

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Geralyn's First Meeting

By Carol Linscheid on Thursday, July 2, 2020

Geralyn Sheridan, President 2020-21

MEETING DATE: 7/2/20

Happy Rotary New Year!!! New President Geralyn rang us in in style with a champagne glass and with her headdress and mimosa.

Carol gave the Invocation with a Fourth of July message from Erma Bombeck

Our Guest today was speaker Mike May who is also brother-in-law to our own Howard Slater.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Geralyn told us that the theme of Rotary International this year is **Rotary Opens Opportunities** which seems very fitting.

Check your email as the org chart was sent out yesterday. See what tasks you signed up for and let Geralyn know of any needed changes.

By way of opening opportunities, Geralyn suggests that members should give thought as to how they would like to conduct Committee meetings, perhaps using Zoom. Be creative! We can have speakers from all over the world if we want since our meetings are virtual. Joe is Chair of Programs so let him know your thoughts.

For those assigned to Greeter and Check-In duty, please get on at 6:45 to greet and check in.

Geralyn already received a presidential gift from our long-lost Jill **Rotary bottle stoppers** which Geralyn put right to use in her champagne bottle.

Another long-lost friend, Jose, joined us. He has had a crazy year. With all the loans life hasn't slowed down. Both Tanya and Aaron gave a shout out to Jose for his help with their businesses.

Teresa provided an update on our St. Patrick's Day fundraiser that wasn't. Auction item pick up went very well on Saturday with the help of Carl, Heidi, Geralyn, Teresa and Phil (sorry if this reporter missed someone!). Everything was picked up except a couple of items. Silent Auction earned \$8,245 about half by members and half by non-members. This means we are a known entity in our larger community! Non-members said they found us on FB, were interested in auction and excited to bid. Face Book works if you share it! Total income was \$28,666 (\$17,495 after expenses) **great for not having the gala.** Half of our expenses incurred this year (\$11,000) will be used for next year (i.e. deposit for venue rolls over to next year)

RECOGNITIONS

Geralyn is sending email so members can name their number for how much they'd like to be recognized so be sure and reply. Geralyn is setting up a new category, inspired by Carl's Happy Hamiltons. She calls it Big Benjamins for those with truly exquisite taste in donating to Rotary.

Leo wins 20 gift card to Christian Michaels for best theme attire for the Rotary New Year meeting. He sported flashing strobe green neon glasses and an interesting mouthpiece.

Kevin Baker participated in a charitable event **Project SAVE** - and was in the news. He and son volunteered for a few hours. He is looking forward to doing more with them.

Tanya volunteered to be international project chair. Thanks Tanya!

PROGRAM

Events/Speakers

No Events found

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

Howard Slater introduced his brother-in-law, Mike May.

Mike has been blind since age 4. He has made his life into a great story living by the philosophy, there is always a way. His book called Crashing Through is being made into a movie. is a world traveler. He holds the record for downhill skiing for a blind person.

Mike's attitude is that being blind is a feature (vs a bug). He always looked for and created the work arounds. His biggest experience at work arounds was his job with the CIA after grad school. Mike was the first blind person to work for CIA. Now they have a department for accessibility.

Mike shared a fabulous video demonstrating his persistence and his belief that it is his job to show people what's possible. He asks that we each look within ourselves and see what we are good at, what did we accomplish. Then raise the bar a little more and go for it. No one thing deals with all of our challenges. We need a tool box.

Mike closed with story in Chico. Barnes and Noble was a promoter of my book and he was at a book signing. The first person in line told Mike that they had met 18 years earlier on Mount Bachelor on a chair lift. The gentleman said he had a new blind baby and asked Mike for advice. The gentleman recalled Mike's advice to teach his son that there is always a way and love the heck out of him. The gentleman then introduced his son, freshman in college now.

THANKS:

- Invocation: Carol
- Greeters: Rich
- Check In: ?
- Bulletin: Carol

NEXT WEEK:

- Invocation: Heidi Houlihan
- Greeters: Nick Mariottini & Howar Slater
- Check In: ? Nancy Depa

Club Meeting

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