

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Chess and Sierra View

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, November 11, 2021

President Paul opened the meeting and invited **Sean I.** up for the invocation. He gave thanks and blessings to our veterans and then **Greg M.** spontaneously led the club in singing, ♦God Bless America. ♦

Guests included Paul ♦s sister, Bev, his son, Reid, and our speaker, Steve Oberlander.

Announcements & Comments

- **Paul P.** announced Rota-versaries: **Deb L.** 4 years, **James S.** 19 years, and **Susie B.** (? Years ♦this may have been omitted as she was not present or omitted by this reporter accidentally). Congratulations!
- Birthdays this month are **Greg M.**, **Leo W.**, **Karen H.**, and **Geralyn S.** Happy Birthday! GERALYN is having adessert, drink and disco party on Saturday evening. Everyone is welcome to drop in and help her celebrate.
- **Greg M.** Centennial Park will be officially done on 11/15. CARD will open the park after Thanksgiving. Some plants were stolen and had to be replaced. The park looks great. Follow up is needed for the stencils for the sidewalk. Also, Paul and Greg 1 bell each regarding follow up on ♦the dragon♦.
- Rotarian Lunches: **Susie S.** tried to catch up on the past few weeks.
 - Last week, **Pat P.**, **Deb L.** and **Jason S.** did not have lunch. Deb L. has been busy with work-related travel. Pat and Jason were not present to defend themselves.
 - Next week: **Randy K.**, **Dan B.** and **Deb L.**
 - Paul P. said that these lunches inspired a social dinner last weekend at **Phil and Luanne♦s.** She made a wonderful dessert, ♦Hummingbird Cake♦ (no hummingbirds were harmed).
- **Randy K.** Neal Dow track was re-surfaced last Saturday. Make-up cards are available for the volunteers. A little more material is needed to complete the project.
- **Susie S.** reminded us that November is Foundation Month. Our club requests \$100 (or more) per member. Collection starts next week.
- **Aaron S.** The Social committee wants input regarding our Christmas Party. Should we have one? Where should it be? Nash♦s? Jason♦s? Paul P. thanked Aaron S. for his work on the relocation committee but wondered where the A-frame sign in front of the restaurant is? 1 bell. Aaron explained that the A-frame and a plaque are planned. He would like a digital picture of each member♦s mother to put on the signage and possible banner and press release to promote Mom♦s restaurant and Rotary.
- **Teresa F.** says the Fundraiser is moving back to the Fairgrounds. There is a meeting next Tues. at her office. We need donations! We are using the same platform, Give Smart.

Recognitions

- Big Benjamins: none
- **John C.** was in Mexico for 10 days, went sailing on the Sea of Cortez, had an amazing time. He brought gifts of a bottle opener and ♦2 bottles of beer♦. 2 bells
- **Carol L.** has beenfor John T. to brag about Enloe. The hospital was named in Forbes♦ California Top 100 Employers among the likes of Apple and Google! Enloe was one of three health care systems on the list. John 1 bell, Carol 1 bell
- **Randy K.** asked if you could be fined for being on TV and not mentioning our club. Leo W. was on TV talking about the Valley Contractors Assoc. (prior program) and how he is teaching high school kids electrical and other construction skills. 1 bell
- **Sean I.** is on the board of the Chico Community Scholarship Foundation. Their fundraiser is cancelled due to COVID, but they are still having a raffle with such prizes as 4 tickets to a Giants♦ game, a wine wagon or an Apple iPad. He is selling tickets for \$20. 1 bell
- **Larry G.** revealed that Carl O. wrote another letter to the editor. He stated that this was the least controversial letter that he has written to the Chico ER. It was about good things in

Events/Speakers

November 18th
**Chico Sunrise Meeting:
McManus Update**

November 25th
**Chico Sunrise Meeting:
DARK, Happy Thanksgiving**

December 2nd
**Chico Sunrise Meeting:
Thad Walker, Butte
Resource Conservation**

December 9th
Chico Sunrise Meeting:

Birthdays



Leo A. Weiss
November 19th



Karen Hansen
November 20th



Debra Larson
November 27th



David W. Warner
November 27th

Club Anniversaries



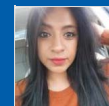
James Seegert
11-21-2002
19 Years



Carl R. Ochsner
11-05-2009
12 Years



Nick Mariottini
10-27-2011
10 Years



Suzie Bravo
11-19-2015
6 Years

Debra Larson

- Chico such as service clubs, the little libraries, Centennial Park, etc. 1 bell
- Paul P. wanted to recognize veterans and honor them, particularly those in our club. **Randy L.** and **Jill H.**

What was the funniest thing that happened during their service?

- Jill was in the Coast Guard and told a story of how she first had to use a wheel barrow, not knowing how to use this tool growing up in suburbia.
- Randy was in the Navy in Vietnam where he started out commanding a swift boat and ended up raising pigs.
- Deb L.** is proud of her son who is also a Navy veteran. He is currently finishing his degree in Engineering at Virginia Tech. Paul P. honored his brother-in-law who served in the Navy and is now a physician at Enloe (debt-free thanks to his service).

Program

Randy K. introduced Steve Oberlander aka Obie who has been a teacher for 27 years. He currently teaches kindergarten at Neal Dow Elementary. He is also an actor, musician, and track coach. He is the director of the Sacramento Valley Chess Federation that has about 160 kids as members. He talked about the impact of chess on local students and wanted to follow up on the club's donation two years ago. Competitive chess is a sport and requires time controls. Each player is allowed 10 minutes per move. Our club donated \$500, which funded around 60 chess clocks. He talked about the value of service in our community and thanked us for our work on the Neal Dow track. He ended with a hilarious PIXAR short, **Geris Game**.

In Closing

Paul thanked everyone for their participation today and presented a book for signing to our speaker.

Thanks To:

Greeters: Dan B
Check In: Teresa F and Jill H
Invocation and Pledge: Sean I
Bulletin: Heidi H

Next meeting and future meetings will be held at Mom's Duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Howard & Phil
Invocation: Jill
Check in: Suzie & Larry
Bulletin: Sean



11-02-2017
4 Years



[Dawit Zeleke](#)
11-30-2017
4 Years



[Neil Yelland](#)
10-31-2019
2 Years

Club Meeting

Chico Sunrise
Meets at Mom's Restaurant
209 Salem St
Chico, CA 95928
Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM