



ROTARY CLUB OF PARADISE RIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Our October 1, 2026 Weekly Club Meeting

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President Elect Mickey Rich conducted this meeting.

Guests in Attendance: Friend of Rotary, Margaret Kelly; and Rotarian John Downham of the Rotary Club of Sanger, a Member of our Club Previously

HIGHLIGHTS:

PE Mickey began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. So that it didn't get overlooked, she reminded everyone about our gesture of goodwill toward a Mt. Mike's employee by putting a dollar or two in a collection envelope.

Trudi A. reported that the legacy Interact Club held their Pizza Party welcoming event at Mt. Mike's on Monday, 9/21. More than 20 students attended. Then, on Friday, 9/25, they delivered Classroom Flags to Paradise Elementary School. The school held a full student body assembly outdoors adjacent to the multi-purpose room. (See the pictures below.)

Pres. Melissa was in attendance prior to her departure to unknown places. She did disclose that she secured stand-ins at the podium to officiate multiple October Lunch Meetings. She did report that the YRA had a very successful Wednesday night Recruitment BBQ Party at Bille Park.

Trudi additionally described a little about the Club's recent experience at the Magalia Fall Festival. She explained that when youth respond to a volunteer request, they need to receive pointed guidance as to what they are to do. They are willing to do whatever is requested, but they need to be told who, what, when and how to do it.

PE Mickey called on Heidi L. to provide details about the Skyway Cleanup Event on Saturday, 10/10/26. (Flyer Attached) Different from times past, this time all the groups for all the "routes" will be there at the same time. Heidi added one important thing, though. We've all seen the memorial sign for Brianna Cassidy on Skyway, just before Lookout Point. Well, the Cassidy family has a "route," on Skyway section that they clean up. Unfortunately both her mother and father are being treated for cancer and have a hard time doing the cleanup. So Heidi suggested that after we get finished with our section, we should go help or take care of theirs. She explained where it is at this meeting, but I didn't catch precisely the location. I'm sure she'll furnish more info next Thursday.

Renee gave us an update on the work needed to make Blues & Brews a success. Tom B. will be setting up the stage from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Items from storage will be fetched between 12 and 12:30 PM. We'll need 1 popup, 2 tables, and 1 ice chest to be moved from the storage container at the Elk's property. Help if you can! Just show up and lend a hand. Most critical is the need for ticket sellers.

World Polio Day is October 24, 2026. The Chico Noon Rotary Club is hosting a gathering at Centennial Park in Chico on that day. They'd like as many Rotarians to attend as possible. We don't have many details yet as to how we can participate, so stay tuned, mark your calendars, and get ready to celebrate one of Rotary's big accomplishments. There certainly will be emails about this flying around.

PE Mickey gave a short presentation regarding her trip to Chicago (Evanston, actually) to tour Rotary 1 and Paul Harris' home. Both PDG Pam and myself suggested to her that she needs to do a Lunch Meeting Program Presentation on the trip, her experiences, and her feelings about Rotary now.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

PE Mickey promised in a recent email that she would be giving Meeting attendees a thought provoking, discussion exercise. We formed groups of 4 or 5 people and visited the 3 questions she provided. Here are the questions.

1. Where does Rotary show up in your life *outside of Rotary*? Think about your work, family, community, or simply how you treat the people around you.
2. Who is someone you've encountered who quietly makes our community better? What do they do that stands out to you?
3. What is one small thing our club—or each of us individually—could do more often to build stronger relationships or make Paradise a little better?

PE Mickey wrote as guidance for the discussions that there are no right/correct answers, that we should just share our experiences, listen, and see where the conversation goes. We didn't attempt to summarize all the answers to all the questions, from all the groups.

Here are some examples, though. To question 1, we agreed that our interactions at work are the most common. To question 2, a couple people were suggested in discussion. Harlan Hudson was one person that, in his retirement, went about beautifying Paradise by pulling weeds, picking up trash, and sweeping gutters. A second person is amongst us: Heidi L. She's "done the time" on Town Council, active at the Elk's lodge, and managing the Parade of Flags effort. To question 3, PE Mickey brought up the topic of "Friendship Parties." The answers to this question are nearly infinite, beginning with how we interact with people wherever we go, to attempting to find more people to invite to our Lunch Meetings.

These are really useful, thought provoking questions that each of us should return to periodically for a reminder in all we think, say, and do. Hmm...where have we heard that before, eh?

FUTURE PROGRAM SPEAKERS:

- ⚙ 10/08 - Sheley Miller & Debbie Gagne from Butte County Local Food Network
- ⚙ 10/15 - Career Expo Committee Updates from iPP Kelli G. and Program Committee Chair, Casey T.
- ⚙ 10/22 - Paradise Flag and Sober Grad Night Updates with Heidi Lange and Friend
- ⚙ 10/29 - Dark! No Lunch Meeting (5th Thursday)
- ⚙ 11/05 - All Club Meet Up @ Mt. Mike's

LIGHTEN UP:

Three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do. — *Jean-Paul Sartre (1905-1980)*

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THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST
of all we think, say, and do.

1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THE PICTURE PAGE



Interact Pizza Welcoming Party



Presenting the Flags

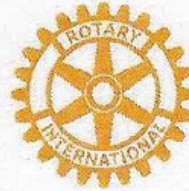


Presenting the Flags



The PES Student Body

Rotary
Club of Paradise



SKYWAY CLEANUP

KEEP PARADISE BEAUTIFUL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH



8:00AM – 10:00AM



**MEET AT THE CROSSROADS
AND SKYWAY**

**BRING GLOVES, WEAR CLOSE TOE SHOES
AND LONG PANTS**

*Many Hands
Cleaner Roads*

