

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Robots Invade Chico Sunrise Meeting

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, January 9, 2025



President Aaron opened the meeting and invited **Geralyn S.** to provide the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. She reminded us that this is a national day of mourning for former President Jimmy Carter, leading us in a moment of silence for him and our members' loved ones who devoted time to serving others. Guests included Peggi Koehler, Durham Club president, John Andrews, our speaker, and four of his students.

Mark S. delivered the Joke of the Day.

Announcements & Comments

Breakfast at Pleasant Valley HS is on January 20 at 9:30am and is the kick-off for our Fundraiser. Culinary students will be making the breakfast and Art students sharing their ideas. There is a Fundraiser meeting after the meeting today.

There will be a Board of Directors meeting some evening next week at Unwined. Look for the email.

Sean I. - parents of junior high school students in our club are encouraged to join him on 2/13 at Enloe Conference Center to review scholarship applications. See him for details.

Durham Club Fundraiser - President Peggi Koehler visited our club to encourage us to support their Annual Crab Feed on 1/25. Tickets are \$80 (tables are sold out) and available on Event Brite. This helps support their district grant, which is an AV upgrade to the Durham Veterans Hall including TV monitors. Our club is making a \$500 donation.

Events/Speakers

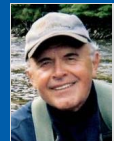
January 16th
Weekly Meeting-
David Little, North Valley Community Foundation

January 23rd
Weekly Meeting-
Dustin Vaught, El Rey Theatre restoration

January 30th
Weekly Meeting-
Wendy Fairon, Chico Country Day School

February 6th
Weekly Meeting-
Evan Hanson, Gov.'s Office of Emergency Services

Birthdays



Ron R. Piret
January 17th



John Carlon
January 25th

Club Anniversaries



Nick Mariottini
10-27-2011
14 Years



Daniel DeCaires
09-15-2022
3 Years



Desiree Gonzalez
09-15-2022
3 Years

Timothy

Recognitions

Kevin B. went to Las Vegas with his father-in-law and brought gifts of a hat, shot glass and T-shirt that was not appropriate for our meeting, but was inadvertently revealed. 2 bells

Scott D. was chided for forgetting his Salvation Army bell ringing duties, but was really there at the wrong time. 2 bells

Mark S. was questioned about Fantasy Football. The top winners were #1 **Tim S.**, #2 Brenton Farrell (former member Courtney's husband), #3 **Randy L.**

We then played a game of Durham Trivia for a \$500 cash prize. **Neil Y.**, **Forrest M.**, **Rich P.** answered correctly, so no fine was levied. **Larry G.** got 1 bell and **Geralyn S.** may have incurred a fine (?). Durham President Peggi nearly lost all of the \$500 for her club, but won it all back with an incredibly obscure question about Disneyland (where she happened to work in the past).



Suderman
09-15-
2022
3 Years



**James
Fisher**
10-05-
2023
2 Years

Program

Phil Wilke introduced our speaker, John Andrews, a technology teacher at Chico High and the advisor for Butte Build Bots. He brought four of his students. Their motto is: "Building Robots. Building Futures. Building Communities." He works with kids from elementary, junior high and high school for robotics competitions. The students are responsible for all the steps in designing, building, and programming robots over a 6-7 week period prior to competition. There is a new competition each year involving robots that have to do certain tasks. Videos of past competitions were shown that included a robot they designed that pitched balls into a goal and then had to climb monkey bars. The students learn new skills and good sportsmanship. The students gave a live demonstration of one of their robots showing how it can rotate 360 degrees in one spot, which also allows it to move in a diagonal direction. Their next tournament is on 3/1, and they are looking for judges. They are also looking for businesses to sponsor them as each robot costs about \$6000. They even have a YouTube channel. It was amazing to see these students engaged in an activity that involves teamwork, problem-solving, and learning new skills that may even lead to a future career. Thank you for a great presentation.

Aaron's phone rang - ?2 bells

In Closing

Raffle Drawing Results:

Phil W. got a bottle of wine
Kevin B. got the VIP breakfast
Phil W. wrong card drawn for \$187

Thanks To:

Invocation: GERALYN S.
Greeters: Randy K.
Check In: Kevin B. and Scott D.
Bulletin: Heidi H.

Next week:
Invocation: Jason S.
Greeters: Larry G. and Paul P.
Check In: Scott D. and Randy K.
Bulletin: Sean I.

Club Meeting

Chico Sunrise
Meets at Mom's Restaurant
209 Salem St
Chico, CA 95928
Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM