

# Rotary



## Club of Chico Sunrise

### Forest Ranch School Principal Presentation

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Monday, October 18, 2021



**Rotary Club of Chico Sunrise**  
**Paul Peck, President 2021-2022**

**MEETING DATE: October 14, 2021**

Reporter: Heidi Houlihan

**President Paul** opened the meeting and invited Teresa F., who seemed to be caught off guard, for the invocation. Larry G. came to her rescue as he was the one assigned to this task. Apparently President Paul left his agenda at home again (or does he just pretend to make an agenda?). Larry G. said a prayer which ended with, ♦Lord, please help the Giants win tonight.♦ The pledge followed.

Guests were Christia Morasco, director of the Forest Ranch Charter School, and Pedro, Harrison, and Weston, all students.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Paul P.** announced October birthdays: Nancy H-D. celebrated on 10/11. She received a beautiful necklace from her husband from GERALYN SHERIDAN DESIGNS. Heidi H. will celebrate on 10/17.

**Leo W.** spoke about his involvement in Project Save, run by Janice and Dave Walker. They collect used but functional medical equipment from all over the north state and ship it all over the world, wherever is needed. Recently they have been sending equipment to Liberia. They presented at our club a couple of years ago.

**Rotarian Lunches:** Leo W., Jose B. and Randy K. had lunch last week. They all received 1 bell for reasons that were unclear to this reporter. Next week will be Aaron S., John T. and Heidi H.

**Randy K.** Local projects: 10/23 at 8 am we will be resurfacing the track at Neal Dow Elementary. There will be parent volunteers to help us. Wear your Rotary shirt and if you don't have one, let Randy know. Centennial Park's Grand Opening is scheduled for 11/15. Carl O. asked about the stenciling of the Rotary

#### Events/Speakers

October 21st  
**Chico Sunrise**  
**Meeting: Anita Baker, CSUChico Athletic Director**

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

October 28th  
**Chico Sunrise**  
**Meeting: DARK in AM (EVENING PARTY!)**

November 4th  
**Chico Sunrise**  
**Meeting: Beverly Tomassian, Diabetes**

November 11th  
**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



**Tanya E. Layne**  
November 2nd



**Greg Melton**  
November 8th

Wheel and Four Way Test on the sidewalk. Greg M. is in charge.

**Aaron S.** Social Committee: Halloween Party on 10/28 at Jason S. ♦s house. Costumes are optional. We will be dark that AM. It will be a potluck, look for the sign-up sheet next week.  
Relocation Committee: The winner is Mom♦s Restaurant. We will tentatively start meeting there on 11/4.

**Nancy H-D.** Literacy Committee: Thank you for help with the Little Free Libraries. We are in need of Spanish children♦s books. There is a possible photo-op with the superintendent on 10/20. **Paul P.** reported that the Little Free Library at DeGarmo Park (not ours) is back after being repaired. **Carl O.** has books in his car if you need them. If you have any children♦s books, bring them to him at one of our meetings. Also, he is concerned about the adhesive separating from the plexiglass. This needs to be replaced.

**Geralyn S.** Membership Committee ♦ meeting after this meeting.

## RECOGNITIONS

**Big Benjamins:** none

**Geralyn S.** announced the Open Studios Tour this weekend with 50 studios of local artists. She has some tickets remaining. She has a new front door and will be open! 1 bell

## PROGRAM

**Geralyn S.** showed a video that she created showing pictures and video from our outdoor classroom project at Forest Ranch School. She introduced **Christia Morasco**, one of the founders and the director of Forest Ranch Charter School. The school was founded in 2008 and they currently have 110 students. Their ideal number of students is 150. A fair number of these children come from Chico by bus. The school focuses on leadership skills and student government. Some of the student leaders joined us: Harrison, Pedro and Weston and thanked us for the early learning center area. They often use the outdoor furniture for their student government meetings. It is also used for their Reading Buddies program. Christia spoke about literacy and trauma. She noted that the kids have been out of the classroom for one and a half years in some cases, and many are far behind. They have a whole group of kids that came in with no reading skills. They also did not expect that their kindergarteners would come in with no social skills. The multiple traumas her students have experienced include the Camp Fire, lack of water, power outages, COVID and family conflict. She spoke about how trauma affects learning, physical health, social emotional development and the ability to focus. At Forest Ranch, they try to make an absence of threat in the classroom so that they can provide a safe and calm place to learn. Their motto is, ♦Open with welcome, close with optimism. ♦

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### THANKS:

Invocation: Larry G.  
Greeters: Larry G. and Randy L.  
Check In: Kevin B. and Howard S.  
Bulletin: Heidi H.  
GIP Reminder: Susie S.

### NEXT WEEK:

Invocation: Nancy Depa  
Greeters: Geralyn S. & Leo W.  
Check In: Larry G. & Peter B.  
Bulletin: Sean I.

## Club Anniversaries



Nick Mariottini  
10-27-2011  
10 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