

# Rotary



## Club of Chico Sunrise

### Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, February 4, 2021

**President Geralyn** opened the meeting and **Howard S.** volunteered to give the invocation and pledge. He is excited to get his first dose of COVID vaccine today and began thinking about Rotary's work to eradicate polio. The polio vaccine is given in four doses, as opposed to the two required for the Pfizer and Moderna COVID vaccines. He hopes people accept this vaccine as the polio vaccine has been accepted.

Our guest today was our speaker, Matt Nowicki.

### Announcements and updates

District 5160 Annual Foundation Day is Feb 20. You got an email on Friday 1/22 with the details. Who's interested? **Geralyn** and **Carl Ochsner** are attending. Possibly **Paul Peck**. Who else? Let Geralyn know.

- **Geralyn S.:** February's theme is Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution. She attempted to show a video about peace, but the audio wasn't working. Go to the Rotary website to view this video.
- The International Convention in Taipei is now going to be virtual. The price for attending is only \$49, making it quite affordable. More information to come.
- **Bob L.:** Congratulations on Paul Harris x4. He likes contributing to Polio Plus, international missions including Rotoplast (clef palate repair), and water systems. Thank you!
- **Kevin B.:** Celebrates his 3rd Rota-versary! He enjoys contributing to the community and being part of something bigger.
- **Jill H.:** Celebrates her 6th Rota-versary. She enjoys fellowship with like-minded people, who desire to do things for the community with no political agenda.
- **Geralyn S.:** Showed pictures from old projects such as bikes and computers donated to Vietnam and LN-4 hands project that took place in 2011 and 2013. We are looking forward to our next international project in Roatan. If you have pictures from past projects, please send them to her. She is compiling a timeline and documenting the history of our club.
- **Teresa F.:** At the recent meeting for our fundraiser it was decided that we would have a Gala, No Gala fundraising drive rather than an actual or virtual event. Letters will go out to the community. We need to gather addresses of family, friends and business associates. The letter may be a hand-written one and will include next year's Gala date of 3/19/22 at CSU. The next committee meeting is via ZOOM; even if you are not on the committee you may attend.
- **Nancy D.:** Gave an update on the Literacy committee. Our club gave \$5K to the Gateway Science Museum. You can see a picture and video on Facebook. Little Libraries are in the works.
- **Paul P.:** There are four local projects: 1. Little Library build day, 2. Rotary Centennial Park, 3. Neal Dow School track, 4. Forest Ranch School work day. He is working on adding the VFW logo to the other service organizations on our Chico welcome sign.
- **Carl O.:** Update on Rotary 100: work at Centennial Park will be on 3/27 and another day in April.

### Recognitions

Any Big Benjamins or Happy Hamiltons?

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(get ready for next week!!!!)

### Program

**Carl O.** introduced our speaker, Sergeant Matt Nowicki of the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF). This task force consists of multiple county agencies that deal mainly with mid- to upper- level trafficking. Narcotics are a big issue in our area and are damaging our community. He

### Events/Speakers

February 11th  
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 18th  
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

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[Chico Sunrise Board of Directors Meeting](#)

February 25th  
[CSR Meeting: Speaker- Scott Leysath, Sporting Chef](#)

March 4th  
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

March 11th  
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

### Birthdays



[Carl R. Ochsner](#)  
March 3rd



[Sean Isom](#)  
March 10th

### Club Anniversaries



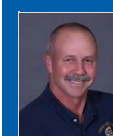
[Ron R. Piret](#)  
04-01-2002  
19 Years



[Leo A. Weiss](#)  
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[Bob Linscheid](#)  
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19 Years



[David W. Warner](#)  
04-01-2002  
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talked about the history of different types of illicit drugs in Chico and the US in general. The volume of illegal drug use has increased 10-20 fold in recent years and yet staffing in their department has decreased. He spoke about an unintended consequence of decriminalizing drug possession (making it no longer a felony in attempt to decrease overcrowding of prisons) has led to less of a chance for individuals to get to rehabilitation. In the past, conviction was often a path to possible rehabilitation. It takes an average nine attempts to go through rehabilitation for an individual to be successful.

## In Closing

### Thanks To:

Invocation: Howard S.  
Greeter: Kevin B.  
Check In: Randy K.  
Bulletin: Heidi H.  
ZOOM: John T.

Next week' meeting's duties are assigned to:

Invocation: Larry G.  
Greeter: Dan B.  
Check In: Kevin B.  
Bulletin: Sean I.



Jason Smith  
04-29-2010  
11 Years



Aaron Souza  
03-24-2011  
10 Years



Jill E. Hendry  
02-06-2014  
7 Years



Richard W. Powell  
02-26-2015  
6 Years



GERALYN G. SHERIDAN  
04-16-2015  
6 Years



Paul Peck  
04-27-2017  
4 Years



Joseph L. Schultz  
04-16-2020  
1 Year

## Club Meeting

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