

ROTARY CLUB OF PARADISE RIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Our August 27, 2026 Weekly Club Meeting

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PastPresident Trudi Angel conducted this meeting.

Guests in Attendance:

Peggy Kohler, President Durham Rotary; iPP Glenn Pulliam, Durham Rotary; Imogen Hinds, Durham Rotary; Cynthia Perinne, Chico Noon Rotary Club, Guest of Jerry A.; And Our Speaker, Nicole LaJeunesse, Speaking On Regenerating Paradise and PATCH

HIGHLIGHTS:

PP Trudi began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and an Invocation by Gary L. Table Introductions followed.

PP Trudi called on Tino Ventimiglio to present an announcement about his PHS Literature Class project. They are attempting to raise funds for an extended educational field trip to Ashland, Oregon for the Shakespeare Festival. Tino stated that normally the School District covers the cost, however this year that wasn't possible. The trip will include some seminars, workshops, and plays. Their fund raising has been successful, but not enough to cover all costs. PP Trudi added that Tino and classmates will be submitting a Funds Request to be considered by the committee and voted on by the BOD. Tino's personal pitch was admirable and a great way to introduce the need.

PP Trudi asked Tom B. to take the mic to relate a meaningful personal experience. Tom stepped to the podium waving this month's Rotary Magazine. The cover features a photograph of the Sagrada Familia Basilica. It is the tallest church in the world. Tom was excited to share that he has actually visited the church and toured the interior. The Basilica is in Barcelona, Spain, the location of the 2027 RI Convention. The September 2026 issue of the Rotary Magazine includes a seven page article about Barcelona written by Diana Schoberg, the Senior Staff Writer of Rotary Magazine. It is a very informative article.

Next, Trudi asked Jerry A. to introduce his guest, Cynthia Perinne, who had an announcement. Cynthia is promoting a Fund Raising Dinner on Honey Run Bridge hosted by the *Northern California Regional Land Trust*. Funds raised will go toward the purchase of some land adjacent to the Honey Run Covered Bridge making the Bridge accessible from Honey Road, via foot or bicycle. The Dinner is on October 10th from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$150 each or \$275 for a pair. There will be a hosted bar and live musical entertainment. For far more details, visit the Land Trust's website at: <https://landconservation.networkforgood.com/events/100617-the-harvest-dinner-2026>. You'll be taken to a page with a full description of the event. The event flyer is attached.

Glenn Pulliam, iPP of Durham Rotary Club, stood to pitch his Club's *47th Annual Harvest Festival*. But first he just had to make a comment about how *their Club's* President's Bell has, in the past, been stolen by someone in *our Club*. Really?! Would someone in our Club *do that*?

Glenn went on to say the plans haven't really changed. Pancake Breakfast at 7:30 AM, BBQ Lunch at 12:00 PM, Live Music, Craft Fair, Kids Activities, Antique Engine & Tractor Display, plus lots and lots of cars. Glenn thanked Paradise Rotarians for helping in the past and he'd like to see us help again this year! He says

they need help mostly with parking, as in the past. This year they are using Sign Up Genius to organize volunteers, and here's the link:

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

I've attached a scanned copy of the Harvest Festival flyer to this pmail.

Chris R., Executive Director of the Magalia Community Center, took the mic to offer a Thank You. Chris thanked the Club and the Paradise Rotary Foundation for the financial assistance to provide their *Music On The Green* programs this summer. They had 10 bands with no cancellations all Summer long. The Magalia Community Center received \$2,000 in donations and that amount will be matched 1-to-1 by the Table Mountain Masonic Lodge.

PDG Pam G. was called to award some Recognitions and Fake Bonus Points. First she recognized Chris R. as a superstar for managing the Zoom link and keeping an eye on the audio. Next, Pam said we have birthday triplets. Lacey W. recently had a birthday, Mark T. was celebrating his birthday as we spoke, and Scott S. has a birthday coming soon. So Lacey and Scott get 500 Fake Bonus Points and Mark gets 1,000. Pam added that there is a Vocational Committee meeting at Tri-Counties Bank at 2:00 PM following the Lunch Meeting.

PP Trudi proceeded to furnish us with an Interact update. The Interact Club will begin meetings for this school year in 2 weeks. She explained that the Chocolate Fest Volunteer Awards night happens just after the Interact Club ceases meetings for the Summer. So receipt of their check is delayed. She asked rhetorically if anyone can guess how much they received based on hours volunteered? No one knew. The amount was \$2,500! This is money that they can present to community organizations. Trudi stated that she was really proud of them.

Trudi reminded everyone that next week the meeting is at Mt. Mike's for the All Club Meet Up. It's at 6:30 PM and really fun. PE Mickey will be presiding. It's an intimate, bonding style meeting. Come out and join us!

Trudi concluded this portion of the meeting with a promotion of the Rotary Four-Way Test. She deems it to be very important. She referred to Page 20 of the September 2026 issue of Rotary Magazine. The text was written by Haresh L. Ramchandani, a member of the Rotary Club of L.I.F.E. Jamaica and a past governor of District 7020. The page is not simply a tutorial of the Four-Way Test, but a gentle reminder of the value and application of each of the Test's questions. The author provided a brief history of the Four-Way Test's origin. Read the page. It will remind you why you are a Rotarian.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

PDG Pam provided an introduction of our Speaker, Nicole LaJeunesse. Nicole is a consultant to non-profits in Northern California with the aim of having communities achieve and sustain sovereignty, execute resiliency, and complete regeneration. She provides the guidance to help organizations go from good intentions to concrete objectives and impacts. Her topics were Regenerating Paradise and an update on the achievements of PATCH, the Paradise Arts Theater & Culture Hub. Nicole is the Executive Director of Regenerating Paradise.

Regenerating Paradise is a non-profit with a mission of joining people in the community using the vehicle of the Community Garden and the Tool Lending Library. The Community Garden is established at 5446 Foster Road, adjacent to *Deja Vu Gardens Galore*. The Tool Lending Library is located at that site. Establishment for this effort was received from North Valley Community Foundation and our Club. The Community Garden is partnered with Paradise Stronger which has provided a great deal of support in it's creation and functioning.

Nicole stated that the Community Garden is meant as a space for 'gatherings' and a space for 'workshops.' The emphasis on the Community Garden is to grow one's own food. The workshops are planned to provide guidance on how to do that. The Tool Lending Library is intended as a resource to provide the tools to do the gardening necessary to grow the food. Taken as whole, the Community Garden then is a place for people, think neighbors, to gather and become acquainted. A co-equal mission is to provide guidance on native plant restoration and fire-wise landscaping.

Nicole displayed a slide on a “Circular Economy” whereby resources like tools, equipment, and knowledge are shared, repaired, re-used, and then cycled back into the community. The Tool Lending Library will receive a Ribbon Cutting from the Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce on September 24th and a Grand Opening on September 26th.

PATCH Activities Update

The 2nd Half of Nicole’s Program was an update on the progress of PATCH, Paradise Art, Theatre & Culture Hub. This half of Nicole’s presentation actually had 2 parts. They are PATCH, the Paradise Arts Alliance. The 2 groups are advocating for a stronger Ridge community and economy through arts and culture.

Central to the discussion is the creation of a Walkable Downtown. PATCH supports new and improved facilities for Arts & Culture like Theatre On The Ridge. A new facility/theatre for TOTR is preferred to be near that Walkable Downtown. But on which piece of property? That is presently unknown. The PATCH group also wishes to see a new, larger facility for the Paradise Art Center. Again, where? So far the groups have laid out plans of what needs to be done such as conducting a feasibility study and analyzing potential sites. We did not hear facts regarding a timeline or funding for the plans. Could it be that the whole process, including Walkable Downtown, is waiting for decisions and actions surrounding the waste water disposal project? Possibly.

Nicole concluded by stating that the Paradise Arts Alliance is creating an Arts & Culture Newsletter. She suggested sending Arts & Culture event news to admin@paradisepatch.org

Editor’s comments: The term “Regenerating Paradise” may seem familiar. The organization was first formed shortly after the Camp Fire. Susan Dobra and Allen Myers presented a Zoom Program during a Lunch Meeting on April 1st of 2021. In a nutshell, their mission is to unify the community through collaboration and the familiarity of neighbors. Nicole also presented a Program on PATCH on January 23rd of last year.

*Rotarians the World over subscribe to
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?

FUTURE PROGRAM SPEAKERS:

9/03/26 - All Club Meet Up @ Mt. Mike’s
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

LIGHTEN UP

The days of the digital watch are numbered. — Tom Stoppard

THE PICTURE PAGE



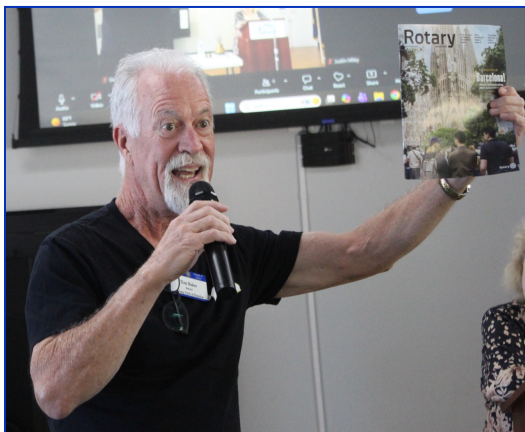
PP Trudi Angel



PE Mickey R.



Cynthia Perinne



Tom B.



PDG Pam G. & Chris R.

REGENERATING PARADISE

Our mission is "to weave the social fabric that regenerates us." Our vision is "to co-create and cultivate communities that make use of our abundant gifts and that work for all life."

Regenerating our community requires taking care of both the people and the environment.

**The Paradise Tool Lending Library
does both.**





Nicole & PP Trudi Angel

A poster for the Paradise Tool Lending Library Grand Opening. The poster features a large, stylized saw blade graphic with the text "PARADISE TOOL LENDING LIBRARY" inside it. Below the saw blade, the text "GRAND OPENING!" is written in large, bold, black letters, followed by "SATURDAY, SEPT 26 | 12-4PM". To the right of the saw blade, a yellow starburst contains a list of activities: "Local Food", "Silent Auction", "Fun & Games", and "Family-friendly!". At the bottom, a red banner contains the text "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with the Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce Thursday, September 24 @ 5:30pm". Below the banner, the text "Paradise Community Garden | 5446 Foster Road" is written. The background of the poster is white with various tool-related illustrations, including a wrench, a screwdriver, and a tape measure.