

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

A Fresh Look at United Way

By Carol Linscheid on Thursday, August 3, 2023



United Way of Northern California

President Nancy opened the meeting and invited **Mark Stuenkel** to provide the invocation and lead the pledge of allegiance. Mark expressed thanks for being part of a great community and having an opportunity for meaningful service.

Guests included Curtis from the Noon Club; Hugh Mattingly, former CSR member and past president; and Melody Proebstel, our speaker.

Announcements & Comments

- **Randy Korte** provided an update on the school landscape project which was done last Saturday. It even included school colors! Thanks to all who helped!
- **John Carlon** gave an update on the Paradise Chocolate Festival which took place in May and to which CSR donated \$1,000 for a writing contest. He brought a copy of the winning essay which can be(pdf's downloaded from DECdb) [see here](#), and other docs [here](#) and [here](#).
- **President Nancy** shared that the District Governor is coming to our Halloween party. We are looking for a venue that is free or inexpensive and ideas are welcome. Contact Nancy.

Recognitions

- **Nick Mariottini** vacationed in Oahu, part of which was at the Disney Hotel. He visited the Dole pineapple plantation and brought President Nancy a toy stuffed pineapple. He and his family were the target of a "smash and grab" perpetrated on their rental car. Unfortunately for the thieves, the stuffed pineapple was the only thing in the car and they left it behind. 1 bell
- **Carl Ochsner**, once again, went to Wisconsin. He exceeded his personal best in bratwurst consumption. He brought President Nancy a frisbee, a Green Bay Packers beer cozy, and a t-shirt from the family zoo. 1 bell
- **Randy Linquist** and his wife celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in Mexico. He brought some "after dinner drinks" for President Nancy but failed to mention the limo that picked the happy couple up and other nice amenities that Nancy had already learned about from Randy's wife. 2 bells
- **Forest Melton** shared that it is his son Tyler just turned 31 and happy birthday Tyler! 1 bell

Program

Desiree Gonzalez introduced our speaker, Melody Proebstel, Senior Director of Community Engagement of United Way of Northern California. The organization is a non-profit that includes a nine county territory.

UWNC promotes equity in racial justice and resiliency. It's mission is to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community and to be there for the community and its residents during times of crisis. It was know in the past for fundraising through workplace campaigns in which pre-tax deductions could be made via payroll deduction but this became less popular over time and they have changed methods.

One of the projects currently being worked on is conducting periodic point-in-time surveys of the unhoused and this has lead to further study of reasons for homelessness and to begin to address these. One such solution is the Redding-based micro shelter which opened in April. UWNC was asked to be a financial backer and to manage of the micro shelter which has a 10-month residency limit while working on transitioning out. Three residents are already moving onto housing situations.

Events/Speakers

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

August 17th
[Weekly Meeting-David Bruhn, Author](#)

August 24th
[Weekly Meeting-Mark Conry-Chico Sailing Club](#)

August 31st
[Weekly Meeting-Claire Pelley, Chico Performances](#)

Birthdays



[Phil Wilke](#)
August 14th



[Forrest Melton](#)
August 15th



[Paul Peck](#)
August 29th

Club Anniversaries



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



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



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



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



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

Melody also discussed the Pallet Shelter, Project Roomkey, and Project Homekey.

It's great to see some success happening.

In Closing

John thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Check In: Desiree Gonzalez and Geralyn Sheridan

Greeters: Nick Mariottini

Invocation and Pledge: Mark Steunkel

Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Forest Melton and Susie Sorenson

Invocation: Tim Suderman

Check in: Daniel DeCaires and Scott Dilg

Bulletin: Heidi Houlihan

Club Meeting

Chico Sunrise

Meets at Mom's Restaurant

209 Salem St

Chico, CA 95928

Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM