

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Valley Contractors Exchange Can Help!

By Carol Linscheid on Thursday, October 7, 2021



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WELCOME TO VALLEY CONTRACTORS EXCHANGE
SERVING THE NORTH STATE CONTRACTORS AND COMMUNITIES SINCE 1952.

President Paul Peck opened the meeting with an inspiring invocation and pledge that he provided since Teresa Frediani was absent.

Today's guests included speakers Amy Roher and Chelsea Irvine as well as past president Chuck Lohse who us now a Texas Rotarian and Phil from the Noon Club. Of special note, while not a visitor, **Jose Bravo** was able to attend today. Welcome back Jose!

Announcements & Comments

- **President Paul** called out **Neil Yelland** for his 2 year Rotoversary coming up on Halloween.
- **President Paul** also shared that the prior night's Four Club Social (both Chico clubs plus Durham and Paradise was really a Five Club Social because Chuck Lohse attended and is currently a member of a Texas club. It was said that there were as many as 100 Rotarians in attendance at the event held outside at the Elk's Lodge. It was an opportunity for great fun and fellowship and the Durham Club invited CSR to their meetings held every other Tuesday at 7 pm at Butte Creek Country Club.
- From **Aaron Souza** on behalf of the Social Committee we learned that there was an emergency social called last Friday at a local watering hole by **Randy Linquist**. A fair few had some fun!
- **Aaron** also shared that our next social will be a Halloween party held at **Jason Smith's** home. When **Susie Sorenson** asked if it was a costume party and was told no (just to get a rise out of her) she declared she would wear her birthday dress (a very real and very gorgeous dress!). But some of our less sensitive members allowed their minds to go straight to the old phrase "birthday suit" and it was off to the races!
- **Susie Sorenson** reported that last week's lunch bunch included **Karen Hansen, Greg Melton, and Daweet Zeleke**, none of whom were present to report. Next week's lunch bunch includes **Randy Linquist, Leo Weiss, and Jose Bravo**. We look forward to hearing from them.
- **Randy Korte** reported on behalf of the Local Projects Committee that for Make a Difference Day, which is Oct 23, the Committee selected to repair the jogging track at Neal Dow elementary. **Howard Slater** will be there with his bobcat. Wear your Rotary shirt and join in! Don't have a shirt? No problem. Contact Randy ASAP to order one.

Recognitions

- **Mark Stuenkel** will be another year older than he currently is on October 15. 1 bell
- **Pat Pilsbury** will also be celebrating his last birthday with a 6 in the front on Oct 19. Also 1 bell
- **Geralyn Sheridan** offered a Happy Hamilton cancellation deal to mention the upcoming Open Studios Art Tour Oct 16-17 and 23-24. Visit 58 (now 57) artist's studios/homes. Purchase a guide for \$15 from Geralyn. She paid for a sponsorship on the back cover but unfortunately is now not likely to be able to

Events/Speakers

- October 14th
Chico Sunrise Meeting:
- October 21st
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Chico Sunrise Board of Directors Meeting
- October 28th
Chico Sunrise Meeting: Halloween
- November 4th
Chico Sunrise Meeting:

Birthdays



Nancy Haas-Depa
October 11th



Mark Stuenkel
October 15th



Heidi E. Houlihan
October 17th



Patrick Pillsbury
October 19th



Kevin Baker
October 27th

Club Anniversaries



Nick Mariottini
10-27-2011
10 Years

Neil Yelland
10-31-



participate because her jewelry store was broken into and she has clean up to do with the insurance company. So sorry Geralyn!!

- **Leo Weiss** offered a Big Benjamin (once he figured out what that was) because he sold his boat and has no more mortgage! On the topic of International Projects, Leo explained the Roatan project to dig a new well has been delayed. Meanwhile, the only other well went dry. Since Leo didn't need his boat money he gave half of it to cover the cost of digging a new well which is up and operating. No additional bells because Leo is an amazing Rotarian and humanitarian!
- **Howard Slater** closed escrow on his old place on Morehead, selling it to his son. He successfully moved his wine collection to his new digs and since Slater and Sons pays the Rotary bills, Howard happily offered a Big Benjamin for the sale.
- **Phil Wilke** got a new Golden Retriever puppy and promised to bomb the club with photos of his new pride and joy. 1 bell
- **Carl Ochsner** made a trip (camping/hoteling)with friends, to Morrow Bay and the general area. A stop in Monterey produced a gift of socks for **President Paul** (Harry Potter fans, does that make Paul a free House Elf???) in a shark motif so he can switch out from the Rotary socks he has worn to every meeting. 1 bell
- **Susie Sorenson** has a new nose piercing which she modeled for the club. 1 bell

Program

Susie Sorenson introduced our speakers, Amy Roher, Executive Director of the Valley Contractors Exchange along with Consultant Chelsea Irvine. The two presented information about Valley Contractors Exchange with an emphasis on Hands On Tools Mobile Construction Training. They gave a tip of the hat to Howard Slater's father who was a founding member and past president if the exchange,

The mobile construction training is a utility truck with all the tools needed for construction training. There is quite a need to train more people to rebuild houses and the construction workforce is severely lacking. They seek out schools and youth clubs and organizations to introduce kids to construction as a very viable occupation. They especially reach out to the female population as only 2% of construction workers are female. They are involved with Habitat for Humanity and partner with Butte College and Chico State. They provide skills and safety training and certify individuals saving a trip to Sacramento where one would have to travel to receive the training. The Valley Contractors Exchange is happy to help contractors with the permit process which became quite onerous and is hopefully returning to normal.

In Closing

Paul thanked everyone for their participation today and presented a book for signing to our speakers.

Thanks To:

Greeters: Susie Sorensn. and Joe Shultz
Check In: Leo Weiss and Jill Hendry
Invocation and Pledge: President Paul himself subbing
Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

Next meeting will be held at Canyon Oaks Duties are assigned to:

Greeters: James Seegert & John Touchette
Invocation: Larry Guanzon
Check in: Kevin Baker, Supv & Dan Bay, Asst.
Bulletin: Heidi Houlihan

Club Meeting

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