

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Boys & Girls Club of the North Valley

By Carol Linscheid on Thursday, September 7, 2023



President Nancy opened the meeting with her cruise ship horn since her bell has gone missing again. She invited **Neil Yelland** to provide the invocation and he did with a Rotary Haiku:

Rotary's goodwill
Service, community, skill
Hope and love fulfill

Guests included Joel and Ken, both from Noon Club, **John Touchette's daughter, Rachel**, and speaker Alex Beehner.

Announcements & Comments

Birthdays: Honorary Member **Bob Linscheid's** birthday is Sep 13
Foundation Board meeting is Sep 14
CSR Board meeting is Sep 21

- Meeting of Sep 21 will be held at Centennial Park and will include breakfast. DO NOT come to Mom's on Sep 21. Do bring your mosquito spray.
- **Daniel DeCaires** is getting married! Wedding bells will ring this Saturday in Napa. Congratulations and the club enjoyed singing along to Chapel of Love by the Dixie Cups.
- Durham Club's Harvest Festival is Sep 17.
- Roatan sent a thank you note for the water project. They did a live stream program and several of our members heard them mention CSR.

Recognitions

- **Forrest Melton** (Evans??) made the newspaper with his Blue Sky Event Services and latest festival. 1 bell
- **Carol Linscheid's** daughter, Caitlin, competed in a jiu-jitsu tournament in Las Vegas recently. It was her first ever competition and Caitlin placed 3rd in her bracket in single elimination competition, even beating the second ranked woman. When one of the casinos found she had been practicing both jiu-jitsu and muay thai, they invited her to join their security team. Proud mom brought back cards, dice, and a bell for President Nancy. 3 bells
- **John Carlon** pointed out that **Mark Stuenkel** may have gotten the year wrong on the fantasy football trophy which was marked 2023. **Mark Stuenkel** argued that it meant the 2022-2023 year (yes football drags on that long). He then proceeded to give quite the program about a plastic cow left at his house (**Randy Linquist's** lucky charm). He also pointed out that **Randy Korte** had the best draft. **Aaron Souza's** name was thrown into the mix for who knows what reason all resulting in **1 bell for Randy Korte, 1 bell for Aaron Souza, 2 bells for John Carlon, and 7 bells for Mark Stuenkel.**
- **Carl Ochsner** noted that **President Nancy** was wearing Chicago Bears colors and noted that whenever the Bears came on the field against Green Bay, the Bears were shaking and quaking. On the odd chance the Bears beat the Packers this season, Carl offered to take bells if President Nancy did the same in the event the Bears lost. President Nancy agreed.
- **Forest Melton's** daughter made the volleyball team and is doing very well!. 3 bells

Program

Phil Wilke introduced our speaker, Alex Beehner, Development Director for Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley. Alex has been with BGCNV since 2015. Our own **Gary Podesta** is on their Board of Directors and took a moment to share why he serves. Gary took on a foster son when he was single and alone with no family around and the Boys and Girls Club was there for him and son Zack. It takes a village to raise a child and the B&G Club was there.

Alex shared that the Boys and Girls Club hopes to inspire and enable youth to reach their full

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

potential. The organization serves youths ages 5 to 18 years of age. Membership is \$100 a year although the actual cost is about \$4,500 a year to provide all their services. They rely on grants and community giving. Alex had photos of CSR participation in their Literacy Program in 2018.

Boys and Girls Club services are many. Some of these are case management (helping the whole family with their needs, especially after the Camp Fire), direct assistance, holiday support, scholarships, and a food pantry. They offer a summer program called Camp Jamoa which serves about 300 kids and includes field trips, job skills, bike safety and Forebay activities, and provides 3 meals plus snacks each day.

Their greatest need currently is funding to maintain the Bellin Center which is for their Junior High School program. Their upcoming fundraiser is Pasta on the Plaza which will take place on Sep 14 from 5 to 8 pm. At the Chico Teen Center, Nettleton Gym and Chico Rotary Plaza. Ask **Gary Podesta** about tickets.

In Closing

President Nancy thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Check In: Desiree Gonzalez and Geralyn Sheridan

Greeters: Carl Ochsner and John Touchette

Invocation and Pledge: Neil Yelland

Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Paul Peck and Phil Wilke

Invocation: Kevin Baker

Check in: Scott Dilg and Daniel's sub

Bulletin: Heidi Houlihan

Club Meeting

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Meets at Mom's Restaurant

209 Salem St

Chico, CA 95928

Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM