

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Sunrise at Centennial Park

By Sean Isom on Thursday, September 21, 2023



President Nancy opened the meeting with a whistle, befitting since we are a Centennial Park. She reminded us that today we are putting the Sunrise in Sunrise Rotary. She introduced Dan Bay, who shared a few things about Rotary, and closed with the idea that he is "Thankful of what Rotary brought to me". Next, Dan determined that the closed school was McManus and we turned and gave the pledge towards the imagined flag.

Our only guest was Noon Rotary member Annabelle Grimm, our speaker.

Announcements & Comments

- A board meeting will be held directly after this meeting, here at the park.
- Randy Korte announced that this Saturday at Little Chico Creek School, we will be moving 5 yards of rock, precisely 1/2 what we did last time. So grab your flat shovel, a rake, a wheel barrow if you have one, some gloves and leave the bell. See you at 8:30 and we will be done well before 10, or 11, or 11:15.
- Mark Murgia shared that he is leading up a Sgt of Arms group to collect your recognition. Bring cash and a willingness to clear up your outstanding balances.
- Forrest Melton is helping PV high sports boosters, sharing that you can get your banner at the gym, or your name on the marquee out front, \$500 and \$1000 is the price. He also shared that supporting Chico High in the similar vein was commendable.

Recognitions

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

- We skipped these today...we will catch you next week.

Centennial Park

- Geralyn and Carl together shared the efforts to make this park come together. The club got a district grant of 18k and we also contributed substantial amounts. Most went to the play structure, yet we also put up many trees and other hard work. We are also working on getting the grant completed for the Esplanade house outdoor project. Next year we will not be getting a grant, yet will be investigating options for subsequent years.
- Randy Korte shared that he lives in the neighborhood. While driving by this section, he has mixed thoughts based on all the work he did. He also shared a memory of how he and Dawit Zeleke worked together on areas and how he learned of Dawit's illness from him while here in the park...bittersweet memories.
- Greg Melton shared that there is some unfished work in the park. A climbing boulder is planned and needed as kids on bikes are miss-using the space as a ramp up to the slide...which is not meant for bicycles.
- Greg also shared images of the new project at Chapman Park. This is located near the Dorthy Johnson center in Chapman town and represents Upper Bidwell Park with our club donating the life-sized bear to go along with the salmon. Seems the alligators were not retained in the final design. In case you missed it, Upper Bidwell Park has Bear Hole, Salmon Hole and other swimming holes.

Program

Kevin Baker introduced our speaker, Annabell Grimm. Annabell is the General Manager of CARD. Annabell comes from Tucson AZ and has spent time in the Navy and at Chico State before joining CARD.

CARD is celebrating it's 75th anniversary, including a gala tomorrow night at the [Cal Park Pavilion](#). They operate eleven community parks and six special purpose parks. They are working on getting the Aquatic Center built (at Esplanade and Garner) as well as Henshaw Park developed. The district has about 50 permanent employees and 300 temporary employees...and they will need lifeguards!

She shared how she has worked with Greg Melton on multiple parks, including Meriam Park, Emmerson Park and the bocci ball area at 20th Street Park. She is also working with Forrest Melton on organising events in the park.

Questions included how to pay for all the expansion, including grants, bonds or other financing options.

In Closing

President Nancy thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Greeters: Rich Powell and Neil
Invocation: Dan Bay
Check in: Forrest Melton and Gary P
Bulletin: Sean Isom

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Kevin B and Gary P
Invocation: John Carlon
Check in: Christian Garcia and ?
Bulletin: Geralyn Sheridan



[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

Club Meeting

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