



ROTARY CLUB OF PARADISE RIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Our September 3, 2026 Weekly Club Meeting

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Club Member David Liles conducted this meeting.

Guests in Attendance: Friend of Rotary, Margaret Kelly; and Joseph Barker, Son of Member Travis B.

David L. began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

HIGHLIGHTS:

First, David presented a list of Member Birthdays and Anniversaries. Highlights include:

Margaret K., Birthday on 9/4, Ryan M., Birthday on 9/7, Mary B. Birthday on 9/29,

Mark T. & Gabi T. 41st Anniversary on 9/1, also Trudi A. & Wayne A. 41st Anniversary on 9/14.

David continued by presenting a list of the upcoming calendar-posting worthy Club Events.

He reminded us that the Rotary Club of Durham will be holding the 47th Harvest Festival on September 20th in Durham Community Park. It runs from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Pancake Breakfast at 7:30 AM, BBQ Lunch at 12:00 PM, Live Music, Craft Fair, Kids Activities, Antique Engine & Tractor Display, plus lots of show cars. They need help mostly with parking, as in the past. Here's the link to volunteer Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CAEAD2EAAFBC43-65028754-2026>.

Durham Rotary members help us every year with our Crab Feed, so we enjoy helping them with this, their biggest annual Fund Raiser.

Blues & Brews needs Club Member help! The event is on October 3rd. Club Members need to sign up to help with Food Sales, prep and serving. Since this event carries through the dinner hour, people will expect to eat. Selling food in addition to beer and wine will increase our fund raising profits considerably. This event will happen from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Watch for announcements to help with Set-up and Cleanup. This Fund Raiser puts money raised in our Scholarship Fund.

The Vocational Committee's Career Expo at the PHS Gym will be on Friday, November 13, 2026. Around 1500 students are expected to attend. Watch for announcements on how Club Members can assist with Set-up, Cleanup, parking and assisting Career Exhibitors find their display locations.

The Chico Noon Rotary Club will host an event celebrating Polio Day in Centennial Park in Chico. The date is yet to be announced, but it will be on a Saturday close to World Polio Day which is October 24th, according to the RI Website. That happens to be a Saturday. So...I guess there's not much choice. Stay tuned!

There will be a Skyway Cleanup Event on a Saturday sometime in October (which is really getting crowded). Watch for a pmail from Heidi L., our Community Service Projects Chair.

David reviewed a summary of how the *Vocational Committee's Micro Grants* have been used. They offered a number of vocational camps. Those included a Beautician's Camp, a STEM Camp in Chico, a Welding Camp in Oroville, and a Junior Lineman's Camp. Tip of the hat to the Vocational Committee's efforts on this!

Website Design Review

Everyone continues to be encouraged to take a look at the NEW Rotary Club of Paradise Website. Pres. Melissa and PE Mickey are sincere in their interest in receiving feedback. Additions, corrections, personal perspectives, and praise are all solicited. Maybe there is something that isn't emphasized enough or maybe something is emphasized too much. PE Mickey is very tuned in to website design, feel, and usability. She previously did that very work!

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

We didn't have a Program, per se, but we did spend time on an important subject, probably at the request of PE Mickey. Two weeks ago Robb Reddeman presented a Program on Membership. He spoke about how Chico Noon Club gained an amazing number of members last year, but didn't retain all of them and why on both of those subjects.

Robb led in with 4 rhetorical questions. David L. repeated those questions for us and then directed us with our table mates to discuss them for a few minutes. Here are the questions:

1. Why were you motivated to join Rotary?
2. Why do you stay in Rotary?
3. What do you enjoy most about your Rotary experience?
4. What pulls you away from Rotary?

After about 15 minutes we got results, table by table, as to what were the common responses to the questions. It was more thought provoking than instructive because we all knew the often presented answers. Joining in, staying in, and enjoyment of a Rotary Membership are pretty much "no-brainers." Community Service and Club Fellowship pulled us in and motivated us to stay. The fourth question did have varied responses that make sense but depended on each person's life situation. Common were family obligations and employment requirements.

This type of exercise is what makes these "pizza and beer" meetings valuable. Sitting at a small table of 4 or 5 is more intimate than at a table of 5 or 6. Taking time to focus on a personal subject and interacting with peers is more meaningful than simply listening to a presentation on the subject. But we all know that, don't we?

FUTURE PROGRAM SPEAKERS:

- 9/10/26 - Paradise Interactor's Camp Royal Experience
- 9/17/26 - Lain Hensely, Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation (LN-4) and Camp Royal
- 9/24/26 - Tasha Weaver - Updates From CA Senator Dahle's Office
- 10/1/26 - All Club Meet Up @ Mt. Mike's
- 10/8/26 - Shelley Miller/Debbie Gagne, Butte County Local Food Network
- 10/15/26 - Vocational Committee Update

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LIGHTEN UP

As a novelist, I tell stories, and people give me money. Then financial planners tell me stories and I give them money.

—Martin Cruz Smith

THE PICTURE PAGE



Tom B. mentioned that the T-Shirt he was wearing commemorates the trip that the PHS Football Team will make to Lahaina to have a game between the two teams.



The Past Presidents held a Social on Saturday. Featured at the Social was a BBQ designed and built by the Staff at PID and tested for its potential use at Crab Feed.

