

# Rotary



# Club of Chico Sunrise

## New Member Induction! Welcome Fish!!

By Carol Linscheid on Thursday, October 5, 2023



**President Nancy** continues to have to use sound effects in lieu of her bell. When will it return? She invited **Daniel DeCaires** to give the invocation and he inspired us with his favorite quote from The Alchemist.

Guests included James Fisher, Evan Tuchinsky, and Todd Dowell.

## Announcements & Comments

**New Member Induction: James Fisher** was inducted into our club! He tried to keep it short and sweet by sharing that it was nice to be part of the club and his friends call him "Fish." **President Nancy** called for his verbal resume and we learned he has a fascinating history in cyber security for the government and subsequently in the private sector. He is originally from Paradise and made his way back to us like a salmon swimming upstream to return. He was in the Air Force (thank you for your service), has two kids, has worked as a defense contractor in Denver and finally decided to come home. We are glad you did and welcome to Chico Sunrise Rotary!!

Check your calendar:

Oct 12: field trip to the Esplanade House so DON'T GO TO MOM'S. Foundation Board meeting

Oct 19: Breast Cancer Awareness program and Board meeting.

Oct 25: Director's dinner with DG Claire Roberts

Oct 26: Dark in the morning and Halloween Social at Jason Smith's house

Nov 2: Empty Bowls to benefit Torres Community Shelter

Rotary Foundation Month is here! Make your checks out to Rotary Foundation in a minimum amount of \$100 and give it to **Susie Sorenson**. Alternatively, you can Venmo to @Susie-Sorenson-1. Where does the money go? The money funds many grants for Rotary to do good in the world. A prime example is the water project we participated in financially and hands on in Honduras.

## Recognitions

- **Desiree Gonzalez** lost her Rotary pin, allegedly during a wild night, and President Nancy replaced it 1 bell
- **John Carlon** is back from camping at Lassen and suffered the consequences of missing the opportunity to provide the invocation or getting anyone to do it for him. John did try to deflect by calling out the incorrect year on the fantasy football trophy and wasn't mentioning Mark Stuenkel by name for the error. Correction made but fine stands at 2 bells
- **Sean Isom** promoted the Chico Community Scholarship Association's fundraiser raffle tickets. \$10 gets you a chance for the Wine Wagon or Giants baseball package. 1 bell
- **Paul Peck** is back from Montana and Yellowstone Park brining a wine tumbler for **President Nancy** and a sticker instructing her to not pet the bison. 1 bell
- **Geralyn Sheridan** promoted the Open Studios Art Tour and she is on the tour. Guidebooks are \$15 and the tour weekends are Oct 14-15 and 21-22. Proceeds go to the Art Center activities. 5 bell
- **Mark Stuenkel** challenged anyone who wants in to place a \$50 bet on the 49ers vs Dallas Cowboys. All proceeds will go to Rotary. **Dan Bay** took him up on it. No bells heard.

## Program

## Events/Speakers

October 12th  
**Weekly Meeting-AT ESPLANADE HOUSE, Brian Boyer**

October 19th  
**Weekly Meeting-Jennifer Sanchez, Breast Cancer Awareness**

October 26th  
**Dark for Halloween**

November 2nd  
**Weekly Meeting-Julio Romas, George Bell, student entrepreneurs**

## Birthdays



**Nancy Rebecca Haas-Depa**  
October 11th



**Mark Stuenkel**  
October 15th



**Heidi E. Houlihan**  
October 17th



**Patrick Pillsbury**  
October 19th



**Kevin Baker**  
October 27th



**Scott Dilg**  
October 30th



**Tanya E. Layne**  
November 2nd

## Club Anniversaries



**Tanya E. Layne**  
09-01-2006  
17 Years

**Nick Mariottini**

**Phil Wilke** introduced our true friend, Diane Slater who is a huge proponent of the Empty Bowls event to support the Torres Shelter and Taylor Bunch, Executive Director of True North.

Taylor explained that True North supports the Torres Shelter expansion and finds ways to empower and support the most marginalized members of our community by providing needed services to the unhoused. They are creating the Navigation Center to bring needed services currently spread throughout the county making access challenging for those without transportation, all under one roof.

It isn't enough to provide a a bed to a homeless individual. Much help is needed to get such a person on the road to permanent housing. Services include drug counseling two times a day and mental health counseling two times a week. From January through September, 127 people have been housed. 95% remain housed while only 5% have fallen back to being unhoused. The cost is less than \$14,000 per person while other programs usually spend around \$40,000 per person.

Diane Slater reminded us of the Empty Bowls fundraiser which is Nov 2. Proceeds go to the Torres Shelter. Diane shared that she has strong confidence in Taylor Bunch as Executive Director of True North

## In Closing

President Nancy thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Check In: Desiree Gonzalez and Geralyn Sheridan  
Greeters: Dan Bay and Rich Powell  
Invocation and Pledge: Daniel DeCaires  
Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: John Carlon and James Seegert  
Invocation: Teresa Frediani  
Check in: Daniel DeCaires and Scott Dilg  
Bulletin: Heidi Houlihan



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