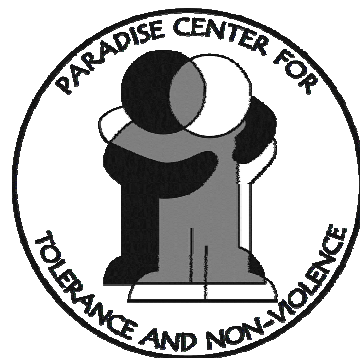


Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence

“Making our community a safe place for all through promoting respect for differences and human rights, and fostering alternatives to violence.”

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Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Chico Memorial Dedication

PCTN held its annual commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 15, 2007, with over 175 people present at the Paradise United Methodist Church. Dan Johnson, Board President of PCTN, recognized the contribution of the Town of Paradise and Town employees to honor Dr. King by their agreement to make MLK Day an official

Town holiday.

Participants who delighted the audience with their thoughtful words or with song included Ellis Harms, LaFreedra Thomas, the United Methodist Church Choir led by David Burdine, Paradise High School Top Cats, Phil John and Reverend Andy Torkelson. Ten-year-old Kailene Johnson recited the “I Have a Dream” speech, bringing many people to tears with her fervor and expressiveness. The Sufi Dancers got the whole audience up on their feet dancing for peace.

One of the speakers, Joe Person Sr., announced that the work of the Chico Community Coalition over the past three years was now complete. A memorial statue dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has since been commemorated at a ceremony on Feb 19, 2007.

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Welcome

We welcome visitors to the Center.

Office Hours

M-F 9am—1pm

Please stop in to learn more about PCTN and the programs and services we offer. We invite you to share with us your suggestions and concerns.

Ridge Alive II PCTN's Second Annual Fundraiser

SATURDAY, MARCH 31st
7 p.m. ~ Midnight
Paradise Ridge Senior Center

Featuring the classic rock & blues band
Train Wreck

Plus!
Huge Silent Auction, Raffle & Door Prizes,
Free Munchies, & No Host Bar

(See our flyer for more details.)

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Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrations

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The statue was unveiled at Community Park on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Chico. This historic dedication was for all of Butte County and Northern California. Butte County is one of the few counties on the West coast to have the distinction of having a street named after the great Civil Rights leader and a commemoration of his likeness to visit and reflect upon.

With help from such local dignitaries as the current and former mayors of Chico, Andy Holcombe and Scott Gruendl, Butte County Supervisor Jane Dolan and other Butte County representatives, the persistence and hard work and many fundraisers by the Chico Community Coalition came to a rewarding and momentous conclusion. With more than 800 people in attendance and over 40 presenters and entertainment acts, the afternoon was both inspirational and engaging.



**MLK Memorial Statue
Community Park, Chico**

Famous Quote

“Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.”

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Parenting Workshop: Conscious & Compassionate Parenting

PCTN will partner with the Paradise Branch of the Butte County Public Library to present a workshop for parents. William Martin, author of The Parent's Tao Te Ching, will speak on “The Practice of Conscious, Compassionate Parenting.” Mr. Martin lives with his family in Chico. Together with his wife, Nancy, he operates The Still Point, an educational and consulting center. His parenting book has been widely recognized and praised.

The community is invited to this free workshop, which will be part of the National Library Week activities taking place on Wednesday, April 18, at 7:00 pm, in the Paradise Public Library Conference Room.

Transforming the World

*The world insists on achievement and progress
and it is full of enmity and strife.*

*Can you see all this and still help your children
maintain their trust and hope and peace?*

*Can you accept the world as it is,
yet live according to a different standard?*

*Can you let your children see
a way of living
that transforms,
heals,
nurtures,
and loves?*

*If you complain about politics,
and gripe about taxes,
and stew about the sorry state of things
your children will learn to whine instead of laugh.*

*If you can see in every moment
a chance to live,
and to accept,
and to appreciate,
your children will transform the world.*

Selection from The Parent's Tao Te Ching
by William Martin

Remembering the Struggle

Celebrating Black History Month: a February commemoration

Whether it is the topic of slavery or the era of segregation, the need to remember the struggle that people of color have gone through is very important. Unjust laws and a culture of racism still persists. Celebrating Black History Month is not only about celebrating Black Culture and the struggles of people of color, it is also about holding the American dream to a higher standard for all Americans regardless of Creed, Color, or Class.

To help us remember, here are a few little known facts:

- * For slavery to work, in some states, white male citizens were, by law, required to take part in nightly search parties to look for runaway slaves.
- * One key law in 1662 created slavery as a generational condition and not based on one slave's life. *"...all children borne in this country shall be held bond or free only according to the condition of the mother."* Virginia Slave Laws, Virginia General Assembly. December, 1662, ACT XII.
- * Sundown Towns were towns across the US that had City codes or a culture that non-whites should not pass through. In Hawthorne Ca., a Town sign read "N—— Don't let the sun set on YOU in Hawthorne."

- * Segregation was not limited to the south but existed in many parts of the U.S. Housing developments and rentals had contracts and leases detailing "Whites only," segregating whites from people of color and helping to create the ghettos and barrios of larger cities

Segregated water fountains as part of the Jim Crow laws.



Civil Rights activists are blocked by National guardsmen brandishing bayonets and flanked by tanks while staging a protest in Memphis Tennessee.

Spotlight on Black Inventors:

A few of those who have made important contributions despite the obstacles they faced.

Benjamin Banneker's inventive spirit would lead him to be called the "first African American inventor". Banneker invented the first Farmers' Almanac.

George Washington Carver invented peanut butter, adhesives, bleach, chili sauce, ink, instant coffee, linoleum, mayonnaise, paper, plastic, pavement, shaving cream, talcum powder and more.

George Carruthers was the inventor of the far-ultraviolet camera and the spectrograph.

Dr. Charles Richard Drew was the first person to develop the blood bank.

Lewis Latimer invented the carbon filament for the light bulb.

Percy Lavon Julian synthesized the medicines physostigmine for glaucoma and cortisone used for rheumatoid arthritis, and he invented fire-extinguishing equipment.

Garrett A. Morgan invented the gas mask and the automatic traffic signal.

Granville T. Woods invented improvements to electric railways, air brakes, telephones and telegraphs; a chicken egg incubator and an apparatus for an amusement park ride.

A touring exhibition of the Black Inventions Museum took place recently at Chico State.

**ROCKIN' THE RIDGE:
TRAIN WRECK
TO PERFORM AT RIDGE ALIVE II
Second Annual Fundraiser
presented by PCTN**

Get your dancing shoes on! **Train Wreck** is a local classic rock and blues band that keeps their audience moving. The band has been performing together since July 2005 and has been rockin' out ever since. Band members include Sven Bromelow, lead guitarist and vocals, Rick D'Orazi, guitarist and vocals, Joanne D'Orazi, vocals, Lewis Jones, bass and vocals, and Robert Villareal on drums.

Where did the name Train Wreck come from? Well, the band needed a name for their debut performance and came up with Train Wreck. If a song didn't go as intended the band would call it a train wreck, and that's how it all got started! Train Wreck is full of talented artists who are dedicated to entertainment and the art of music. During performances they love interacting with their fans, and getting them to dance along to their music. They practice together once a week despite their busy schedules and dedication to work, family and other activities.

The band enjoys creating versions of their favorite songs as well as writing and recording original songs. Rick D'Orazi recently wrote an original called "One More".

Come check out the sounds of Train Wreck on Saturday, March 31st at the Paradise Senior Center. The band will be performing live music all night to accompany the silent auction, munchies, raffle and no host bar for *Ridge Alive II*, the fundraiser being presented by the Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence.

**All proceeds will go toward supporting PCTN
and its community programs.
You don't want to miss this fun night out!**



***A Huge Thank You
to all those who responded to
our Membership Drive***

Welcome to our 2007 members. PCTN's Membership Drive which began November 1, 2006, has so far brought us 117 members, including 41 new members, and over \$4000. Members give as they are able and we appreciate all donations. We would like to give special mention to PCTN's Patrons (those who contributed \$100 or more) and Benefactors (\$500 donors).

Patrons

Barbara & Bill Allen, Anna T. Davis, Shawn & Kristin Heffernan, Dan & Mimi Johnson, James & Mary Johnson, Beth & John Kissinger-Miller, Alan & Debbie Lieberman, Marvin & Bonnie Megibow, Willa Perrine, John H. Price, Alfredo & Ronda Rodriguez, Mark & Christine Shuken, David & Emily Scofield-Wilson, Alex Templeton., and Helen Van der Maelen.

Benefactors

Wendy & Steve Hartley, Phil & Gwen Nordgren.

Membership donations start at \$10. PCTN is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

Appreciative Recognition to

- * **The North Valley Community Foundation for a \$1500 grant to start a Planned Giving program for PCTN.**
- * **Tyme Maidu Tribe/ Berry Creek Rancheria for a \$250 grant to support operating expenses.**

MAKE ROOM IN YOUR ESTATE FOR GIVING TO PCTN

You can plan gifts that make a difference in your life and at the same time help victims of intolerance by supporting PCTN's programs and services for bi-racial, ethnically mixed and other minority families, bullying prevention for youth, and cross-cultural activities for all ages.

Planned giving offers individuals the opportunity to create a legacy with wealth, and to continue to help the community long after the individual has passed on. It perpetuates the goodness of our individual existence once we are no longer here. One does not need to be a millionaire to participate.

Planned giving (or long-term giving) is a donation of any of the following:

Bequests (transfers residue or part of same to PCTN)

Retirement Plans (pension or an IRA)

Living Trusts

Charitable Remainder Trusts (gifts of cash, marketable securities, or closely held stock to a trust, and in return receive income for life and partial tax deduction)

Marketable Securities (stocks and other securities)

Life Insurance Policies (assignment of paid or portion of paid policies)

Certificates of Deposit (name PCTN as beneficiary)

Personal Property (antiques, collectibles, jewelry – the proceeds of the sale of the items benefit PCTN)



If you would like more information, please call us at 877-1856.

PCTN Asks: What's In A Name?

An organization's name should describe what it's about and have a positive connotation. Some members of the Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence (PCTN) have objected to the word "tolerance" in the name because certain interpretations are negative and polarizing.

For example, some people believe it means they have to tolerate everybody, even people who commit heinous crimes. Others feel it doesn't go far enough... that rather than just putting up with somebody, we should "accept" them. Clearly these are two very different takes on the word. We decided to try to find a more effective word to get the message across.

We looked at suggestions we received from a public survey we conducted in October and November 2006. (In fact, at least 90% of our survey responders like our current name.) Considering this input from the public at large, as well as the opinions of our Board of Advisors and core members, PCTN's Board of Directors determined that based on its true definition, "tolerance" is indeed the appropriate word for us to use in our name.

What is that definition? "Tolerance: an open-minded, generous and unbiased attitude", to which we add: "toward everyone". Tolerance goes beyond "tolerating". It refers to respecting the many differences among us. It does not mean that we embrace these differences for ourselves, or that we excuse criminal or immoral behavior, but that we treat everyone with the respect we all deserve as human beings.

So there you have it. We were, are, and for the foreseeable future, will be the Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence (PCTN). And now everybody knows why.

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

⇒ Shop on Amazon? Simply use the link on our website to go to Amazon.com. PCTN will receive a % of your purchase. It's EASY!

ALSO

⇒ You can now make a credit card donation, either one-time or recurring monthly, by way of PayPal on our website. And it's EASY!

Up-n-coming Events

PCTN's 7th Annual

Unity in Diversity Festival

will be held on **Sunday, June 10th** at Terry Ashe Park, from 1:00 to 5:00pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of multi-cultural musical performances, crafts & games for kids, raffle prizes, food, and more.



Danielle Hawkins dances to the rhythms of the Diallo African Drummers at 2006 event.

Camp Friendship

Planning for Camp Friendship has begun. The summer day camp will be scheduled for July with lots of fun and engaging activities for kids that teach about respecting differences and fostering

better friendships.
More details will be coming to you soon....



"Non-violence is hard work. It is willingness to sacrifice. It is the patience to win." -Cesar Chavez

Come celebrate the legacy of Cesar Chavez on April 5th at the Paradise Library from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.



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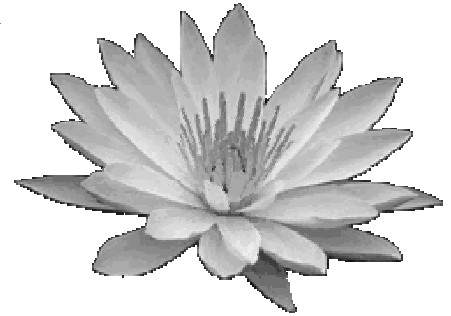
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Volunteer Positions Available

- * Publicity Coordinator
- * Youth Activity Assistant
- * Graphic Artist
- * Photographer/
Videographer
- * And many other ways to help, whether you can volunteer once or twice a year, or a few hours each month.

Volunteer Spotlight: Linda Ellis

Linda has been a supporter of PCTN since its origins in the year 2000. She helped in the development and implementation of programs such as the Victim Assistance program and recently took over as coordinator of World Culture Evenings. Linda has also been an advocate for involvement in the LGBT community. She has served the community as a volunteer Ombudsman with Adult Protective Services, helping as a patient advocate in local nursing homes. She has put her wonderful cooking skills to use for us, by volunteering many hours creating delicious goodies for PCTN fundraisers and meetings. Linda returned to the Board of Directors in December 2006 to help steer PCTN. She is a great supporter of PCTN and an inspiration through all her endeavors in our community.



10 TIPS TO TEST YOUR TOLERANCE

1. Volunteer at a local social service organization.
2. Learn sign language.
3. List all the stereotypes you can—positive and negative— about a particular group. Are these stereotypes reflected in your actions?
4. Shop at ethnic grocery stores and specialty markets. Get to know the owners. Ask about their family histories.
5. Teach an adult to read.
6. Attend services at a variety of churches, synagogues and temples to learn different faiths.
7. Create a “diversity profile” of your friends, co-workers, and acquaintances. Set the goal of expanding it by next year.
8. Imagine what your life might be like if you were a person of another race, gender or sexual orientation. How might “today” have been different?
9. Bookmark equity and diversity Web sites on your home computer.
10. Take the family to an ethnic restaurant. Learn about more than just the food.

To find other great tips visit www.tolerance.org

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PCTN Meeting Schedule

Board of Directors meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Programs & Services Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Resource Development Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

All meetings are held at the PCTN office and are open to the community.

PCTN Events/Activities

Thursday, March 5: Kick-off of 2007 STARS Program at Ponderosa and Paradise Elementary Schools.

Thursday, March 29: World Culture Evening, topic Brazil with speaker Dhara Lemos, editor of the Lotus Guide, 6:30 pm at the Paradise Public Library.

Saturday, March 31: Ridge Alive II: A Benefit for PCTN, 7:00pm—Midnight at the Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunneley Road.

Thursday, April 5: Cesar Chavez Celebration , 6:30-8:30 pm at the Paradise Public Library.

Tuesday, April 17: World Culture Evening, topic Sri Lanka, 6:30 pm at the Paradise Public Library.



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