

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Zooming along

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, July 9, 2020

President Geralyn opened the meeting of July 9, 2020 at 7am wearing a Kool Aid hat and ringing something that was not the bell. She invited **Nick M.** to perform the invocation and flag salute. He quoted Marilyn Monroe beginning with, ♦ Imperfection is beauty ♦♦. Geralyn had requested that everyone wear a hat. Among multiple cowboy hats were one crocheted with beer cans, a vintage leather football helmet, and a tam o♦shanter.

Guests today included Kareem Abouzeid, a former CSR member who owns Knock-Out Collision Repair.

Announcements

Geralyn S. reminded everyone that she sent out a text and email last week regarding the H-ATtitude theme of the meeting. If you did not receive the text, please email her with ♦no text ♦ in the subject line so that she make sure all members get text communication.

Carl O. somehow lost the bell. Apparently it was stolen and involved his wife, Vicky, and a cowboy hat. Hence the H-ATtitude theme with cowboy hats. Carl stated he had ♦no idea where the bell is ♦ and was glad to be done with the bell.

John T. played a video promoting **John C.**♦s blueberry farm where you can go and pick blueberries yourself. There was an impromptu CSR picking social recently. If you would like to pick blueberries, look on Facebook for info: Sierra Cascade Blueberry Farm.

Geralyn S. announced several Rota-versaries: Karen H. has been a member for 3 yrs. She loves this club more that her old club and enjoys our energy. John C., Howard S. and this reporter (Heidi H.) were all inducted together 15 years ago. Trivia question: Who was our president at that time? Geralyn S. is giving each a gift card to Christian Michaels restaurant, a Rotary mask, and a pin for service.

Geralyn S. wants to hear from you if you have theme ideas for meetings. There is a board meeting next Thursday after our regular meeting.

Sean I. gave an update on the CSR Foundation and thanked the board members: **Rich P.**, **Dan B.**, **Carol L.** and **Dawit Z.** It is almost completely set up and will allow for easier tax deductible donations and maybe endowments. They can accept donations now. There will be a Foundation meeting after the Board meeting next week. Anyone interested can attend.

John T. played another video, which revealed the whereabouts of the beloved bell, now bejeweled for **Geralyn.** It was returned by cowboy **Nancy D.** ♦The bell is back ♦ and still rings true despite it♦s rich adornment.

Nancy D. gave an update on the Literacy Committee. We will be changing to the Scholastic Magazine from Time for Kids at the request of the librarians. Also, if the students do go back to school in the fall, chances are they will not be able to use the library. We have an opportunity to build free-standing libraries where you take a book and leave a book. Nancy sent out an email with a link showing examples: www.littlefreelibrary.org. She has a goal for our club to build ten of these.

Recognitions

There were no volunteers for Big Benjamins.

John T. celebrated his 3 year anniversary with his wife with take out from T-Bar. He owes his wife a nice dinner out. Congratulations! (didn♦t catch the number of bells)

Carl O. has written 3 letters to the Chico ER. He has always been committed to social justice, but since he is retired he feels he can speak freely regarding nonsense on the left and the right. He also has a new grandson (1 ♦ years) who was visiting from Santa Cruz. ♦ 4 bells

Events/Speakers

July 16th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

July 16th
[Chico Sunrise BOD Meeting](#)

July 23rd
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

July 30th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

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

Programs

Geralyn S. was the speaker, laying out plans for the upcoming year for our club. This year's theme is Rotary Opens Opportunities. Our RI President is Holger Knaak from Germany. She talked about Rotary's vision statement and that Rotary is evolving. For example, Rotaract clubs no longer have to be chartered by a Rotary club in an effort to have more youth engaged. Rotary offers opportunities for friendship, travel, leadership and service. She is honored to be serving as president. Please let her know if you have ideas for meetings. Yes, she drank the Kool Aid at PETS and is energized for a great year ahead. Her goals are to grow our club, have fun, continue to work on club branding with social media, networking, engaging members to interact and figure out ways to be involved with social distancing. Rotary 100 is this year and includes working on Centennial Park. We are still planning on our Fundraiser in March 2021. She talked about each of the committees and their members. Here's to a great year ahead, Geralyn!

ZOOM link for upcoming meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85615992687>

Thanks to:

Invocation: Nick M.
Greeters: James S. and Leo W.
Check In: Kevin B. and Karen H.
Bulletin: Heidi H.
Zoom Facilitator: John T.

Next Week:

Invocation: Greg M.
Greeters: Howard S. and Phil W.
Check In: Larry G. and Jill H.
Bulletin: Sean I.

Club Meeting

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