

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Mardi Gras Masks and No-Gala Fundraiser

By Debra Larson on Thursday, February 18, 2021

President Geralyn opened up our meeting on Zoom at 7:02 am and called on Nancy Haas-Depa for the invocation and pledge. For today's invocation, Nancy introduced Fat Thursday that is a traditional celebration in European. She noted that Polish people honor the day by eating a popular donut like treat called Paczki. Nancy then led us on the pledge.

Announcements and updates

Mardi Gras Mask Contest: Many masks were created by family members with inspirations coming from under the sea, painting, Mardi Gras colors, etc. The voting was close with Howard squeaking out a victory by one vote. Geralyn is providing a number of French-inspired gifts ♦ Bourbon, bourbon balls, chocolate, sparkling water and other treats and goodies ♦ to Howard. A late breaking recount revealed that Randy may have won. Randy and Howard will share in the prizes.

Carl O reported on the Chico Air Museum: The project is done thanks to Howard, and Carl just sent in our final report. It has been approved by the district. Look under 2017-18 grant year tab on DACdb to see the final report.

Joe S. reported that we have programs identified and scheduled through March 11. March 18 is the night-time happy hour no-gala meeting. April 1 is also a night-time meeting in celebration of the Rotary 100 event.

Nancy Haas-Depa reported that she met with the CUSD school librarian and bought Free Little Library plaques for the 12 libraries. The principles are excited for the project. Randy imagined a process for signing up as teams with friends and families to assemble six libraries. Installation days to come later.

Randy K. provided updates on local projects:

- Forest Ranch project needs to be finished up. Remaining project is to re-level the ground to install the outdoor rubber tiles that will take 3 or 4 people. Delivery of tables is pending.
- Centennial Park is coming up with 6 weekends in a row, beginning with March 27 and finishing up on April 24. A celebratory event is scheduled for May 2 as an omelet brunch. Noon club will award prizes for those volunteers who show up for every weekend. You ♦ will need the CARD waiver completed. Sign up sheets are in the email sent to the club last night from Randy.

Geralyn shared the flyer about the Rotary 100 celebration dinner on April 1. Dinners available for pick up that will also include a swag bag. Carl is putting together a history of the founding members of Rotary in Chico whit large. Geralyn is putting together a history of our club ♦s founding members.

Recognitions

Nancy ♦s Happy Hamilton was an announcement about her recent weekend in wine country. She brought back lots of wine and gifted a bottle to Geralyn.

Peter Bell announced the purchase of a 20 ♦ ski boat. 4 bells.

Susie Sorenson announced that it is her daughter ♦s 37th birthday and her son is celebrating his 45th birthday. 3 bells.

Program

Today ♦s program time was dedicated to CSR past projects and St. Patrick ♦s Day No Gala Fundraiser. March 19 is the No-Gala Gala.

Events/Speakers

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

February 18th
[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](#)

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

March 18th
[Chico Sunrise Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Birthdays



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



[Sean Isom](#)
March 10th



[Jill E. Hendry](#)
March 15th



[Dana W. Miller](#)
March 17th



[Kaytlyne Michelle Deardorf](#)
March 19th

Club Anniversaries

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

Geralyn sent out by email a new letter for donations and a template for book marks. Asking that we each send out 2 letters.

Geralyn will reach out each member who may have carry over credit from last year's canceled Gala.

Geralyn shared the CSR McMannis outdoor reading park project as captured on video. She reminded us about the Sierra View, Caper Acres, Hooked on Fishing, Target shopping with children, and Parkview projects. Dan spoke briefly about the all hands involvement by CSR for the McMannis project. The reading park is the cover picture on the McMannis school's Facebook page.

John divided us into five break out groups for 7 minutes to talk about how to get the news out about the fundraiser and to remind us about our projects. The conversations went fast. Team leaders provided summaries:

- Phil Wilke's has a great ability to help us with publicity.
- Pull together an elevator speech, focusing on our great projects. This year we will be emphasizing COVID recovery.
- Talked about the concern of approaching business given their hardships. Thought about providing the business partners with an invitation to be involved in our projects as a way to promote CSR and the Gala.
- Other ideas: Personal message on bookmarks. Putting stamps on the envelopes to encourage donations. Put a suggestion of donations amounts.
- Carl has a number of envelopes that he is willing to hand deliver along with a coffee cup.
- Reviewing our own member lists, past presenters, and our respective table attendees as envelop reach outs.
- Reaching out to x-members who may enjoy the contact.

In Closing

Thanks To:

Greeters: Randy Korte
Invocation: Nancy Hass-Depa
Check in: Larry Guanzon
Bulletin: Deb Larson
Zoom Facilitator: John Touchette

Next week' meeting's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Mike Birch
Invocation: Karen Hansen
Check in: Nancy Haas-Depa
Bulletin: Carol Linscheid
Zoom Facilitator: John Touchette



[Leo A Weiss](#)
04-01-2002
19 Years



[Bob Linscheid](#)
04-01-2002
19 Years



[David W Warner](#)
04-01-2002
19 Years



[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