



ROTARY CLUB OF PARADISE RIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Our September 24, 2026 Weekly Club Meeting

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President Melissa Crick conducted this meeting.

Guests in Attendance: Phoebe Hartt, Super Friend of Rotary; Teri DuBose, Executive Assistant To Butte Co. Supervisor Doug Teeter; Linda Zorn, Chico Noon Rotary ; and Our Speaker, Tasha Weaver, District Representative to California Senator Megan Dahle.

Members on Zoom: PDG Pam & Bian G.; Dana G.; Renee M.; and Justin M.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Pres. Melissa began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry H. and an Invocation by Maureen W. Following Table Introductions, Pres. Melissa announced that since many of the recipients of Fake Bonus Points were not in attendance, awards will be awarded in the future.

Pres. Melissa called on John B. to give us a YRA update. He began with stating that over the weekend the YRA members planned on helping to install a fountain at Hope Plaza on Skyway. There will be some plumbing work and lots of digging and moving of dirt. Next he said that next Wednesday, September 30, YRA will be hosting a start-of-year BBQ event at Bille Park. Time not disclosed (but we're assuming around dinner time). John asked for Rotarians attending, please bring a side dish to share. Pres. Melissa added that she would send around a suggestion list for attendees to respond to with a sign-up-a-dish response. Lastly, YRA will be selling hot dogs at Blues & Brews to help raise money for the scholarship fund.

Sonny V. reported on the *Vocational Committee's Career Expo* on Friday, November 13th and that there was a planning meeting at Tri-Counties Bank scheduled immediately after Lunch Meeting. Sonny thanked Linda Zorn for attending our Lunch Meeting. He stated that she has played an integral part of the Career Expo because BCC is there explaining *Career Technical Training* after they complete courses at PHS. Staff at the BCC Booth will explain high school course work required, certificates available, and how to navigate the program.

Sonny went on to ask for Club Member volunteer help at the Career Expo. Set-up begins that morning at 7:30 AM. Assistance is needed with career exhibitor parking, booth set-up, and probably more duties to be announced soon. Pres. Melissa added that everyone is invited to the planning meetings to see what is happening in the committee.

Pres. Melissa provided details regarding *Blues & Brews*. Kevin and Margaret Kelly will be preparing the food and YRA will be staffing the sales booth. She mentioned that she received a couple of phone inquiries about *Blues & Brews* from folks wondering if it will happen. So she said, "Post the flyer on your Facebook page, spread the word, and let's publicize!" Remind anyone you talk to that there will be 4 Music Acts, craft beer, food, wine options, and a great time together in the park. Remember to emphasize that this is Fund Raiser for our *Scholarship Fund!*

Scott S. is assisting with a Fund Raiser for Paradise PD Officer Alvie. It will be happening at the PHS Homecoming Game. To raise funds to support the Alvie family, Tri-Tip sandwiches will be sold.

Pres. Melissa reviewed our upcoming Club Events schedule.

- ⚙ 10/1 All Club Meet Up @ Mt. Mike's
- ⚙ 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
- ⚙ 11/12 - District Governor Woody Fridae Official Club Visit

Sonny V. threw in a comment about the Heritage Interact Club's *Welcome To Interact* meeting at Mt. Mike's on Monday, September 21st. He was in attendance and was surprised when the President of the YRA Club happened by. They spoke and then Sonny suggested that the two Clubs should get together and do an event. No additional plans were made that night, but the seed has been planted.

ROTARY TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

The very First Rotary Club originated in Chicago, IL. Where was the First Rotary Club outside of the US established? Think about it for a minute or two, then see the answer below the PICTURE PAGE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Our Program Speaker this week was Tasha Weaver. As noted above, she is the California Assembly District 1, District Representative for Senator Megan Dahle. Pres. Melissa provided an introduction of Tasha.

Tasha provides support for 6 of the 14 Counties in District 1, which are Butte, Glenn, Tehama, Colusa, Yuba, and Sutter Counties. Pres. Melissa said that Tasha has a frequent presence on the Ridge, attending many major functions. Tasha earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at CSUC, and a Master's Degree in Legal Studies from Cal Northern School of Law. She lives in Los Molinos and has 2 daughters who sometimes appear with her at local events.

Tasha began by emphasizing her contact information and reassuring everyone that she is very reachable. The very next thing she said was that she works with the State Agencies/Departments. Senator Dahle's office is willing to be the go between if anyone has an issue with a State Agency or Department. For example, the California Fair Plan (homeowner's insurance) is not a big department. So, the Senator's office would contact the Department of Insurance, who would in turn contact the California Fair Plan office. What it's called is *Constituent Casework*.

Her next topic was regarding *Legislation*. Senator Dahle wants to hear what her constituents feel about active legislation, either support or opposition. Also, ideas for new legislation is welcomed. Call and/or email possible new programs or changes to existing programs. Their office wants to support.

The Senator's office is willing to draft a *Letter of Support* for a constituent who wishes to see a change or a new program at the local level such as County Supervisors, Town/City Councils, School Boards, etc. Contact the office to understand what information is needed to get a *Letter of Support*.

Tasha said that they love to provide *Certificates of Recognition*, especially for public employees, students demonstrating exemplary achievement, or individuals who have provided long term community support. In the same way, there are special things constantly happening in Senator Dahle's 14 County District. She can't possibly attend them all. That's where Tasha comes in. She can show Senator Dahle's support by attending local events such as ribbon cuttings, important anniversaries, or the launch or completion of public or civic construction projects. It makes sense. The community enjoys the attention, the Senator receives recognition for giving support.

Before the Lunch Meeting, Tasha sent Senator Dahle's Legislative Report to Casey T. Later, Casey sent me the email that she received from Tasha. I'm not sure if anyone else has seen it, so I've attached it to this *pmail*. The report is 8 pages long, i.e., very detailed but very interesting. It is good to know that there really are professional, ambitious people working on our behalf in Sacramento. It's only fair to remember that our state is geographically huge, populated by 33 million people, and has a large number of complicated problems to solve at any given time. And, who is running the government? Humans.

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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?

LIGHTEN UP: My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the hell she is.
— *Ellen DeGeneres*

THE PICTURE PAGE



Pres. Melissa



John B. w/o a hat



Sonny V.



Tasha Weaver





What We Do:

- * State Agencies/Departments
 - Constituent Casework
- * Legislation
 - Support or Opposition
 - Bill Ideas
- * Letters of Support
- * Certificates of Recognition
- * Representation of the Senator

 - Report to the Senator
 - The Good, The Bad, The Ugly...

Tasha's Presentation



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The Not So Trivial Answer to the question...

Rotary becomes an international organization with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in April 1912.

But...

The chartering of a club in London, U.K. in August puts Rotary in Europe. Although the Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland, had been organized earlier, it wasn't charted until May 1913.