

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Chico Community Day School

By Sean Isom on Thursday, January 30, 2025

President Aaron opened the meeting with a gong and invited Mark S to the front. Mark shared a prayer from Billy Graham on today's challenges and hope to improve. Mark then sat down and was immediately brought back to share a joke of the day, also involving God.

Guests included Wendy Fairon, Sonny Ventemiglio & Kristy Skaggs both from Paradise Rotary and Peggy Koehler of Durham Rotary.

Announcements & Comments

Peggy K shared that Durham Rotary held their crab feed, with 32 Durham Interactors serving 248 people. Peggy thanked Susie S from our club for coming to Durham that night and helping out. Aaron asked Peggy where our \$500 donation from Durham is. With no good answer, Susie S got a \$10 recognition!

Sonny and Kristy are here on a road show. They are working with the Butte County Search and Rescue. The non-profit org is looking for a new location for our Search and Rescue team and they are starting their second year of a multi-year fundraising project. They are holding a Gala on April 5th, 6-10pm at the Sierra Nevada Big Room, where they are looking for sponsors. More [info is here](#).as well as on EventBright.

Pat P is manning the football pool. \$10/square with 50% of the proceeds to benefit Rotary.

Randy K announced the Torres Shelter is having their [Empty Bowls fundraiser](#). February 26th at PV High. Randy will be sending an email with more details and hopefully Diane Slater will join us for breakfast soon for some pleasant arm-twisting.

Our fundraiser is getting underway. The committee met this week at Aaron's pad. Desiree is heading up the team and John T will be handling the silent auction portion. Mark your calendar for Saturday 3/16 (and the whole weekend) for the event at Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. Also, each member will be required to bring 2 auction items and purchase 4 tickets.

Recognitions

Aaron started showing pictures of the bell which presented itself in various locations, including random people, a car from Utah, playing Frisbee golf and other locations. While Aaron did a commendable job looking at the details for clues, none were found. Chaos ensued as Forrest, Dan and Mark M tried to help. This was followed by a short story on how Aaron wrongly accused Kevin B of the theft and his apology for such action. Eventually we learned that the bell has been here at Mom's for the last 10 days! Aaron immediately spied it in the back of the room and somehow didn't recognize anyone!

Program

Carl introduced our speaker, Wendy Fairon. She is the Executive Director of Chico Country Day School, a public charter school for TK-8th grade students.

She shared how their Charter works (all 150 pages of it) as well as the funding of a charter school (like regular schools with attendance and bond funds). They are a project based learning organization and put a large emphasis on literacy. Their youngest grades only homework is reading with their family!

During the Q&A, we learned that the middle school is housed in the old Salvation Army building on Broadway, 14% of their students are special ed, and they have a lottery system for selecting incoming students.

In Closing

Events/Speakers

February 6th
[Weekly Meeting-Evan Hanson, Gov.'s Office of Emergency Services](#)

February 13th
[Weekly Meeting-Mike Wittermood, Enloe Medical Center](#)

February 20th
[Weekly Meeting-Gala Kick-off Breakfast at PV, 9:30 a.m.](#)

February 27th
[Weekly Meeting-Mary Carl, Miracle Messages, homeless services](#)

Birthdays



[Carl R. Ochsner](#)
March 3rd

Club Anniversaries



[Susie Sorenson](#)
12-16-2004
20 Years



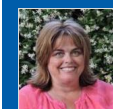
[Sean Isom](#)
01-19-2006
19 Years



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



[Richard W. Powell](#)
02-26-2015
10 Years



[Teresa Frediani](#)
12-10-2015
9 Years



[Nancy Haas-Depa](#)
01-18-2018
7 Years

The raffle was drawn with Mark S winning again, as well as John T and Randy K. Good news for the rest of us, the \$395 pot rolled over.

Duties	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Karen ? and Gary	Heidi H and Rich P
Invocation	Mark S	Tim S
Check in	Kevin and Nancy	Taylor and Geralyn
Bulletin	Sean I	Carol L
Sgt of Arms	Dan B	Mark M



Kevin Baker
01-25-2018
7 Years



Phil Wilke
01-17-2019
6 Years



Christian Garcia
12-08-2022
2 Years



D. Forrest Melton Jr.
01-26-2023
2 Years



Mark Murgia
02-09-2023
2 Years



Leo A Weiss
01-19-2024
1 Year



Taylor Gilmore
01-15-2025
0 Years

Club Meeting

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