

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

District Grant for CSR!

By Carol Linscheid on Thursday, July 30, 2020



President GERALYN opened the meeting and invited **Carl Ochsner** for our invocation. Freedom and justice for all. If you want to know more, read his book!

Joining our meeting today were District Governor Mark Roberts and Assistant District Governor, Leann Chrisman.

Announcements

GERALYN SHERIDAN had several announcements:

- Find your email from GERALYN with eight items to respond to and please respond.
- Need help with Dacdb? The help screen is very helpful, with good hints for emailing club members. If you try to create the club bulletin you may need counseling after as that portion is a bit more challenging, as this reporter can attest.
- Put Dacdb on your accepted list so dacdb not spammed.
- Happy Rotoversary to Jose Bravo and Greg Melton!
- Make ups: Randy gave blood, let GERALYN know and got a make up! You can too do a community or Rotary thing and let GERALYN know.

Mark Roberts, District Governor shared that 31 applications for district grants were received, despite COVID. Narrowing the field was difficult but a focus on helping kids was important. CSR receiving a grant of \$7,000 for the playground equipment requested!! These funds come from club contributions and come back to us three years later.

Carl Ochsner explained equipment is a climbing spinner. It is engineered to last forever and meet safety requirements. It will only spin so fast, conical shape helps with safety and reduce visits to Enloe.

Randy Korte explained that the workday scheduled to put up signs for the park had to be cancelled. City deemed this a gathering so disallowed and postponed until further notice.

Howard Slater reported that foundations poured for the Airport Museum project. Slabs to be poured on Saturday.

Sean Isom wants you to know that the dacdb website is up and running. Sean will facilitate any new member photos desired. Perhaps he will do a demo next week. Find dacdb at RotaryChicoSunrise.org. Mark Roberts added that Tina Akins is District Communications Chair and is quite the expert on dacdb.

GERALYN SHERIDAN: August theme is membership. Think about bringing one person to club.

Recognitions

GERALYN SHERIDAN offered up a Big Ben because she would usually would be doing student move-out inspection. This is the first time in 30 years she hasn't done so.

Deb Larson masked traveler! Deb needed a break and took off for four weeks to go to the upper peninsula of Michigan for berry picking, chasing kids, etc. and then visited daughter and family for a week. When asked for a Chico State update, Deb reported that enrollment is looking better and will only be down by 7% which is much better than projected a few months ago. They don't know how many students might actually physically return to Chico. 4 Hamiltons

Carl Ochsner went costal! The Humboldt Coast provided an escape from the heat. He and Vicky had lived there for eight years so nice to see old haunts. They had to contend with a flat tire repair, dagnabit. Two bells.

Events/Speakers

August 6th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

August 13th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

August 20th
[Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

August 20th
[Chico Sunrise Board of Directors Meeting](#)

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

Birthdays



[Phil Wilke](#)
August 14th

Club Anniversaries



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



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



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



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

Programs

Carl Ochsner introduced **John Carlon** is one of our own CSR members who builds guitars, has organic blueberry farm and does not look like a typical Rotarian as it turns out.

John Carlon shared that his blueberry farm in family for past 30 years. This is a part time job for 80% of year. Harvest is intensive with 30 to 40 employees. His blueberries are sold all over California and even out of state. In a good year, agriculture adventures are risky. This year, especially so. There were no guidelines for safe harvest, so they had to sort out their own safety measures to reduce risk. John bravely asked Cal/OSHA for recommendations. The Butte County Ag Commissioner was helpful and The Certified Organic Farming Association was also a good resource. Seasonal farmworkers are typically the lowest paid in our society but are considered essential workers so there was no shortage of workers. If selling directly to retailers, business flourished. However, if sold directly to schools, hospitals, other institutions, business tanked. Impulse buyers disappeared and John relied on distribution centers. A manager at a distribution center became sick and it had a strong ripple effect. All in all it was an interesting exercise ♦ from isolated on the farm to finding safe harvest techniques to interacting with hundreds at farmer ♦s market. It turns out blueberry farming is quite an adventure!

Thanks to:

Invocation: Carl Ochsner
Greeters: Susie Sorenson
Bulletin: Carol Linscheid
Zoom Facilitator: John T.

Next Week:

Need ZOOM link for upcoming meetings? Contact John Touchette, Club Secretary

Invocation: Paul
Greeters: Kevin and Aaron
Check In: Randy
Bulletin: Heidi

Club Meeting

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