

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Hope and Alzheimer

By Debra Larson on Thursday, September 23, 2021



President Peck opened up our meeting at 7:10 am. Paul provided our invoking reciting a quote from Tom Brady. Paul led us on the pledge.

Joe Schulz introduced our speakers Donna Hart from the Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and her colleague Becky Robinson, the local Edward Jones Alzheimer's Walk Coordinator.

Announcements & Comments

- Social: **Aaron Souza** reminded us about the October 6, four-club social event located in the enclosure behind the Elks Club. Pleasant Valley High School has another football home game Friday. Our upcoming Rotary meeting on September 30 will be at Mom's. Susie Sorenson announced the next lunch social grouping of GERALYN, Carl, and Joe.
- Literacy: **Nancy Hass-Depa** announced that we have three more schools that need members to check on their respective little libraries, and three members volunteered.
- Local projects: **Howard Slater** spoke about Pasta on the Plaza Boys and Girls Club event of last week. **Howard, Leo, Susie, Teresa** volunteered at the event. **Randy Korte** asked for volunteers for today at 4:00 pm at Centennial Park to remove three dying trees. Paul spoke about last Saturday's work day at the Centennial Park and the refreshments provided.
- Membership: **Geralyn Sheridan** spoke about last night's committee meeting. The group brainstormed on different ideas for recruiting new members and reengaging past members. **Kevin Baker** will be calling members that haven't attended a meeting for a while.

Recognitions

John Carlon announced that he took advantage of the office furniture give away. He was so pleased with this that he donated \$100 a big Benjamin - to Rotary on behalf of Susie.

Mark Stunkel provided an update on the eight teams participating in Fantasy Football eight. John's team is doing well. One bell.

Karen Hansen announced the welcomed pregnancy of her daughter. One bell.

Susie Sorenson had lunch with **James** and **Howard** this week at Sierra Nevada. James held everyone's attention with his stories. One bell.

Program

Randy Korte introduced our speakers today: Becky has been involved with Alzheimer work and support for 30 years. Donna has been the volunteer for five years and she is the Edward Jones Alzheimer regional lead.

Becky opened up with thanks to Rotary for all the great things the club is involved with.

Becky is with the Alzheimer's Association Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter that covers eleven counties. Most services are offered through the efforts of volunteers. This Chapter is one of the largest chapters in the Nation.

There is a rise in the disease and is currently one of the top five causes of death. There is no cure and no next steps to manage the disease. The Association funds research, provides care and support, and conducts political advocacy. Six million people in the US are affected by the disease,

Events/Speakers

September 30th
**Chico Sunrise Meeting:
Reading Pals**

October 7th
**Chico Sunrise Meeting
Valley Contractor's
Exchange**

October 14th
Chico Sunrise Meeting:

October 21st
Chico Sunrise Meeting:

October 21st
**Chico Sunrise Board of
Directors Meeting**

Birthdays



Nancy Haas-Depa
October 11th



Mark Stuenkel
October 15th



Heidi E. Houlihan
October 17th



Patrick Pillsbury
October 19th

Club Anniversaries



James Seegert
11-21-2002
19 Years



Carl R. Ochsner
11-05-2009
12 Years



Nick Mariottini
10-27-2011
10 Years

Suzie Bravo
11-19-2015

who are supported by 11 million caregivers, often who are family members. The organization's mission is to generate hope. Becky provided a couple of examples about the complexity of caring for someone with the disease.

Donna spoke about how she became involved with the Alzheimer's Association through her employer Edward Jones. She currently serves as the regional Edward Jones Alzheimer's coordinator. In 2016, Edward Jones made a 5-year, \$25 million commitment to the Association, and recently renewed for another 5-years. Edward Jones is national presenting sponsor for Walk to End Alzheimer's.

The regional chapter hosts three walks - Redding, Chico, and Humboldt. Last year, there were 48 teams in Chico and the Chico even raised over \$35,000. Donna invited the club to participate in the upcoming walk on Saturday, October 9 and to consider a sponsorship or add a team. Because of COVID, the walk is again virtual.

Paul pledged \$500 from the Rotary's President fund for the upcoming regional walk event.

In Closing

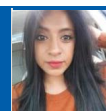
Paul thanked everyone for their participation today. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 am.

Thanks To:

Greeters: Susie Sorenson
Invocation: Paul Peck
Check in: Nancy Haas-Depa and Phil Wilke
Bulletin: Deb Larson

Next meeting is September 30 at Mom's Restaurant. Duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Pat Pillsbury and Mark Stuenkel
Invocation: John Carlon
Check in: Neil Yelland and Larry Guanzon
Bulletin: Carol Linscheid



6 Years



Debra Larson
11-02-2017
4 Years



Dawit Zeleke
11-30-2017
4 Years



Neil Yelland
10-31-2019
2 Years

Club Meeting

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