

# Rotary



# Club of Chico Sunrise

## Lifelong Learning is Easy

By Sean Isom on Thursday, August 31, 2023



President **Nancy Haas-Depa** opened the meeting with her bell and gavel...this would not last. She invited her secretary, Phil Wilke to give us an invocation, where Phil shared the history of Labor Day. It started in Oregon; then he led us in the pledge to our flag. Guests today were James 'Fish' Fischer, a prospective member, Curtis Avrit from the Noon

Club, and Ann Nikolai, our speaker.

### Announcements & Comments

- Dr Tanya Layne celebrated her Rotaversary, she join in 2006
- Carl gave us an update on the literacy committee, including projects, the Little Libraries and other items. While this drew comments that our program was not Carl, this was soon silenced by the next member's announcement.
- Mark Steunkel shared the Fantasy Football Pool is starting this week. This continued in classic Mark fashion with plenty of embellishment. Boiling this down for you: \$500 of the pool goes to 'god I hope not Polio Plus', The other \$500 is split between the top-two winners who really should donate it back to the club.
- Greg Melton's son's baseball team was shown after their successful tournament at Doryland Field. The Chico Rice came from behind to win 5 games in a row and take the win...3 bells for Greg.
- AG (Assistant Governor) Geralyn shared she supported our District Governor as Clair Roberts visited the Chico Noon club. She also gave a quick update that she is the assistant for 5 clubs in our area (the North State Nuts). Clair will also visit our club sometime in November.
- The Torres Shelter's fundraiser, Empty Bowls, will be on November 3rd with seatings at 5 and 6:30. The fundraiser was a favorite of Howard Slater and Nancy intends to support them this year as well.
- Durham Rotary Harvest Festival is on September 17th. They will have breakfast and lunch and can use our club's help if possible. [Glenn Pulliam](#) is the contact. A discussion followed about Capt. Bob's Pancake Wagon that is needing replacement. There is a fundraiser for the project with [Dino Corbin](#) as the contact.

### Recognitions

- Tanya Layne went hiking in Yosemite, something she had never done before. She accomplished all that she she set out to do and greatly enjoyed the trip..1 bell.
- Geralyn S took her mini van full of friends to Grass Valley to enjoy a weekend of celebrating 32 years playing bunco. President Nancy gave her 5 bells for the event. Nancy then gave herself the same, as she was one of the 32. A discussion ensued whether Secretary Phil should have executed the recognition.

### Program

Phil W introduced our guest speaker, Ann Nicolai, MPA. She is the Program Director of Professional and Coninuing Education at CSU Chico and director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute(OLLI). Ann earned her Master of Public Administration at SF State in 2003 and attended the Institute of Educational Management at Harvard University in 2001.

She shared with us how the OLLI has about 125 institutes in colleges and universities in the US. Membership is about 400,000 and is unsurprisingly down since the pandemic. Their purpose is to provide non-credit classes for adults fifty and over. At [the Chico institute](#), there are about 600

### Events/Speakers

September 7th  
[Weekly Meeting-Alex Beehner, Boys and Girls Club](#)

September 14th  
[Weekly Meeting-Todd Dowell, PEP Schools](#)

September 21st  
[Weekly Meeting-AT CENTENNIAL PARK, Annabel Grimm, CARD](#)

September 28th  
[Weekly Meeting-Donna Harter, Alzheimer's Walk](#)

### Birthdays



[Bob Linscheid](#)  
September 13th

### Club Anniversaries



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



[Nick Mariottini](#)  
10-27-2011  
12 Years



[Neil Yelland](#)  
10-31-2019  
4 Years



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



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



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

members and has many peer leaders/teachers as well as courses available from some of the other institutes via Zoom. Their [course schedule is here](#) and she encouraged everyone to join for the learning and social aspects.

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### **In Closing**

Nancy thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Greeters: Mark Murgia & Tim Suderman

Invocation: Phil Wilke

Check in: Kevin Baker

Bulletin: Sean Isom

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Carl O and John T

Invocation: Niel Yelland

Check in: Desiree and Geralyn

Bulletin: Sean Isom

### **Club Meeting**

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Meets at Mom's Restaurant

209 Salem St

Chico, CA 95928

Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM