

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Positive Education Partnerships

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, September 14, 2023

President Nancy opened the meeting with a horn sound from her phone. Kevin B. led us in singing "God Bless America" and then the pledge.

Our only guest was Todd Dowell, our speaker.

Announcements & Comments

Nancy H.- Next week's meeting will be at Centennial Park at 6:45am , so don't show up at Mom's Restaurant. Bring a chair, breakfast will be provided.

Rotaversaries: all joined our group Sept. 15, 2022

Tim S.

Daniel D. who is on his honeymoon

Desiree G. who said we have a fun group and she is looking forward to being more involved and getting to know people better.

Mark S. interrupted and received 1 bell (honk)

Foundation meeting after today's meeting. If you attend this or a board meeting, you get a make-up

Board meeting following the meeting on 9/21

Randy K.- completion of project at Little Chico Creek Elementary on 9/23 (Sat.) 8:30am. We will be spreading gravel, so bring flat shovels and wheelbarrows. Wear you Rotary shirt. If you don't have one, contact Randy.

Carol L.- this is "Basic Education and Literacy Month". She updated the club on the literacy committee. The care of the Little Libraries has been redistributed. The club will be sponsoring a child in Reading Pals. We are working on partnering with the Butte County Library to implement Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which sends a book a month to children from birth to age 5. The Trivia Bee, which supports adult literacy programs and ESL, is in October. A donation of \$500 includes 3 team members and 3 guests, with no administrative costs.

Randy L.- (after the moos) said he has 5 boxes of books in his car if you need them to restock your little library.

Nancy H. - talked with Michelle from Reading Pals and learned that Chico Nissan Hundai is matching any donations. Our club is going to give \$420. If you would like to sponsor a child for the year, it is \$38/month. Go to www.readingpalschico.org. Their organization received a nomination for the Golden Bell Award and they won! They are starting Math Pals next month. If you can't volunteer at this time, consider donating.

Recognitions

- Mark S.- mentioned that he will not be at the meeting next week because he will be gone at the 49ers home opener 1 bell.
- Dan B. interjected that this was a bad excuse because the game is in the evening.
- Teresa F. - spent 17 days in beautiful Italy! It was her first trip to Europe. She travelled to attend a wedding at Lake Como. She brought our president a gift of Limoncello. 1 bell
- Carl O.- the Packers won their opening game and he will be delighted to match Nancy's fine for the Bears loss. 2 bells, but 3 for Nancy

Program

Our speaker this morning, introduced by **Phil W.**, was Todd Dowell, from Positive Education Partnerships (PEP). This organization serves as a bridge between schools and the community. They support academic achievement, emotional growth of students and they are local. He talked about how educators are heroes and they have increasing demands, both in quantity and complexity and that their pay is not on par with other jobs that require a 4-year degree. He also spoke about Butte county having the highest percentage of individuals with ACE's (adverse childhood experiences) in California and how this impacts a student's ability to learn effectively. PEP is there to offer support to both teachers and students.

Events/Speakers

September 21st

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

September 28th

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

October 5th

[Weekly Meeting-Diane Slater, Empty Bowls](#)

October 12th

[Weekly Meeting-AT ESPLANADE HOUSE, Brian Boyer](#)

October 19th

[Weekly Meeting-Jennifer Sanchez, Breast Cancer Awareness](#)

Birthdays



[Nancy Rebecca Haas-Depa](#)
October 11th



[Mark Stuenkel](#)
October 15th



[Heidi E. Houlihan](#)
October 17th



[Patrick Pillsbury](#)
October 19th

Club Anniversaries



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



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

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

In Closing

President Nancy thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Greeters: Paul Peck and Phil Wilke
Invocation: Kevin Baker
Check in: Scott Dilg and Daniel's sub
Bulletin: Heidi Houlihan

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Rich Powell and ____
Invocation: Dan Bay
Check in: Forrest Melton and Mark M
Bulletin: Sean Isom



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



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



[Desiree Gonzalez](#)
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