

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Let's See Your Smile

By Debra Larson on Thursday, August 20, 2020

President Geralyn opened the meeting of August 20, 2020 on Zoom at 7:03 am and called on **Richard Powell** for the invocation and pledge. Rich mentioned that it is National Radio Day, and also National Lemonade Day. We learned about the origin of Lemonade Day and the goal to help empower children and to learn the lessons that go along with taking on a project.

Our guest today was our speaker Kathleen Gabriel.

Announcements

- Board of Directors meeting today at 8:00 am, immediately following.
- President Geralyn spoke about the impact of the fires and asked us to take a moment of silence to reflect upon those who are serving to respond to the fires.
- President Geralyn mentioned that the unauthorized bell steeling committee keeps triggering the alarm at her business, and suggested that they will not be successful in their attempt to steel the bell.
- President Geralyn asking all of us to show our smile; relying on the package of fun smiles on sticks that we each received. Everyone sported their smiles.
- President Geralyn reminded us about What is Rotary before joining and after joining. Once joined, you see teamwork, networking, new friendships, travel, and speaking opportunities.
- President Geralyn recognized **Nancy Haas-Depa, Heidi Houlihan, Randy Korte, Tanya Layne, Carol Linscheid, Carl Ochsner, Paul Peck, Rich Powell, Howard Slater, Suzie Sorenson, John Touchette, and Leo Weiss** for perfect attendance
- President Geralyn recognized **Carol Linscheid's** anniversary as a Rotary member for 16 years. Carol spoke about the significance of Rotary in that it builds you up through your participation. Carol also served as our club president a few years ago. Carol will be receiving a pin and gift certificate.
- **Carl Ochsner** updated us on our grant to the Air Museum and noted the entry slab has been completed. **Howard Slater** spoke about the installation of the entry doors in a few weeks, and the site work. Waiting to replace an old water line before proceeding on the site work. Once the site work is completed, we will complete this project
- **Nancy Haas-Depa** reported on her attendance at a recent Reading Pals meeting that focused on the COVID induced loss of reading skills. An important way to make up for this reading loss is through one to one mentoring. Reading Pals setting up zoom meetings; starting with 25 students per school for about 200 students across the district. Nancy thanked **Slater and Sons** for the donation that provided additional books to Reading Pals.
- **Tayna Layne** got a request to donate \$1000 to a Rotary Club in Oakley for a medical project in Guatemala. The donation goes for the purchase of PPE for the doctors working there.
- **Kaytlynne's** baby fund is growing, and members were invited to contribute through Geralyn.

Recognitions

- **Nancy** took a two-bell fine to announce that she is an empty nester with members of her family successfully moved out to a dorm and an apartment.
- **Phil Wilke** celebrated his birthday this past weekend at Lake Tahoe; his first visit to Tahoe. Happy Birthday Phil, you get two bells.
- **Randy Korte** made an intentional accounting error that Larry G caught. Two bells for Randy.
- **John Touchette** received two bells for his Zoom background of toilet paper.
- **Kevin Baker** recognized Joe Schultz's one to one invitations to members of the Club to facilitate getting to know each other better. One bell for Kevin. President Geralyn recognized **Joe** for the good idea. She also invited members to send in ideas to connect through the free zoom account.
- **Leo Weiss** invited members to join him at Bellachinos at 6:00 am on Thursday for the

Events/Speakers

August 27th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

September 3rd
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

September 10th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

September 17th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays



[Bob Linscheid](#)
September 13th

Club Anniversaries



[Carol Linscheid](#)
08-19-2004
16 Years



[Tanya E. Layne](#)
09-01-2006
14 Years



[Jose Bravo](#)
07-31-2014
6 Years



[Greg Melton](#)
07-31-2014
6 Years



[Kaytlynne Michelle Deardorf](#)
08-01-2019
1 Year

morning coffee group.

- President Geryllyn reminded us to Support Local Business

Programs

Carl Ochsner, who was calling in from Wisconsin, introduced our speaker, Kathleen Gabriel.

Kathleen grew up in Chico and attended Chico State for her baccalaureate degree. She went on to study for a PhD, worked at the University of Arizona, and returned to Chico to work in the School of Education at Chico State. Kathleen has received two teaching awards and is a prolific author and is currently completing a book on the history of Chico. Kathleen and her husband purchased a historical home on 6th and Popular that was built by the Postmaster at the time. She loves Chico's history.

Her topic today was about the 1917 epidemic, the Spanish Flu, in Chico a chapter from her upcoming book. By October of 1918, the deadly strain had hit Chico. In ten days, the flu grows exponentially and public gatherings were closed. At this time, there was no vaccine and antibiotics, nor a clear idea on what to do except for a homeopathic ointment purchased from the drug store.

By October 20, there were 319 infected with 7 deaths. Schools had 550 absences and schools (K-12 and Chico Normal College) were then closed. Church services are closed a week later with 397 new cases reported in four days. Trick or treating was cancelled. Kathleen spoke at length about the impacts of the flu to Chico and surrounding towns. Population of the greater Chico area was about 17,000. Chico passed a mask ordinance. Butte County followed: all people in public must wear a mask or be fined.

November 11, 1918: The end of World War I is celebrated and the citizens celebrate all night long including the opening of saloons. And on November 16, Chico experiences another big outbreak for flu. By January 16, a newspaper article reports on drug stores had profited significantly. Number of cases over 2000 in the areas. Over 650,000 deaths nationally.

President Geryllyn thanked our speaker and explained our process of donating a book to McManus in the speaker's name.

Thanks to:

Greeters: Leo Weiss
Invocation: Richard Powell
Check in Larry Guanzon
Bulletin: Deb Larson
Zoom Facilitator: John Touchette

Next Week:

Need ZOOM link for upcoming meetings? Contact John Touchette, Club Secretary or DACdb.com

Greeters: Mike Birch & Phil Wilke
Invocation: Joe Schultz
Check in Nancy H-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