

# Rotary



## Club of Chico Sunrise

### Geralyn's First Meeting

By Carol Linscheid on Friday, July 3, 2020



**Rotary Club of Chico Sunrise Geralyn Sheridan,  
President 2020-21**

**MEETING DATE:7/2/20**

John Touchette hosted our Zoom meeting and mentioned the Zoom link is the same each week and you can upload that to your calendar from his emails.

President Carl Ochsner opened our digital meeting at 7:00. He called on Jill for the invocation. In her absence, Geralyn volunteered. In these unusual times with so much on **PAUSE** for the past couple months. She said she is working on a slide show of the STEAM project. While reviewing all the photographs for Carl's year, she saw the many community service work projects that our club has accomplished. Literacy projects with book deliveries, Hooker Oak School, Parkview school, Sierra View School. STEAM, Summer MonCA program, partnering with Salvation Army for 250 kids in summer camp. She said it is nice to take the look back. She appreciates our club and feels good being a Chico Sunrise Rotarian.

No guests joined the Zoom this morning.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Carl Oschner** reported on the Rotary 100 meeting about Centennial Park held 5/20. He was disturbed at the lack of masks. (Geralyn attended via Zoom, looks like Carl may do that next time) The Noon club is working on plans/ideas for gathering for the Rotary 100 year which started April 1, 2020. The hope to have a closing event April 2021 and they are working on a plan. **June 4<sup>th</sup> at the CARD** center will be a meeting about the funding for Centennial Park. Tom Lando asked for attendance for show of support because the 1.2 million funding from the city may be at risk.

**Howard Slater** drove by Parkview school 5/20 and got an updated photo. All is growing and looking good. Nice to see! Our club re-landscaped the center area with irrigation and all! Parkview School landscape looking good. Great job Local Projects Committee, chairperson **Paul Peck** & everyone who worked on this beautiful upgrade for the school.

**Howard** announced the Air Museum entrance project is getting close to being finished. They worked on it over the weekend and the concrete will be poured next Tuesday. The project is to remodel the entrance which will now be ADA compliant. The original plan was a grand and beautiful entrance with blue

#### Events/Speakers

No Events found

#### Birthdays



[John P. Touchette](#)  
July 16th



[Dan L. Bay](#)  
July 17th



[Richard W. Powell](#)  
July 18th



[Dawit Zeleke](#)  
July 19th

#### Club Anniversaries



[Jason Smith](#)  
04-29-2010  
11 Years



[Randall Korte](#)  
05-02-2019  
2 Years



[John P. Touchette](#)  
05-23-2019  
2 Years

glass. But, unfortunately, the expense increased significantly. The project needed to be re-evaluated to stay ♦On budget♦ as Slater and Son projects are!

**Teresa Frediani** reported on the Gala fundraising committee meeting held Tues. 5/19. There were 8 members attending via Zoom and socially distanced at her NVAgS Office. The news of CSUChico Fall changes generated concerns about holding the Gala event on 8/8. They discussed the pros and cons of a restricted face to face event as well as the options of having only an online auction. Everyone worked so hard getting all the auction items collected, packaged and online. The consensus was to hold a modified online auction with items with dated items or perishable items/baskets. The sponsors of the gala, tables, tickets and ads money which has been received will communicate asking them to leave it as a Donation, Hold for 3/13/2021 or get a refund. The committee will craft a communication at their **next meeting 5/28**. Club members and all Gala registered guests will receive emails with full details. We will promote the online auction via Social Media, the Gala site and Rotarians spreading the word. The goal is to have this all finalized by the end of this fiscal year, 6/30/2020. Discussion followed.

**Geralyn Sheridan** reported our PR has consistent for the year. Most of our community service has Facebook posts with videos etc. She invited you to take look back at the year via our FB page.

President **Carl Ochsner** was entertaining ideas of a Fine Wisconsin Bratwurst cook out for his Demotion Dinner, maybe outdoors, or 6 ft apart circles. He asked for ideas and comments. The majority decided to do a ZOOM Demotion ♦ Another first! Now, it♦s up to the social committee to send him off in traditional Chico Sunrise Rotary style, Roasted.

## RECOGNITIONS

**Dawit Zeleke** volunteered for a recognition to donate some of his Insurance Company Covid19 refund. His check was \$172! ♦ 6 Bells

**Carl Ochsner** followed suit. His insurance check was \$85. ♦ 2 Bells

**Nancy Depa** got a new couch. Ordered online before the pandemic and was surprised when she called her for delivery. Must be essential work, building couches. ♦ 2 Bells

**Rich Powell** told us all about his Engine blowing up on his current vehicle ♦ Good lead in to ♦ his necessity to buy a NEW Truck! ♦ 3 Bells.

## PROGRAM

Club member, **Deb Larson**, Provost at CSUChico gave the program today. She started off with images which photo document the strange circumstances on the campus of oddly empty spaces, professors working from home, essential staff working and delivering laptops to drive up students while social distancing.

The slide of ♦Key Dates♦ begins with ♦March 4: CSU Guidance to Start Preparing♦ to ♦March 25: Gone Virtual♦ then on to the rest of the semester including ♦May 15: Virtual Commencement♦.

She gave many instances and details of this monumental task

to transition from in person coursework to online in less than 30 days. They needed to establish policy, figure out how to keep essential personnel safe, facilitate laptops for students and faculty, purchase hotpots, We heard about changing course for 3800 course sections, 1000 faculty and 80,000 seats. In addition to the logistics is the concern for students needs with support services and their transition and success with online coursework.

The virtual commencement ceremony was held on May 15<sup>th</sup> for the graduating class of 2020. Making history in this moment, in masks.

She said the Chancellor had made his decision to hold the majority of courses online for the Fall semester based on the models showing a potential 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and possibly 4<sup>th</sup> wave of the virus infection rates up to January.

Deb answered many questions and had discussions throughout the program about the concerns of the decision affecting our Chico community, her role, and the future of in person courses at the CSUChico campus.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Zoom to Rotary every Thursday morning!**

**May 28, Gala committee Meeting 5:30 Zoom or Teresa's office, North Valley Ag Services**

**June 4, CARD center R100 project (? time)**

**June 18, DARK, No morning meeting**

**June 18, Demotion Dinner (to be announced via Zoom)**

**June 25, Board Meeting following regular meeting**

#### **THANKS:**

Invocation: Geralyn

Greeters: Geralyn and Carol

Check In: ?

Bulletin: Geralyn

#### **NEXT WEEK:**

Invocation: Heidi Houlihan

Greeters: Nick Mariottini & Howar Slater

Check In: ? Nancy Depa

Bulletin: Sean Isom

## **Club Meeting**

Chico Sunrise  
Meets at Canyon Oaks Country Club  
999 Yosemite Drive  
Chico, CA 95928  
Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM