002
19 Years



[Ron R. Piret](#)
04-01-2002
19 Years

[Dan L. Bay](#)
01-19-2006
15 Years

increased in the last 30 years. Butte is one of the ten poorest counties in America, but we also have a lot of wealth. The Housing Authority provides assistance to 3200 households in Butte County. Seventy percent of renters in Chico are paying more than 30% of their income for rent and utilities.

Over the past 40 years in California the price of housing has been increasing more and more, due to regulations that make it impossible to produce enough housing units. In Butte County our vacancy rate is even lower than before because of the Camp Fire. They estimate that 6700 families are still not housed since the fire. He spoke of parallels to the Great Depression. Our housing and homeless problems in California are serious issues but not unsolvable.

In Closing

Thanks To:

Invocation: Phil W.
Greeter: Greg M.
Check In: Larry G.
Bulletin: Heidi H.
ZOOM: John T.
GIP Reminder: Susie S.



Sean Isom
01-19-2006
15 Years



Aaron Souza
03-24-2011
10 Years



Peter Bell
01-01-2013
8 Years



Jill E. Hendry
02-06-2014
7 Years



Richard W. Powell
02-26-2015
6 Years



Nancy Haas-Depa
01-18-2018
3 Years



Kevin Baker
01-25-2018
3 Years



Phil Wilke
01-17-2019
2 Years

Club Meeting

Chico Sunrise
Meets at Canyon Oaks Country Club
999 Yosemite Drive
Chico, CA 95928
Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM