

# Rotary



# Club of Chico Sunrise

## Chico Regional Airport update

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, July 13, 2023

**President Nancy** opened her second meeting with silverware and a glass, as the bell has been abducted yet again. She closed the door and confidently said, "No one is leaving until the bell is back." She invited Jason S. to give the invocation and pledge. He talked about service above self, led us in a prayer, but received 1 bell for thinking that the president of Rotary International was a woman (that was last year).

Guests were two Camp Royal scholarship recipients, Tessa Romano from Pleasant Valley and Dylan Perry from Chico High, Evan Tuchinski, who writes the district newsletter (Noon club), Glenn Eaton, who is the outgoing assistant district governor (Noon club), Bob Bracewell, the incoming Noon club president, Nicole Drummond, executive director of CHAT (Noon club), and our speaker, Tom Bahr, Chico Airport manager.

## Announcements & Comments

- Birthdays:
  - John T. on 7/16
  - Dan B. on 7/17
  - Rich P. on 7/18 and his wife on 7/14

Happy Birthday!!!

Rota-versary: Larry G. on 7/17 celebrating 20 years in Rotary. Congratulations!

The Rotary International President is Gordon McNally and his theme is "Creating Hope". Nancy showed a video skit that this reporter found difficult understand due to low volume and his thick Scottish accent, which was the point!

**Camp Royal** – **Larry G.** and **Randy K.** (who both played Rugby) introduced two of the four students that our club sponsored, Tessa Romano and Dylan Perry. They both had impressive resumes with greater than 4.0 GPAs and many extracurricular activities. They thanked our club for our sponsorship. They learned a lot about themselves and their interactions with others. Tessa spoke about, "how I perceive and introduce myself to others" and what it was like to be face to face without their phones. She felt she grew as a person. They both spoke about day-to-day life at camp and took questions.

**CHAT** – Nicole Drummond, the executive director of Chico Housing Action Team and new Noon club member, said they have helped house around 250 people. The Everhart Village is almost complete with all of the cabins on site. There are work days for the finishing details. Sign up on their website [www.chicohousingactionteam.net](http://www.chicohousingactionteam.net). **Leo W.** is working this weekend!

## Recognitions

- **Leo W.** – received 2 bells for being somehow involved with the abduction of the bell
- **Aaron S.** – received an apology from Nancy because she accused him of stealing the bell at the Demotion Dinner – 2 bells for Nancy
- **Forrest M.** – stood by Leo and said he had been with him all morning and that he did not touch the bell (although apparently he did last week!)

## Program

Our speaker this morning was Tom Bahr, the manager at the Chico Regional Airport. You may remember it as the Chico Municipal Airport, but the name was recently changed to reflect the fact that it serves the whole region.

They support business activity including charter flights, fire fighting, medical services and aircraft sales and maintenance. They serve as a regional firebase for both airplane and helicopter tankers.

## Events/Speakers

July 20th  
[Weekly Meeting-Evan Markey, Anthony Meyer, Cal Water](#)

July 27th  
[Weekly Meeting-Jenny Humphrey, Enloe Chief Flight Nurse](#)

August 3rd  
[Weekly Meeting-Melody Proebstel, NorCal United Way](#)

August 10th  
[Weekly Meeting-Blake Ellis, Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve](#)

## Birthdays



[Dan L. Bay](#)  
July 17th



[Richard W. Powell](#)  
July 18th



[Gary R. Podesta](#)  
August 6th



[Phil Wilke](#)  
August 14th



[Forrest Melton](#)  
August 15th

## Club Anniversaries



[Carol Linscheid](#)  
08-19-2004  
19 Years



[Tanya E. Layne](#)  
09-01-2006  
17 Years

[Daniel DeCaires](#)  
09-15-2022  
1 Year

As we all know, they are home to the Chico Air Museum, the jewel of the airport. They also host public events such as the Annual Fly – In with a Hangar Dance in the evening each May, Dream Flights for veterans, and the B-17 Sentimental Journey, fire bomber in WWII, with tours and flights.

Of course, what everyone wanted to hear about was the possibility of the return of commercial flights to Chico! "Help Chico Fly" is the program that will offer an incentive package to an airline coming to Chico. You can go to their website <http://www.helpchicofly.com> and download a letter of support and make a contribution. The most likely prospect at this time is SkyWest, which is a contract carrier for United Airlines and other carriers. They are looking at two daily flights to and from LAX with pricing around \$175 and free parking in Chico. There were lots of great questions from our members.

## In Closing

John thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Check In: Mark M and Kevin B  
Greeters: Rich P and Tanya L  
Invocation and Pledge: Jason S  
Bulletin: Heidi H

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Randy L & James S  
Invocation: Susie S  
Check in: Forrest M & Gary P  
Bulletin: Sean I



[Desiree Gonzalez](#)  
09-15-2022  
1 Year



[Timothy Suderman](#)  
09-15-2022  
1 Year

## Club Meeting

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