



**RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
Chico Chapter 077**

**MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER**

**Mission Statement:**

*We are active and retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our earned retirement, medical, and other benefits. RPEA represents the rank and file of retired public employees.*

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**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025  
NASH'S RESTAURANT  
1717 ESPLANADE, CHICO**

**LUNCH COST:** \$20 (Plated Lunch)

**MENU:** Bolognese Pasta Bake - Penne Pasta with meat marinara sauce, mozzarella, and parmesan

**VEGETARIAN OPTION:** Angel Hair Pasta with fresh basil and tomatoes in a white wine oil butter sauce; topped with parmesan cheese

**NOTE:** A Caesar salad and a non-alcoholic beverage accompany meals.

**RSVP:** Betsy Kruger (530-345-7563) or  
Email her: [betsybikes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:betsybikes@sbcglobal.net)

**Reservation Deadline: Sunday, March 2**  
**NOTE:** Please inform Betsy of your entrée choice when you make your reservation and any dietary restrictions.

**TOPIC:**  
**“Boys and Girls Club”**

**PRESENTERS:**

**Erin Kennedy**  
Case Manager  
Boys & Girls Clubs  
of the North Valley

**Arya Pocock**  
2024-25  
Pacific Youth  
of the Year



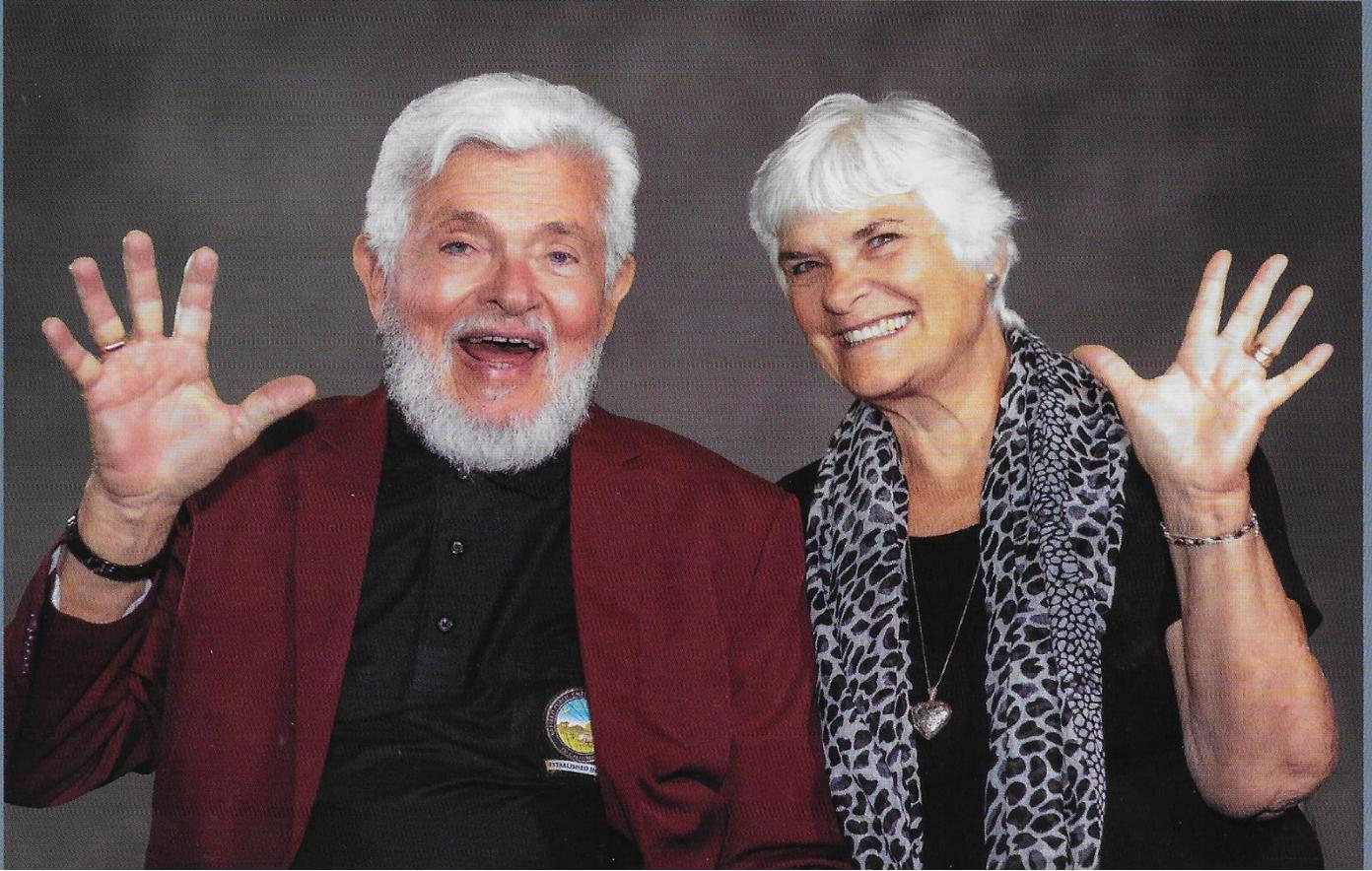
**Erin Kennedy.** Erin has over 20 years of experience working with youth and has served as the Case Manager for Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley since 2019. Hired post-Camp Fire, she helped secure millions in funding for displaced families, assisting with housing, basic needs, and rebuilding. She now supports families and teens in navigating services, addressing food insecurity across all 11 Clubs, and using private donations to fill critical gaps to keep them stable. Erin is an accomplished grant writer and brings passion programming to the Club by teaching dance. She has been a certified Community Resiliency Model instructor since the COVID-19 pandemic. Erin is committed to holistic support, systemic change, and mental well-being. She previously led a nonprofit organization and mentored teen moms, foster youth, and CSEC survivors. She serves on Student Attendance Review Boards, works with Butte County Probation’s Diversion and Restorative Justice programs, and has supported youth in crisis as a Care Team Coach. A recent LEAD program graduate, Erin is dedicated to breaking cycles, building lasting relationships, and empowering vulnerable youth and families.

**Arya Pocock:** Arya is the first *Youth of the Year* from Boys & Girls Clubs of Chico to win both the California State and Pacific Regional titles. A dedicated leader, she began at the Chico Teen Center, became Keystone President, and spearheaded community initiatives. Arya represented Chico this past year on a national stage at the *Youth of the Year* competition in Atlanta, and has spoken at BGCA, NAMI, and community events. She visited Washington, D.C. over winter break, met the President, toured the White House, and spoke with the U.S. Secretary of Education. Now a BGCA Ambassador, National Youth of the Year Speakers Bureau member, and SMART Girls mentor, Arya continues to advocate for youth and inspire future leaders.

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE MARCH 6 MEETING!**

# WE MISS YOU!!

Please update your contact information with RPEA!  
email: [rpeahq@rpea.com](mailto:rpeahq@rpea.com) or call: (800) 443-7732



Abe and Jacky Baily were featured on the back cover of the January/February 2025 issue of the RPEA magazine which is published six times a year. This great photo was taken at the RPEA General Assembly Delegates' Reception in San Diego on Abe and Jacky's 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (September 9). Their happy faces are worth sharing again! Abe and Jacky are wonderful Ambassadors for RPEA! We miss our members who don't attend the monthly membership meetings and encourage them to join us. An added reminder: Please keep your contact information updated (mailing address, email, and phone number) at RPEA Headquarters to continue receiving Chapter 077's monthly newsletters and other important information.

**Let's stay connected!**