



# The Superintendent's Update

February 22, 2012

## NEWS FROM KELLY

**CUSD Superintendent's Award:** Congratulations to **Katy Fritz**, **Leslie Klinginsmith** and **Robin White**, all recent recipients of the CUSD Superintendent's Award for volunteerism in our schools.

**Katy Fritz** and **Leslie Klinginsmith** were nominated for the award by Sierra View Principal **Debbie Aldred**. She commented on the exceptional work they did in helping Sierra View put in a Holistic Playground. Leslie and Robin applied for and received a Lowe's grant, applied for funding from PTA, got donations and coordinated work with LOVE Chico volunteers as well as with Sierra View parents. As a result of their dedication, the project was successfully completed. Congratulations and thank you Katy and Leslie!

**Robin White** was nominated for the award by Inspire School of the Arts and Sciences principal **Eric Nilsson**. Ms. White has served on the Inspire Foundation Advisory Board and has helped to organize most every event held at Inspire including Back to School Night, Wizard of Oz, Inspire Gala, and the first annual Inspire Foundation Fundraiser. Mr. Nilsson noted that "her passion for the school and her organizational and leadership skill have been a tremendous asset to Inspire". Thank you Robin!

**State of the Chico Community Meeting:** On February 9, CUSD participated in the City of Chico's First Annual "State of the Community" Meeting. Participants were asked to share about their organization in a SWOT format: **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities, and **T**hreats. The State Budget crisis was a common theme expressed by all participants as both a weakness and threat. CUSD Board President **Andrea Lerner Thompson** did an excellent job of sharing the many positive things happening in our District and the community while also expressing concern regarding the challenges we all face with ever decreasing resources available for our students. A copy of her list of SWOT issues is attached at the end of this update. In addition to Dr. Lerner-Thompson, participants in the event included:

- **Doug LaMalfa**, California's 4th District Senator
- **Paul Zingg**, CSU Chico, President
- **Kimberly Perry**, Butte Community College, President
- **Steve Lambert**, Butte County Board of Supervisors, Chair
- **Ann Schwab**, City of Chico, Mayor
- **Jerry Hughes**, Chico Area Recreation District Board, Chair

**CUSD Center For the Arts Gala:** *Arts for All* presents the second annual CUSD Center For the Arts Gala to be held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. The Gala celebrates the wonderful work of teachers with a showcase featuring a fine arts gallery of student artwork, and student dance, choir, band and theater performances. Arts for All Gala proceeds go directly to CUSD school teachers as grants for their projects and programs in the visual and performing arts.

Tickets are \$15. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Kim Kurnizki @ 343-1462 or [artsforallcUSD@gmail.com](mailto:artsforallcUSD@gmail.com).

**Empty Bowls:** CUSD high school students have collaborated for several years now on the Empty Bowls project. Art students make the ceramic bowls and local businesses and volunteers provide soup. The students sell tickets to the event where community members are given a handmade bowl of their choice and a variety of soup choices. Proceeds are donated to local community shelters. This year's Empty Bowls event will be held on March 8 in the Chico High School Lincoln Hall. Tickets are available at CHS for both the 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. seatings.

## NEWS FROM EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

**WASC Visits Oakdale:** A visiting committee from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) spent the day on the Fair View High campus reviewing the Oakdale Secondary Independent Study Program. The committee spent the day visiting with Oakdale Principal **David McKay**, CUSD Director of Alternative Education **John Bohannon**, Oakdale teachers **Kevin Dolan**, **Nancy Hian** and **Lance Daniels** and several Oakdale students. The committee commented that the students really appreciate the staff and on the many strengths of the program. They also provided the school with suggestions for improvement. Oakdale should find out if they earned initial accreditation this spring or summer.

**Sherwood Charter Renewal:** The CUSD board held The Education Code mandated public hearing for the renewal of the Sherwood Montessori Charter. The CUSD board made several suggestions of areas of improvement. The CUSD will vote on the renewal at the March 7 board workshop.

**High School Teacher Workshops on College and Career Readiness:** Thirty-two high school teachers and administrators (from Chico High, Fair View, and Pleasant Valley High) will take part in the College Prepared Project this spring. Teachers will attend four institutes (one recently held on February 14 as well as upcoming dates of March 27, May 8, and June 5-7), and then take part in site-based coaching to help them look closely at their assignments and instructional strategies, and ensure that they are preparing their students for success in college, work, and life. The workshops are funded by site-based Title II Professional Development monies.

## NEWS FROM BUSINESS SERVICES:

**CalPERS Workshop:** CalPERS is offering a workshop for members interested in learning about the specifics of the retirement process. The attached flyer details the topics to be covered. The workshop will be held at the Butte County Office of Education Boardroom on April 6, 2012, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. To register, please contact **Allison Bubier** at 530-532-5765 or [abubier@bcoe.org](mailto:abubier@bcoe.org).

**Nutrition Services:** All elementary schools are now up and running on the new menu cycle, many thanks to all members of the Nutrition Team. Our veteran managers offered to help the new sites with the transition. What a great job they did. Next up is the new menu cycle for the secondary sites. The new menu has all new entrée choices, all menu boards will include the calorie content of each item we serve. This will help all of our students make the best choice for them. Many thanks to **Tanya**, **Karen** and **Teri** in Nutrition for making all the new menus work so well. We also continue to see an increase in participation over last year.

Nutrition Services is hard at work planning for the Free Summer Feeding program. This is an incredible program that allows us to feed a free breakfast and lunch during the summer to any child under 18 years of age. More details to come as we get closer.

## NEWS FROM HUMAN RESOURCES:

### Negotiations

**CSEA, Chapter 110:** The District and CSEA, Chapter 110 negotiations teams last met on January 10. The District responded to the Chapter's last proposal. Later in the day the Chapter responded to the District's counter proposal. That response included several new issues including; one-time lump sum reimbursement for all members on a pro rata basis for changes in health care coverage and for changes in the procedures for processing grievances. The teams were scheduled to meet on January 31 but this needed to be cancelled. The teams are next scheduled to meet on February 22. In addition to discussion about the Chapter's most recent proposal and the District's response, the teams will deal with issues that may help to resolve a recent complaint filed by the Chapter dealing with stipends for some Chapter members.

**Chico Unified Teachers' Association (CUTA):** CUTA and the District sunshined their initial proposals on February 1, 2012. The teams for the District and CUTA met February 8 to begin the bargaining process for the 2012/13 school year. The teams are scheduled to meet on February 21 and 28. The meeting on February 8 was spent primarily on prioritizing and organizing issues. The teams began the process of dealing with obsolete and/or outdated language in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA). We are in the process of identifying the various Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and other one (1) year agreements so that we can review them and determine if they should be placed into the CBA. This initial session for 2012/13 negotiations was seen by the District team as amicable and productive.

**Spring Break 2012:** Spring break for this school year is scheduled for:

**MARCH 19-23, 2012**

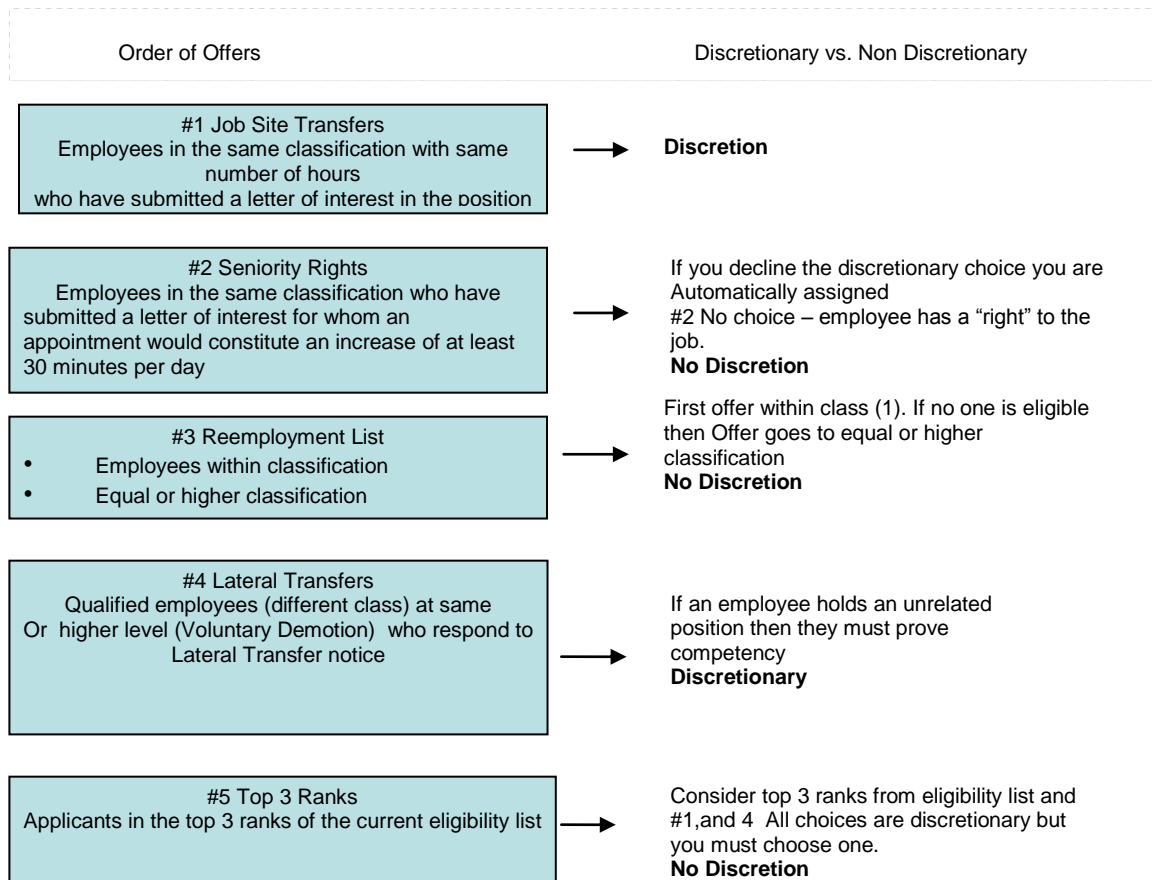
There may be some confusion on this as the date was changed at the Board meeting held on April 20, 2011. Although this was publicized in the local media and in school newsletters, we just want to make sure that everyone is aware.

**Student Calendar:** At their meeting on Wednesday, February 15 the Board of Education discussed options for the student calendar for the next three years and listened to input from the community. This followed a similar process of discussion and input at their meeting on January 18 and after receiving a number of emails from parents, students and staff. The Board voted to approve a student calendar for the next three years that:

- Begins school on the Monday of the third week in August. (August 20, 2012 for next school year)
- Provides the full week of Thanksgiving off for students
- Ends the first semester prior to winter break
- Provides a four (4) day weekend in February for prescribed holidays
- Maintains spring break in mid March
- Provides for a four (4) day weekend on the weekend of Easter each year
- Has school ending the first Thursday in June

Draft versions of the calendars for the next three years are posted on the District website under "Hot Topics" at: <http://www.chicousd.org/Departments/Superintendents-Office/HOT-TOPICS/index.html>. We will add more specific information and details about holidays, etc., in the next few days. Questions about the calendar should be directed to Bob Feaster @ [bfeaster@chicousd.org](mailto:bfeaster@chicousd.org)

**Classified Human Resources:** We would like to take this opportunity to remind all bargaining unit members about the "Order of Offers" that Classified HR uses when filling a new or existing position. The Order of Offers is found in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The flowchart below is designed to give employees and applicants a simplistic overview of our process. Classified HR begins at step 1 and ends at step 6. The hiring decision on the part of the District is either Discretionary or Non-Discretionary. If the decision on the part of the District is Discretionary, the acceptance of the employee for the open position is optional. If the decision is indicated as Non-Discretionary, the decision by the District is mandatory and the employee is selected. As an example, if there is an open position and no one is interested at Step 1 or the District is not interested in any of the current employees then at step 2 the employee with the most seniority is assigned to the position. There is no interview. The most senior employee is simply assigned to the position. If you have any questions regarding this process please contact Classified Human Resources.



Internal openings are only open to current CUSD permanent employees. Internal openings are the lateral transfer notices as described above on step 4. If you are interested in any internal openings you must submit a Letter of Interest. Letter of Interest forms can be found at [chicousd.org](http://chicousd.org) or you may simply submit a hand-written letter to the Classified Human Resources

office that includes the information requested on the Lateral Transfer notice. The notice(s) for the classification(s) can be linked through our District's web site [http://www.chicousd.org/dept/human\\_res/Classified/index.html](http://www.chicousd.org/dept/human_res/Classified/index.html)

There are no internal openings at this time and currently, there are no openings for external applicants. As a reminder all applications for permanent positions must be submitted online. If you do not have internet access or if you need assistance completing an online application please contact Classified Human Resources at 530-891-3000 ext 108, 109 or 132 and an appointment will be scheduled with a staff member to assist you in completing the employment application. All questions regarding these recruitments please contact Classified Human Resources.

**Summer School:** Summer school applications for classified employees will be accepted soon. Please be sure to check the announcement posting board at your work site for the summer school announcement expected to be out in March.

### NEWS FROM SCHOOL SITES:

**Athlete Committed Program News:** Below is a link to North State Parents recent article on Athlete Committed, a program that started at CHS and PVHS and now includes Gridley. Thank you to Butte County Behavioral Health, and the CUSD Athlete Committed leads **Lance Brogden** and **Danny Webb** for all of the work they have done to make this program happen. <http://northstateparent.com/2012/01/the-committed-athlete-on-and-off-the-field/>

**CHS Literary Magazine Wins Award:** Congratulations to **Laura Carey** and her Creative Writing students. *Seven-Eighths Under Water*, received a rank of Superior-Nominated for Highest Award, in the National Council of Teachers of English Program for Excellence. Only 38 schools nationally were recognized for producing an *exemplary literary magazine*. Congrats Laura!

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern California High School Honor Band:** Congratulations to **Todd Filpula** and his nine band students who were selected to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern California High School Honor Band. Students selected for recognition include: **Camellia Boutros, William Firth, Daniel Dion, Evan Goodson, James Farmer, Celia Eckert, Flannery LaGrave, Ally Schibsted** and **Roxanne Winslow**.

**CHS Yearbook Honors:** Congratulations to **Shannon McLean** and her CHS Yearbook students. The **Caduceus** was one of 249 yearbooks in the United States and Canada selected for *Ideas that Fly*, Volume 17. This recognition represents the very best in junior high, high school and college/university yearbooks printed by Herff Jones in the past year!

**American Choral Directors' Association All State Honor Choir:** Congratulations to Chico High student **Haley Chamberlain** who auditioned for, and was selected to participate in the American Choral Directors' Association All State Honor Choir. Their concert will be on March 24 in Clovis. Also congratulations to the following students from Chico High **Will Buchholtz-Bass, Tanner Cory-Tenor, Lindy Edstrom-Alto, Haley Chamberlain-Soprano** who participated in the CSU, Chico High School Honor Choir February 2-4. The concert was at 7:00 p.m. on February 4 in Harlan Adams Theater after intense rehearsal for two days with a guest director and over 100 other students from all over Northern California.

**The CHS Peer Mediation Club** presented to the Sierra View elementary school sixth graders on January 27 on anti-mean girls and anti-bullying. The mediators are as follows: bottom row- **Study Thao, Arianna Mojica, Mara Christensen, Angela Prior, Monica Magliari**. Second row (l to r); **Mike Carroll** co-advisor, **Jonathon Dillanes, Sabrina Luu, Adriana Salas, Julia Borchers** (Inspire), **Kelly Bennett** (Inspire), **Kelsey Reed, Ani Alexich-Duran, Ane Beita,** and **Cameron Kovaks**, co-advisor.



**CHS Ag Tri-Tip Fundraiser:** CHS Ag students will be holding a Drive through Tri-Tip Dinner fundraiser on February 23 between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for dinner for four. Dinners can be picked up at the Staff Parking lot at Chico High School.

**CHS Ag Showcase:** The CHS Ag Showcase will be held on March 9. CHS is expecting approximately 175 Junior High students to attend this fun filled day. They will begin in the Williams Theatre with a welcome and overview of the day at 9:15am. From there, the students will be broken into four different groups to visit various stations in and around the Ag department. Students will cycle through four different rotations after which they will be treated to a BBQ lunch served at the Ag department and provided by the CHS FFA Parent Boosters. After lunch, students will head back to the Williams Theatre for a review of the day! There will also be a drawing for door prizes. All students should be back on the busses or walking back to school around 12:00 to 12:15 p.m.

**FVHS Students Serve It Up at Crush:** While treating out-of-town relatives to dinner at the local fine-dining establishment, Crush, CUSD Director of Student Services **Dave Scott** learned that FVHS students were assisting the wait staff, chefs, bussers, and other staff as part of a mentoring program involving FVHS and the Boys and Girls Club. Two FVHS students, **Shanyce** and **Jaime** "shadowed" the staff assigned to Mr. Scott's table and provided excellent service and were courteous, personable and poised. A Crush waitress also shared with Mr. Scott that she had graduated from FVHS and is now completing a degree in nursing from CSUC. She spoke highly of the FVHS program and staff. Thank you to FVHS, Butte County Office of Education ROP, and the wonderful owners and employees at Crush for making this mentoring opportunity available to our students!

**Year of the Dragon New Year's Card Contest:** Pleasant Valley senior **Ashley Castaneda** won second place in the national Japanese New Year Card contest. Ashley's designs have been selected to represent PVHS for the past four years. While she has received an honorable mention two of those years, this is the first year she has placed and won an Amazon gift card from the American Association of Japanese teachers. Ashley's design will be featured at the annual November ACTFL (American Council on Teaching Foreign Languages) Conference in

Philadelphia. Congratulations Ashley! 2012 PVHS entries by: **Ashley Castaneda** (12), **Kellie King** (12), **Anna Lee** (11), **Cheyenne Warthen** (11), **Elijah Babcock** (10), and **Megan Lee** (9).



**National Japanese Exam:** Forty-one students will take the National Japanese Exam March 12 and 14. This exam is similar in format to the AP Japanese test and students receive certificates if they are successful. It is also a “contest” between schools. More information is located at: [http://www.webjam.com/ncjlt/national\\_japanese\\_exam](http://www.webjam.com/ncjlt/national_japanese_exam)

**Japanese Homestay Program:** PVHS is in their tenth year of exchange with Shibukawa Seisui High School in Gunma, Japan. Eight students and **Mrs. Ida sensei** will visit Chico March 22-April 2 hosted by students at PVHS. Six of the students will be hosted by the same PV student that they hosted last summer, making it a truly reciprocal exchange. PV students will travel to Japan again in June 2013. Below is the link to the contest website. <http://www.aatj.org/studentactivities/nengajocontest/index.html>

**International Education:** **Amy Besnard**, PVHS teacher, was accepted to an international program through IREX (a US-based non-profit organization committed to international education). Amy, along with only 60 teachers from all over the country, spent two months completing coursework centered on Global Education and will travel to Washington, DC for training. IREX generously offered to pay for one of her administrators to attend as well so **Deanna Holen**, PVHS Assistant Principal, will be accompanying her. In July, Amy will travel to Indonesia for several weeks to visit schools and work with educators. They will share philosophies, best practice, and explore the possibilities of Global Education. The goal of Global Education is to become aware of educational conditions (or lack of) in developing countries worldwide and create a curriculum that is international in scope and prepares today's youth around the world to function in a one-world environment intellectually, professionally, and humanistically. In short, global education is to help students and teachers understand the way the world works and how we as individuals and members of groups or nations participate in the world. Way to go Amy!

**GSA Grant Award:** PVHS teacher **Beth Burton** received the California Teacher Association Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender "Guy DeRosa" grant award to support the Gay Straight Alliance Club's efforts on the PVHS campus. Thank you Beth for your continued efforts on the behalf of CUSD students.

**PVHS FHA-HERO: 18 Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals at Regional Competition:** The Spring Region 2 meeting for California FHA-HERO was hosted at Pleasant Valley High School on Saturday, February 11. Nine schools from five surrounding counties competed in over 17 events to qualify for the 2012 state finals. FHA-HERO is a career and technical student organization that prepares students for leadership, career and postsecondary success. Students from the Pleasant Valley Chapter competed and placed in the following categories. Judges for the event were industry specialists and graciously donated their morning to listen, read, critic, question and for some events taste. Over 90 students competed at the regional level. All of the students below can compete at state competition in April with over \$90,000 in scholarships and premiums as awards. Conducting the leadership meeting and helping with organization were PVHS regional officers **Tyler Iacuesa, Dalton Whitworth, Mack Johnston and Kendall Nickolson**.

- Team: **Tyler Iacuesa, Heather Moran and Tevon Moon**, 1st place in Commercial Food Preparation
- Team: **Kyle Sjostrom, Micheal Steffonson and Travis Davis**, 2nd in Commercial Food Preparation
- **Kassaundra "Kat" Bender**, 1st place in Job Interview and Application
- **Morgan Mahan**, 1st place and Best of Show in Culinary Display, Wedding Cake
- **Claudia Godinez**, 1st place Interior Design
- **Stephanie Keene**, 1st Place Fashion Design
- **Karli Dominguez**, 2nd place in Wedding Cake Display
- **Celeste Cabrera**, 3rd place in Wedding Cake Display
- **Mariah Dunbar**, qualified in Wedding Cake
- **Zack Rubino**, 1st Place in Culinary Art Display
- **Emma Campbell**, 2nd place in Culinary Art Display
- **Karissa Carpenter**, 3rd place in Culinary Art Display
- **Destiny Ruiz**, 1st Place in Culinary Art Bread Display



- **Allison Taylor**, 2nd place in Child Development
- **Olivia Larabee**, 2nd Place Fashion Design
- **Megan Crowston**, qualified in Meal Planning and Table Display



**News from Industrial Technologies & Video Production at PVHS and Butte County ROP:**

Pleasant Valley High School and Butte County ROP Industrial Technologies students were joined by **Mr. Peck's** PV and ROP Television Video Production students again this year for the SkillsUSA Region 4 Competition held on Saturday, February 4 at American River College in Sacramento. Students competed in the Television Video Production, Welding Fabrication, ARC Welding, MIG Welding, Oxygen Acetylene Welding and Power Equipment Technology contests. Of the 20 students that have invested themselves into the opportunity to display their abilities at the regional level, ALL 20 WERE AWARDED GOLD or SILVER MEDALS! **Jerry Joiner** commented on this accomplishment, "In 16 years as a SkillsUSA Advisor, never before have ALL of our students been awarded medals, thank you Advisors." Students receiving GOLD medals have now earned the opportunity to compete at the State level, representing Pleasant Valley High School and Butte County ROP, April 12-15, 2012, in San Diego, CA. This year's competitors, medals, and contests are as follows:

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| <b>Alina Steadman</b>      | GOLD   | Gas Metal Arc Welding       |
| <b>Zack Mclane</b>         | GOLD   | Gas Metal Arc Welding       |
| <b>Brianna Vinsonhaler</b> | GOLD   | Gas Metal Arc Welding       |
| <b>Austin Olivia</b>       | SILVER | Gas Metal Arc Welding       |
| <b>Jordan St. Clair</b>    | SILVER | Gas Metal Arc Welding       |
| <b>Casey Rabeneck</b>      | GOLD   | Oxygen-Acetylene Welding    |
| <b>Trevor Corbin</b>       | GOLD   | Oxygen-Acetylene Welding    |
| <b>Shane McIntosh</b>      | GOLD   | Shielded Metal Arc Welding  |
| <b>Ryan Schmidt</b>        | GOLD   | Television Video Production |
| <b>Devon Rhodes</b>        | GOLD   | Television Video Production |
| <b>Derek Tenckhoff</b>     | GOLD   | Television Video Production |
| <b>Brandon Murray</b>      | GOLD   | Television Video Production |
| <b>Matt McGraffick</b>     | SILVER | Television Video Production |

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| Dylan Schimmel  | SILVER | Television Video Production |
| Jonny Trimboli  | SILVER | Television Video Production |
| Brenden Voss    | SILVER | Television Video Production |
| Jake Price      | GOLD   | Welding Fabrication         |
| Angel Saenz     | GOLD   | Welding Fabrication         |
| Ryan Harrington | GOLD   | Welding Fabrication         |
| Zach Hill       | GOLD   | Power Equipment Technology  |

All students should be commended for their desire to compete and proudly represent their school at the Regional level. A special “Thank You” to **Shawn Meeder**, the National Winner (Post-Secondary division) of the Power Equipment Technology contest from PVHS in 2010, who is continuing service to the SkillsUSA organization as the Power Equipment Technology contest coordinator at the Regional and California State contests! Thank you to **Leoni Van MiddleKoop** for her role as Advisor. Additionally, thank you to **Jordan Weber** and **Shelby Pickard**, PVHS graduates and GOLD medal winners who are now serving as Chapter Advisors to lend their expertise and experience to our current competitors.

**The Inspire Foundation** recently granted a total of \$5,500 to the following programs/disciplines at the school:

- Foreign Language     Digital Audio Recorders
- English                Built in bookshelves in the classrooms
- Science                Scientific Calculators  
Lab animals for dissection  
Field trip to Gateway Science Museum
- Fine Arts                Canvas covered boards for Ceramics  
Ingento Paper Cutter
- Theater                Materials for set building  
Costume storage bins
- History                Media for US History (DVD's, Music)  
Media for World History and American Govt.
- Math                    White Board Ruler
- Music                    Head phone adaptors  
1 keyboard, stand and pedals  
Various percussion instruments  
Music Theory Software

Thanks to Inspire Foundation Board members **Kim Azevedo, Teri Eldenburg, Roger Hart, Nancy Heffley, Dave Kelly, Carrie Pavis, Ron Sherman,** and **Robin White.**

**Hooker Oak Blood Drive:** The Hooker Oak Blood drive will be held on Monday, April 16 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Call **Beth Geise** at Hooker Oak to sign up.

**Rosedale Student Honored at Chico Noon Rotary Club:** Attached is a recent newsletter from the Chico Noon Rotary Club. On page two under “special presentations” is an introduction by Rory Rothschalk about Rosedale Strategic Tutor volunteer **Rene Vercryssen** presenting **Eriberto Hernandez** with a certificate for his improvement to advanced reading. Please join us in celebrating both Eriberto’s achievements as well as Rene’s dedication to our CUSD family. The entire Rotary Club greeted Eriberto individually and congratulated him on his accomplishments. Rosedale staff reports Eriberto came back to campus with a mile wide smile. This is a great

example of our community at work. Thank you to the Rotarians and the Strategic Tutors for making a difference in the lives of our students!

**An Evening with Bernard Marks, Holocaust Survivor:** MJHS sponsored a very special event on Sunday evening, February 12 at the CARD Community Center at 6:30pm. Bernard survived life in four concentration/work camps during the Holocaust. His amazing story is an emotional account of resilience and strength during traumatic times. We are the last generations who will be privileged to meet survivors.



## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

**The Chico Museum** is opening its new exhibit, "The Bicycle: Life on Two Wheels", on March 3, and is ready to schedule class field trips. The museum docents will guide your students in exploring this fascinating, informative and interactive exhibit about the machine that made history! The exhibit focuses on many curriculum areas: environmental science, inventions, the historical impact of bicycles, bike safety, physical science, economics, geography, health benefits and more. Call the Chico Museum at 891-4336 to make field trip reservations.

**Cranberry Beans a Success:** Sierra Nevada is now a customer using the FFA Farm Cranberry beans produced by the students at the Henshaw Avenue Farm.

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**ChicoSol**

In the February issue of [ChicoSol](#): *Leslie Layton reports on the effort by a Chico State professor to break through an "intellectual embargo" that has kept Cuban women from being heard in this country; Emerald Carroll's video profile of an Inspire charter school teacher who believes in a long field trip; and Jacqueline Gliozzi tells the story of a Chico State senior who is raising money to help West African villagers improve food production and send their children to school.*

## The State of the Community: Chico Unified School District

### Strengths

- ✓ Concern for and Support for All Students
- ✓ New Facilities Leveraged Funding
- ✓ CUSD Employees
- ✓ Local Partnerships (Law Enforcement, CARD, Butte College, CSUC, PG&E, Team 10, Love Chico, Friends of Ag, Computers for Classrooms)
- ✓ Parent Involvement (PTA, Boosters, Foundations)
- ✓ Educational Variety and Choice
- ✓ Collaborative Partnerships/Grant Writing
- ✓ Student Services
- ✓ Professional Learning Communities
- ✓ Diversity

### Weaknesses

- ✓ Trying to Meet the Needs of All with Diminishing Resources and Increased Responsibilities
- ✓ Aging Facilities
- ✓ Increased Costs of Employee Benefits
- ✓ Unfunded Mandates
- ✓ NCLB Federal Accountability
- ✓ Difficulty of Keeping Up with Changes in Technology
- ✓ Difficulty of Providing Opportunities for Professional Development

### Opportunities

- ✓ New Educational Opportunities including Online Courses, Flexibility in Independent Study
- ✓ Ability to Better the Lives of Students with Many Disadvantages: socio-economic, special needs, language
- ✓ New and Ongoing Partnerships with Community
- ✓ Hiring Due to Attrition
- ✓ Technology Infrastructure
- ✓ Increased Competition in Public Schools
- ✓ Common Core Standards
- ✓ Demands of Living in Educational Community: Expectations/Expertise

### Threats

- ✓ Local, State, National and Global Economic Uncertainty
- ✓ Declining Enrollment
- ✓ Rising Poverty and Resultant Social Difficulties
- ✓ Budget Funding: Deferrals, Cash Flow, Sweeping of Funds, Deferred Maintenance
- ✓ Loss of Categorical Dollars and Programs: Art, PE, Transportation

*You are cordially invited to attend the  
private reception and performance of the*

*Arts for All  
Performing and Fine Arts  
Gala*

*which will be held on February 29, 2012, at  
the Center for the Arts on the  
Pleasant Valley High School campus.*

*The reception will include light  
hors d'oeuvres and a viewing of our  
Student Fine Arts Gallery.*

*The reception will begin at 5:45 p.m.,  
priority seating at 6:15 p.m., and the main  
doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The  
performance will begin at 7:00 p.m.*

*Please note that your performance ticket is also  
your ticket into the reception.*

*Arts for All*

*A collective voice for Arts in the Chico Unified School District*

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For information contact: Kim Kurnizki 343-1462 or e-mail [artsforallcUSD@gmail.com](mailto:artsforallcUSD@gmail.com). *Arts for All is a component fund of the North Valley Community Foundation, [www.nvcf.org](http://www.nvcf.org).*

## Art Studio @ PV Newsletter 1/31/2012

The Art Studio is having a great year! We have so been busy! I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful group of talented art students to work with this year. Please be sure to check out our fabulous website at <http://artstudio.pvhigh.org>. Thanks! Reta Rickmers

On January 18 three Art Studio students, **Kirsten Middlebrook, Karly Thomson, and Kathryn Jordan** presented a report on the arts at PVHS to the CUSD School Board. It covered all of the recent visual and performing art events. Two of the highlights from this report:

The Art Studio at PV is involved in raising money for the non-profit Heifer International. Art Studio 1 is creating original acrylic paintings of domestic farm animals and Art Studio 2 is donating one of their original block prints with the hope of selling them to donate the money. We will be having an art show and reception at a local venue this spring. We are also planning a coin drive at PV. **Heifer's mission is...**To work with communities to end hunger and poverty by giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief. Check out their website at [Heifer.org](http://Heifer.org).

The Art Studio is also collaborating with the City of Chico. Art Students will be participating in a unit on logo design taught by Ms. Rickmers and Ms. Ritcher, the digital art teacher, and in a contest to create a logo for a Sustainable Business Program in which businesses receive recognition for their efforts in six areas of sustainability: Energy Conservation, Transportation, Social Equity, Water Conservation, Pollution Prevention, and Waste Reduction. The winning entry will be used on the City's Sustainable Business certificates and will receive a \$75 gift certificate to Ellis Art Supply.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **San Francisco here we come! De Young Museum, Palace of the Legion of Honor Art Museum, Union Square, the Mission District, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Rena Bransten Gallery, Fraenkel Gallery, Haines Gallery, and Museum of Modern Art.**
- **Creative Fusion 8 Art Show**, Chico Art Center, 450 Orange Street
- **Exhibition dates:** March 31- April 21 (Gallery hours: 10-4 daily)
- **Reception:** March 31, 7-9 PM **with music by the PV Jazz Band and Jazz Choir**
- **Spring Finale, Art Studio Exhibit, PV Library, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- Reception catered by PV Culinary 11:50-12:30
- The show will be on display all day of May 3rd

### Some of our Art Service Learning Projects:

- Art for Lunch in the PV Library
- Rosedale bathroom murals with an ocean theme
- Help at Chico Palio and Thrill the World performance
- Murals for Valhalla (4 more completed, not yet installed)
- Heifer fundraising
- Every 15 minutes T-shirt designs
- Props for the school play
- Red Ribbon Week posters
- ACE-LIFE brochure/logo design
- Posters for the PV Band concert
- Family Eye Care Fundraising Poster

## **Outstanding Local High School Student Selected to Perform at Carnegie Hall**

Contact: Lisel Bruscia  
Phone: 1-800-503-0807  
Email: [honors@honorsperformance.org](mailto:honors@honorsperformance.org)

**Renae Schuler**, a student at Chico High School, was selected for the **2012 American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall**. She was a part of the Honor Choir as a Soprano. Participation in the *Honors Orchestra*, *Honors Band*, and *Honors Choir* is limited to the highest rated high school performers from across North America and select international schools.

Renae auditioned this fall for the *Honors Performance Series* and was accepted after a review by the Selection Board committee. Acceptance to the elite group is a direct result of the talent, dedication, and achievements demonstrated in her application and audition recording. Renae will join other performers from the United States and Canada for a special performance at world-famous Carnegie Hall, a venue that marks the pinnacle of musical achievement.

Renae studies music with **Sue Delgado** and **Dara Scholz** and is a member of Chico High A Capella Choir and Voce.

Finalists came together for five days in February in New York City to have the opportunity to learn from **Jeffery Ames**, work with other Finalists, and get a taste of New York City. The 2012 conductors were **Dr. Jeffery Ames**, **Dr. Charles Peltz** and **Jeffrey Grogan**. The Sunday, February 12 performance was available to the public and specially-invited representatives from collegiate music programs.

The *Honors Performance Series* was created to showcase accomplished individual high school performers by allowing them to study under master conductors and perform in the celebrated venue, Carnegie Hall. Students from 48 US States, Canada, Germany, Korea and Taiwan have participated in the *Series*. Learn more by visiting [www.honorsperformance.org](http://www.honorsperformance.org).



## An Evening with Bernard Marks, Holocaust Survivor

Dear Parents Students, and Educators,

In case the Eleanor J. Marks Holocaust Essay Contest "Theme" Jews Saving and Helping Jews during 1938-1945 was not clear, I would like to offer some further suggestions.

Prior to the Nazi occupation of Europe, there were Jewish individuals, organizations, and companies, who made every attempt to save Jews from the Holocaust. Particularly during 1938-1940, many Jewish families were saved by the actions of Jewish individuals and Jewish organizations outside of Europe (primarily the United States).

The most known Jewish organizations were the Joint Distribution Committee and the HIAS, and synagogues throughout the world (outside of Germany and Austria).

To help students research the actions of such individuals, organizations, and companies, it is suggested to Google the following topics (the links listed below could be useful):

- Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS)
- By relocating their European officers to neutral countries like Spain, Portugal, and Switzerland, JDC and HIAS succeeded in saving Jews during the pre-holocaust years.
- Rabbi Schneerson's actions in Germany
- [http://failedmessiah.typepad.com/failed\\_messiahcom/2009/08/a-schneerson-who\\_saved-jews-during-the-holocaust-234.html](http://failedmessiah.typepad.com/failed_messiahcom/2009/08/a-schneerson-who_saved-jews-during-the-holocaust-234.html)
- [http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/features/the-half-jewish-nazi-who-saved\\_the-lubavitcher-rebbe-1.359059](http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/features/the-half-jewish-nazi-who-saved_the-lubavitcher-rebbe-1.359059)
- Saving the Jews of Nazi France
- <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/Binghams-List.html>
- The Bielski Brothers
- Film: "Defiance"
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmXQ8Ldy-Bk>
- The Kinder Train
- <http://holocaustkinder.com/>
- The Laica Train (though not founded by Jewish people) Upon arrival in 1938 prior to WWII, Individual Jews, Jewish organizations and companies assisted in the relocation of European Jews in various countries.
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leica\\_Freedom\\_Train](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leica_Freedom_Train)
- Relatives providing visas to leave Germany and Austria for the US or South America
- During the years of 1937-1939, many Jews in Germany and Austria would select random people with similar family names and send them a letter asking for visas to escape the Holocaust.

I hope you enjoy researching this year's "Theme" and REMEMBER the deadline is March 1, 2012, to be submitted electronically to [dov52@rcip.com](mailto:dov52@rcip.com)

Shalom,

Bernie Marks  
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 Office: (916) 363-0122  
 Cell: (916) 201-4212

Please contact me if you have questions.

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# THE 4TH ANNUAL ELEANOR J. MARKS HOLOCAUST ESSAY CONTEST



Research the theme below, write a meaningful essay, and reap the rewards!

All entries will be published in a special memorial booklet. CONTEST WINNERS will be published in the Jewish Voice and featured in the Holocaust Memorial Program!

**Jews Saving  
and Helping Jews  
During the Holocaust  
1938 - 1945**

(Individuals, organizations or companies)

**Grades 6 to 8  
750 - 1250 words**

**Grades 9 to 12  
2000 - 3000 words**

**\$150** Cash Prize awarded to the winner of each category

**\$75** runner up

**March 1, 2012**  
Deadline for submission

For full contest rules and submission guidelines, or for more information, see your education director.

Awards will be presented during the Yom Hashoah Memorial **April 19, 2012**

# Planning Your Retirement

This class is designed for members who want to learn about the specifics of the retirement process.

Subjects include:

- Service Retirement
- Service Credit
- Retirement Formulas and Benefit Factors
- Final Compensation
- Retirement Calculation
- Survivor Continuance
- Retirement Payment Options
- Post-Retirement Death Benefits
- Retirement Benefit Estimates
- Taxes
- Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)
- Choosing a Retirement Date
- Retirement Application Process
- Working After Retirement
- Health Benefits
- Contacting CalPERS
- Online Resources

April 6, 2012

1:00 – 3:30

Butte County Office of Education - Boardroom

Please contact: Allison Bubier

[abubier@bcoe.org](mailto:abubier@bcoe.org) or 530-532-5765

## NEWS FROM BUTTE SCHOOLS SELF-FUNDED PROGRAMS (BSSP)

Please take a look at the [What's New](#) page on the BSSP website for these important updates:

**Free Webinars:** Each Webinar is held on a Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. You can participate in the Webinar from any computer with high-speed Internet access. Dial and log-in information will be distributed to registered participants a few days prior to the Webinar. If you are not able to attend the Webinar, visit our Webinar archives one week after the event to listen to a recording of the event.

- [February 15](#): Identity Theft -- Prevention and Resolution
- [March 21](#): Communication Skills for the Workplace
- [April 18](#): Managing Your Money in Tight Times
- [May 16](#): Understanding Health Savings Accounts
- [June 20](#): Advanced Directives

**BSSP Logo Design Contest:** The Butte Schools Self-Funded Programs (BSSP) is a joint powers authority providing self-funded employee benefits to Butte County school districts, the Butte County Office of Education and Butte-Glenn Community College District. BSSP was formed in 1982 and this year marks the 30th anniversary of BSSP serving Butte County public education employees and their families.

In honor of our 30th anniversary, we'd like to update our logo. Because BSSP wouldn't exist without students to serve, we'd like to honor art students in grades 7-12 and Butte College by offering them the opportunity to design our updated logo. The winner will be chosen by BSSP's Employee Benefits Advisory Committee and will receive a \$150 scholarship.

[Click here](#) to download the contest rules ... and please share them with your eligible students!

### **Eight Weeks to a Healthier Holiday Season**

- Week 1: Swap sweets for nuts, fruits and easy-to-grab healthy snacks.
- Week 2: Remake your plate with more real estate dedicated to fruits and vegetables.
- Week 3: Savvy snacking on healthy choices throughout the day may help you over-indulge on the event's big meal.
- Week 4: Get up, get out, get moving to improve your circulation and metabolism.
- Week 5: Avoid diet sabotage by bringing a healthy salad or low-calorie dessert as an alternative.
- Week 6: Slim the trimmings by substituting applesauce for butter and sugar. Many other alternatives are available on the Internet.
- Week 7: Reduce stress. Many people eat more when they are stressed. This is compounded when our bodies responds to stress by storing fat.
- Week 8: Adopt a new attitude for the new year. Evaluate what worked over the recent weeks and what didn't and set small goals for the new -- overtime, your success will add up!

**February is National Heart Month:** One of the more common health problems today is heart disease. You probably know someone who has heart disease. It could be your spouse, someone in your family or a friend. Or, maybe you're dealing with heart disease yourself or think you might be at risk.

If you or a loved one has heart disease, we have some help for you! We are introducing a new six month program to help you learn more about heart disease and take steps to control it.

Are you ready to make a few healthy changes? You don't have to tackle heart disease all at once, or all by yourself. Make small changes, a few at a time and you'll be surprised at what a difference it can make in your life.

For the next six months, we'll be giving you information and resources that you can use to learn about heart disease and manage it. For this first month, you can learn about heart disease by checking out the "[Healthy Heart](#)" flier.

Find out even more at [anthem.com/ca](http://anthem.com/ca). It's simple, just follow these steps:

1. Log in at [anthem.com/ca](http://anthem.com/ca).
2. If you're not registered to use the site, follow the instructions to register.
3. Click on "Health & Wellness."
4. Under "Health Topics," click on "Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)."
5. Next, read the articles under "Overview."

Need more help? If you're struggling with heart disease, Anthem can give you some extra help. It's called [ConditionCare](#) and it's a special program for Anthem members with heart disease. To find out more and to enroll, call 800-621-2232 any time of the day or night. It can be your first step on the road to your best health.

**February is also Wise Health Consumer Month:** In recognition of February as Wise Health Consumer Month, this month's Fun Facts are dedicated to knowing more about your health. For more information on this event, visit: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, nearly 90 million Americans have only basic or below-basic health literacy skills. Limited literacy affects people from all income, age, ethnic, and education groups. Studies show it plays a major role in whether an individual has a good result from his or her treatment for a disease or an illness.

Health literacy reflects how well a person can find and understand information about the healthcare services they need. It plays a big role in how well a person can take information and use it to make good decisions about their care, such as following directions for treatment.

Here are 14 easy ways to be more involved in your health care. [Read more ...](#)

**And, February is Children's Dental Health Month, too:** February is also Children's Dental Health Month. Visit Delta Dental's [SmileWay](#) site for more information on these topics:

- Having trouble getting your child to brush his teeth?
- Caring for teeth with braces
- Making sure your child gets enough calcium

Delta Dental is also hosting the [Tooth be Told Story Contest](#) for writers age 12 and younger. Check it out for your kids and students today!

**Do you Hear Me? Keeping the Lines of Communication Open:** Good communication is the basis of healthy relationships at home and at work. Whether talking to your teen or asking your boss for a raise, communication is key. Let the EAP plan help you improve the way you interact with others. Learn how to express your ideas better and respond better. Visit the EAP website and check out the articles, training modules, self-assessments and more:

C.O.N.N.E.C.T.  
Conflict resolution in a relationship  
Listening to clarify, probe and reframe  
Practicing listening skills

Your EAP is available whenever you are. We can help you with all of life's issues, big and small. Visit the website [www.anthemead.com](http://www.anthemead.com) (password "Butte Schools") or call 800-999-7222 for free, confidential assistance from the team of EAP experts.

I hope you find this information useful! As always, please contact me with your feedback on our programs, our website, these emails or any questions you may have regarding the programs offered by the Butte Schools Self-Funded Programs.

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## Let's Move! Chico Meeting

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**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2012, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** 2455 Carmichael Drive - CUSD Nutrition Services

**Attendees:** Carol Lams, Tanya Harter, Vince Enserro, Kelly Doty, Julie Estep, Melissa Pasquale, Kimberly Hunt, Jennifer Veilleaux, Flo Hamilton, Stephanie Bird, Nancy Chavez, Lisa Ferrier, Emily Foxworthy, Brad Banner, Christa Lotti, Rachel Rodriguez

### 9:00 Welcome / Introductions

### 9:10 Updates / Ongoing Topics

- Kick the Can Camp
  - “Giving the boot to sugary drinks”
  - Visit [www.kickthecan.info](http://www.kickthecan.info)
- Chefs Move in Schools
  - Recognize **Alex C** for his work in the garden/classroom at Chapman Elementary
- Garden Updates
  - **Jeremy Miller** Blog @ [www.norcalblogs.com/sustainable](http://www.norcalblogs.com/sustainable). Post for free seeds for school gardens
- SNAP recipients can use EBT to purchase food producing seeds
  - See the [www.snapgardens.org](http://www.snapgardens.org) for details
  - Received grant for EBT users to get extra money to spend at the farmer's markets.
  - Promotion TBA
- Bike/Walk to School
  - **CUSD nutrition services:** partnering with 100% juice company who will donate bikes for a predetermined amount of purchased product
  - Hoping to give a bike away in a raffle format every 2-3 weeks. Bike give away could potentially continue through the summer program.
  - Possible collaboration with **Valley Oak** who gives away free bike helmets and fittings. Small donation not necessary, but appreciated.
- Neighborhood Connections Project
  - **Julie:** A group of interns available to help “The Hood Group”
  - Contact [mbrianed@csuchico.edu](mailto:mbrianed@csuchico.edu)
- Get Cookin'
  - **Julie and Karen:** Free cooking classes for low income people to learn how to cook with fresh fruits and vegetables
  - More information available @ [www.optforhealthyliving.org](http://www.optforhealthyliving.org)
- Cultivating Communities
  - Free garden workshops 2/11 from 1:00 – 3:00 and 2/25 from 1:00 – 3:00
  - To sign up call Jonah @ 588-0585 or email [registration@grubchico.org](mailto:registration@grubchico.org)
  - Scholarships for farmers
- Become a Successful Beginning Farmer or Rancher
  - Workshops are 8:30 – 1:00 on 2.14 and 3/13
  - Cost is \$40 per workshop
- Fundraising Support at School Sites
  - Buy Fresh Buy Local coupon book in the works for winter '12 fundraising. Would need help contacting local businesses sometime in the summer.
- Collaboration Workshop – regulators, academia, and local food
  - Potential workshop hosted by the Butte Environmental Health
  - Looking for academic speakers to present on the impact of the food system on health.
  - Connect with **Brad** if you would like to help organize ([bbanner@buttecounty.net](mailto:bbanner@buttecounty.net))

- **SB 1413** – (law that assures the availability of fresh, free drinking water in food service areas)  
Assessment of current status.
  - **Randy, Director of Operation/Maintenance** – created list with the location and number of water fountains accessible near the cafeterias at the Primary Schools
  - All schools in compliance with clean drinking fountains and have cleaning schedule
- Wellness Policy Update
  - Plan is moving along through the ranks for final touch-ups
- Rethink your Drink campaign
  - State wide nutrition education initiative
  - Collaborating with local dentists
  - A media campaign will begin in June
  - Network approved materials already created and ready for distribution  
(<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/Pages/WICRethinkYourDrink.aspx>)
  - There will be a “Sugar Savvy” training on 2/23 @ OPT for Healthy Living
- Summer Feeding Program
  - USDA funded free breakfast and lunch program for children and adolescents between the ages of 2 and 18.
  - Location TBA at 4-6 elementary schools in CUSD
  - Potential for local farmer involvement
- Let's Move! Paradise
  - First meeting to be held 2/27 @ 6:30 - Paradise Center for Healthy Living

**Next meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Location TBD**

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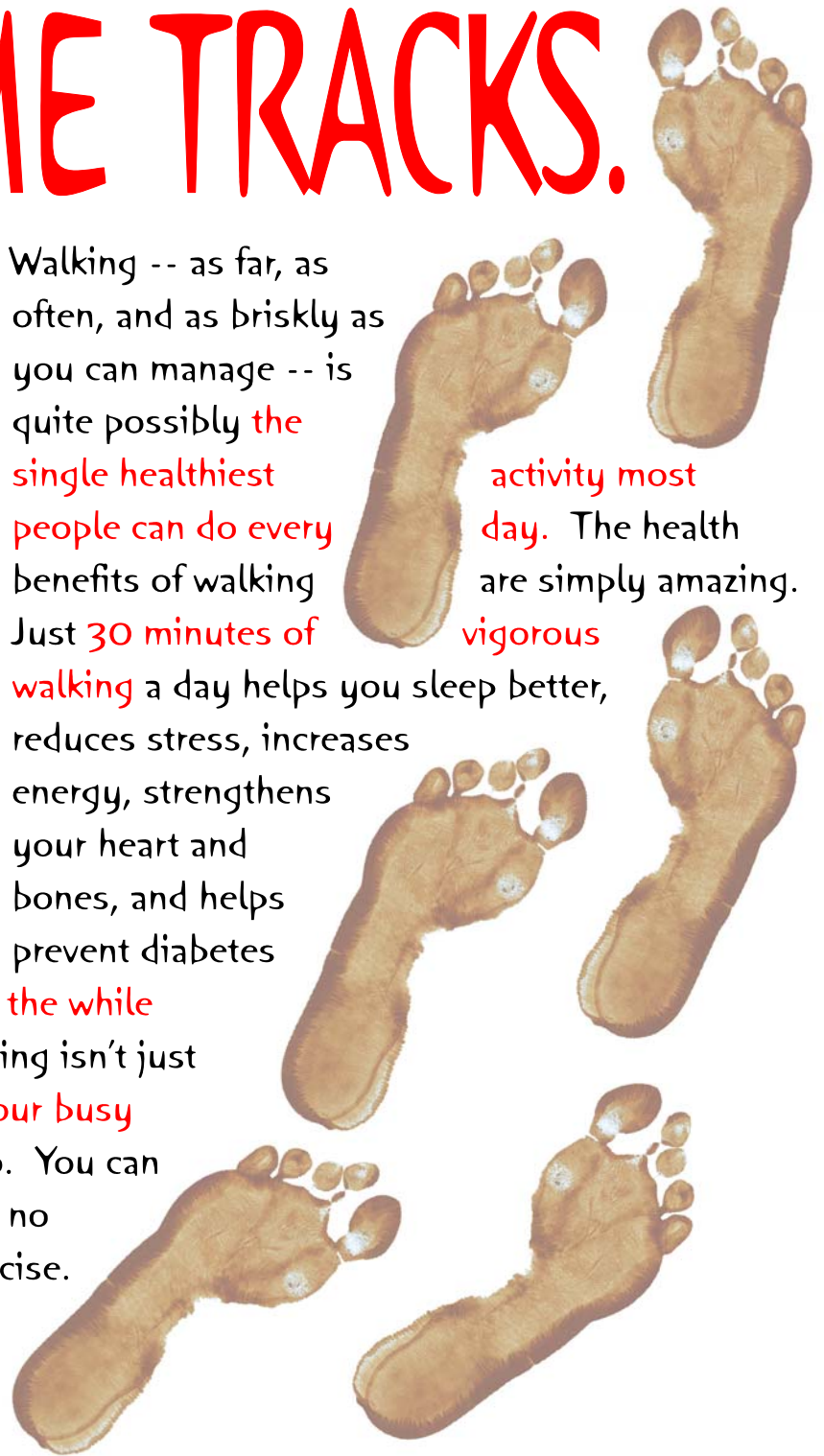
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# 150

150 minutes of brisk walking a week -- that's five half-hour walks -- can deliver fantastic health benefits

Walking -- as far, as often, and as briskly as you can manage -- is quite possibly **the single healthiest activity most people can do every day.** The health benefits of walking are simply amazing. Just **30 minutes of vigorous walking** a day helps you sleep better, reduces stress, increases energy, strengthens your heart and bones, and helps prevent diabetes

and a host of other ailments -- **and all the while toning your muscles.** Wow! And walking isn't just good for your health -- it's **good for your busy schedule** and **good for your wallet**, too. You can walk anywhere and anytime, so there's no need to make special plans just to exercise. And when you walk regularly, who needs to spend money on a health club? **The whole world's your gym!**



## EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.

### **WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!**

*This newsletter is provided as a wellness resource by our District Nutrition Services Department. Check out [www.chicousd.org](http://www.chicousd.org) and click on the Nutrition Services Department for more information.*



# WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!™

HELPING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FEEL WELL AND DO WELL!

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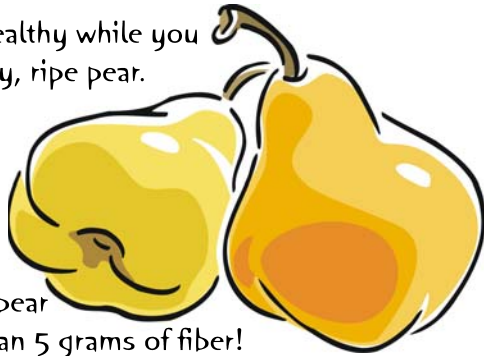
## EAT BETTER

Try lots of different fruits, veggies, and whole grains for a healthy diet. You're bound to find a few you really like!

### PEARS

Eat something healthy while you walk -- like a juicy, ripe pear.

Pears are a great source of vitamins C and K and other key nutrients. Best of all, a medium pear provides more than 5 grams of fiber!



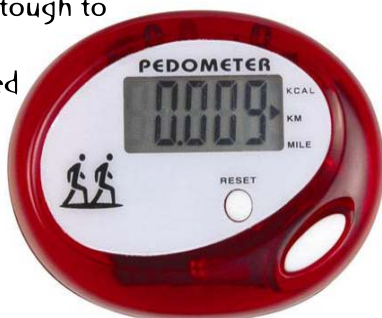
## LEARN EASIER



No matter how old you are, moderate exercise like walking increases blood flow to your brain and makes your mind healthier, too. That adds up to a boost in school performance for students and a decrease in age-related memory-loss for older folks.

## PLAY HARDER

Walking is one form of exercise that isn't expensive or difficult to start doing or tough to get the hang of. All the equipment you really need is good footwear, but a \$5 pedometer is useful, too. It keeps track of your walking distance during the day and helps measure your progress.



## LIVE HEALTHIER

You don't have to walk in a beautiful outdoor setting -- although that certainly doesn't hurt! Whether you walk inside or out, night or day, at work, school, or play, the key is the total number of steps you take -- including every step you take, for any reason. To realize all the great health benefits of walking, try to work up slowly to 10,000 steps on most days. Use that pedometer!



## Walking the walk.

When it comes to serving healthy meals to our students every day, we do what needs to be done. We follow the strictest safety and cleanliness standards and provide our staff with comprehensive food safety training that goes far beyond what a typical commercial restaurant gives its employees. We also follow nutrition standards that are the healthiest in the food service industry. And we do our level best to serve these excellent, healthy meals to as many kids as we can, including providing free and reduced-price meals for families who qualify.

Convenient, economical, healthy School Meals. We don't just talk the talk. We walk the walk for your kids every day.

**School Meals**  
*We serve education every day™*

1/24/2012

PRESIDENT MELANIE BASSETT  
 “ Celebrating Heroes ”

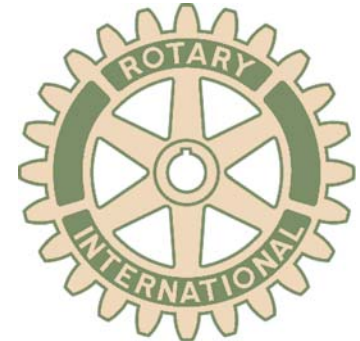
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## NEXT MEETING

### The state of CSU, Chico

### Paul Zingg



Dr. Paul J. Zingg is president of California State University, Chico. CSU, Chico, one of 23 campuses in The California State University System, is a comprehensive, four-year university whose motto “Today Decides Tomorrow” guides 16,000 students through their undergraduate and graduate education.

Prior to being named president at CSU, Chico, Dr. Zingg was provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo from 1995 to 2004. Before that he served as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Cal Poly, 1993-1995.

Dr. Zingg served as dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Saint Mary’s College of California from 1986-1993. Previously, he spent several years at the University of Pennsylvania, 1978-1983, serving as executive assistant to the president and as vice dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He has held professorships in history at all the institutions he has served.

Dr. Zingg received his PhD in history in 1974 from the University of Georgia, Athens; an MA in history in 1969 from the University of Richmond, VA; and a BA in history in 1968 from Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina.

He has published twelve books and nearly 100 articles on American higher education, student learning, educational leadership, sports history, and intercollegiate athletics. He has also acted as a sports history consultant to several presses, the media, museum curators, and on Ken Burns’ acclaimed television documentary series, *Baseball*, in 1994. Dr. Zingg was appointed a fellow of the American Council on Education in 1983-1984, has received support for his research from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and has served on several national boards and commissions for higher education.

### JANUARY 24, 2012 MEETING

### OPENING

### VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Visiting Rotarians: Robert Olea –Lake Tahoe, Dean Labole –Davis, Rex Mosley –Oroville.

Guests of Rotarians: **Rory Rottschalk:** Anna Nava, Aerobuerto Hernandez, Marial Hernandez, Sherri Lewis, Tim Cariss, Michael Curran. **Matt Jackson:** Kim Perry. **Robin Bicocca:** Kevin Moretti.

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- January 31, 2012**  
 Program: The state of CSU, Chico  
 Speaker: Paul Zingg
- February 7, 2012**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
 Program: Fellowship Tuesday  
 Speaker: various
- February 14, 2012**  
**Board Meeting**  
**7:30 a.m. Enloe Conference Center**  
 Program: Hearts and Heroes  
 Speaker: various
- February 21, 2012**  
**No noon meeting**  
 Club Birthday Party-see Tim Colbie for tix  
 Madison Bear Garden
- February 28, 2012**  
 Program: Center for Diversity-Academy  
 Speaker: CC Carter
- March 6, 2012**  
 Program: Fellowship Tuesday  
 Speaker: various
- March 13, 2012**  
**Board Meeting**  
**7:30 a.m. Enloe Conference Center**  
 Program: Butte College’s new President  
 Speaker: Dr. Kim Perry

### Important dates:

- March 31, 2012** Rotary at Work Day
- May 6, 2012** Omelet Brunch

**Rotarian Absentees:**

It's up to you to sign yourself in and provide documentation for make-ups and E-make-ups .

Attendance Reports are available for member review at the Attendance Table. Reports show each member's attendance as far back as one year!

REMINDER: Only 6 misses in a 6 month period.

**NOTE: The following meeting absence list is for informational purposes only. Attendance issues are handled at the Tuesday meetings only.**

**January 10, 2012**

Adams, Robert; Andrew, Thurza; Bane, Terry; Barker, Anita; Barnett, Rick; Blakley, Brian; Block, Ray; Bono, Will; Bowen, Brian; Brashears, Don; Brothers, Tadd; Campbell, Dana; Chalmers, Crystal; Chance, Bill; Corbin, Dino; DeLuca, Kathleen; DuBose, Alex; Duncan, Craig; Eaton, Glen; Gragson, Bob; Huston, Tom; Katz, Judy; Kimball, Joy; Kimmelshue, Tod; Krebs, Rodney; Larrabee, Keith; Lohse, Chuck; Michels, Bob; Mundy, Barbara; Murray, Kevin; Peace, Fran; Rigsbee, Craig; Schneeweis, Greg; Shepherd, John; Short, Gary; Thoma, Katy; Tochtermann, Alan; Wessels, Don

**January 17, 2012**

Adams, Robert; Andrew, Thurza; Batie, Don; Blakley, Brian; Bombberg, Margaret; Bowen, Brian; Brothers, Tadd; Campbell, Kym; Chalmers, Crystal; Chrysler, Gage; DeLuca, Kathleen; DuBose, Alex; Dunbaugh, Mike; Francis, Mark; Fredericks, Laurie; Gilbert, Ben; Gilbert, Paige; Gragson, Bob; Griggs, Jennifer; Heringer, Les; Johnson, KL; Katz, Judy; Kidd, Troy; Kimball, Joy; Kimmelshue, Tod; Krebs, Rodney; Lando, Tom; Lohse, Chuck; Lynch, Cathy; McSwain, Beau; Moseley, Debbie; Mundy, Barbara; Murray, Kevin; Petersen, Brenda; Redman, Michael; Reece, Margaret; Regh, John; Rhein, John; Rich, Bill; Rigsbee, Craig; Roney, John; Shepard, Jeff; Shepherd, John; Sherwood, Barry; Staggs, Ed; Sterling, Jack; Stevens, Jim; Stewart, Aaron; Tierney, Ed; Tittle, Tim; Wessels, Don

**January 24, 2012**

Andreasen, Dan; Bellin, Georgie; Bennett, Dale; Blakley, Brian; Bordenave, Neal; Campbell, Dana; Chalmers, Crystal; Chance, Bill; DeLuca, Kathleen; DuBose, Alex; Ferris, Tim; Foor, Cindy; Fox, Jennifer; Gonsalves, Steve; Gragson, Bob; Heringer, Les; Jackson, Matt; Kimball, Joy; Kremer, Kevin; Krepelka, Rose; Michels, Bob; Miller, John; Mundy, Barbara; Nielsen, Norm; Peace, Fran; Pierce, Mark; Rhein, John; Rigsbee, Craig; Shepherd, John; Sherwood, Barry; Simcox, Anna; Staley, Kelly; Sterling, Jack; Wessels, Don;

**\*Make-Ups Online\*\***

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**Members are allowed  
2 make-ups for July - Dec  
& 2 make-ups for Jan - June!**

**January Member Information Notes**

**Leaves of Absence** –none

**Resignations accepted by the board**  
Mike O'Donnell

**Change in classification:**  
Jolene Francis: Health Care-Hospital Foundation

**JANUARY 24, 2012 MEETING**

**VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS**

Other guests of unknown Rotarians: Sue Kerwin, Ben Knight, Lily Annich, Katie Simen, Royal Hawkley, Cathy Harris, Shelby Hooper, Travis Brown, Devin Potter, Steve Brown, Merissa Herrisema, Dean Laverenth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1/28 Sunrise Rotary Romance Party
- 2/7 Blood drive at meeting
- 2/14 Hearts and Heroes meeting each team to bring a local hero.
- 2/21 Rotary Birthday party at Madison Bear
- 3/31 Rotary Work Day projects tbd.
- 4/24 Honoring Educators
- 4/28 Giants Game Trip
- 5/6 Omelet brunch

President Melanie asked for a moment of silence for the lovely Cindy Chalmers. She will be missed. The club holds Scott and his family in our prayers.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Col. Kevin Cavanaugh the Wing Commander of the Air Force reserve at Beale AFB awarded **Bill Rich** the "Patriot Award" for being an outstanding employer to a reservist.

**Rory Rottschalk** introduced the Strategic tutoring partnership with Rosedale Elementary School. Aerobuerto Hernandez was honored for significantly advancing his reading level.

**FINE TIME**

**Mark Francis, Jolene Francis, Tom Lando, Rory Rottschalk** all honored at Chamber of Commerce Event. **Curt Hull** noted that three of them are on Intellectuals team.

**Dave Burkland** announces his retirement from the City of Chico

**RAFFLE**

\$2,437 **Joe Starkey**, did not pick a winning card (\$20)

**Joe Starkey \$20**



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**Terry Bane  
Meal ticket chair**



**Judy Brislain Bradford  
Hearts & Heroes**



**Tim Colbie  
Birthday Party chair**



**Bill Rich (center)  
Patriot Award**



**Rene Verduyssen pre-  
sents reading award**

**JANUARY 24, 2012 MEETING REPORT**

**PROGRAM**

**Anita Barker**, Athletic Director at CSU, Chico discussed the state of the Athletic department at CSUC. She discussed the 13 varsity sports, 325 Athletes, that CSUC was in a new league, the CCAA, and last year won the Commissioners Cup. CSUC students currently have a graduation rate of 68%



**Anita Barker  
CSUC sports**



**K.L. Johnson  
Omelet Brunch**



**Don Brashears  
Giants trip info**



**Dave Burkland  
Retiring**



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children with special needs and  
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**April 17, 2012**  
**5:30 to 7:30pm**  
Masonic Family Center  
1110 W. East Ave  
Chico, CA 95926

Participants will include Employers, Educators, Service Providers and many other valuable resources available to assist students with post secondary transition in adult life. Over 30 vendors will be assembled in one convenient location to answer many of your questions and help you on the path towards success in adulthood.

***Admission is Free!*** The whole family is invited!