

# Rotary



## Club of Chico Sunrise

### President Randy Starts His Year!

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, July 10, 2025

**President Randy Korte** opened his first meeting of the year with the bell chained to his belt. He invited **Carol L.** up for the invocation and pledge. She spoke about the new year for Rotary and strengthening fellowship.

Our sole guest was our speaker and Noon club member, Scott Schumann.

**Randy K.** had difficulty getting his laptop hooked up, so the remote Joke of the Day by **Mark S.** was barely audible, especially for this reporter who was sitting at a table with the usual hecklers.

Rotary Minute was skipped as **Karen H.** was not present.

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### Announcements & Comments

**John C.** was asked if he knew what last Tuesday (7/7) was? He did not but was informed by **President Randy** that this was his 20 yr. Rotary anniversary. He is thankful and proud.

**Heidi H.** (this reporter) was also called on (thankfully clued in to the date by being called after John) as it is also my 20 yr. Rotary anniversary. I recalled how our group had a large recruitment drive bringing in 6-8 new members including myself, **John C.** and **Howard Slater.**

**Sean I.** pointed out that **President Randy** was on the board of trustees for our local Rotary Foundation and therefore we need a new member. The board consists of **Sean I., Carol L., Rich P. and Day B.** They work on compliance with the budget and would like to set up an endowment. They meet every 1-2 months. Contact **Sean I.** if you are interested.

Name that Book Game - **President Randy** read the first sentence from 10 of the 100 books everyone should read, with 30 points possible for the book title (1 pt.) and author (2 pts.). **Phil W.** was the winner with an amazing 30 points!

Our incoming board members are **John C., John T., and Scott D.**

**Aaron S.** did an awesome job raising money; **President Randy** wants to be known as the president who empties the coffers with projects. There will be a board meeting following next week's meeting at which time he will submit a budget. The first thing he would like to do is repair the little libraries that have been vandalized. At the board meeting the by-laws will be reviewed (**Phil W.** is reviewing currently, but let **Randy K.** know if you would also like a copy to review).

**Dan B.** pointed out that any changes to the by-laws require a club vote.

**Tanya L.** would like to know the financial break-down of the St. Patrick's Day Gala and whether or not it was a financial success. **President Randy** stated the numbers were almost finalized. **Sean I.** said it was just over \$40k profit. Our Gala will take place on **March 4, 2026** with **Desiree G.** as the committee chair. The first meeting for the Gala will be the last Thursday in September. **Rich P.** requested that since we moved dates so as not to conflict with the Elks dinner, could we perhaps avoid tax season?!!

### Recognitions

**James S.** received the first bell of the year (and the only bell of the meeting) for tardiness. 1 bell

### Program

**Phil W.** introduced Scott Schumann, the director of Parks and Facilities at Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) and Noon club member. He spoke first about his background and what led him to his current job. He has been an outdoor educator and instructor, starting with Outward Bound after

### Events/Speakers

July 17th

**Weekly Meeting-Josh Marquis, City of Chico, high-speed internet**

July 24th

**Weekly Meeting-Sheila McQuaid, 530 Food Rescue Coalition**

July 31st

**Weekly Meeting-Nancy Haas-Depa, walking the Camino Frances**

August 7th

**Weekly Meeting-Ellen Valente, reading success at Chapman Elem.**

### Birthdays



**John P. Touchette**  
July 16th



**Dan L. Bay**  
July 17th



**Richard W. Powell**  
July 18th



**Gary R. Podesta**  
August 6th

### Club Anniversaries



**Larry C. Guanzon**  
07-17-2003  
22 Years



**John Carlon**  
07-07-2005  
20 Years



**Heidi E. Houlihan**  
07-07-2005  
20 Years

college and later as a mountain guide. He found using outdoor experiences helped people understand themselves and others in the world. He started thinking about *why does recreation matter? How does recreation impact you?* He moved to Singapore and took international students around Asia for 6 years. During COVID, he and his family moved back to Chico and he took the job at CARD in 2021. He is interested in research on the importance of the outdoors, exploring on one's own and hanging out with friends as part of a healthy childhood. He recommended a book called, "The Last Child in the Woods." Unfortunately, childhood today involves too much screen time and increasing loneliness. Scott wants to figure out how we can change this. CARD offers opportunities to put people in experiences that are enjoyable and goal relevant. He uses that mind-set in making decisions for CARD projects and programs. New projects in the works are Chico Aquatics Center, Henshaw Park, DeGarmo Golf Park, and the Chico Bike Park.

In Closing

Raffle Drawing Results:

Wine: Carol L.

VIP Breakfast: Susie S.

Drawing for \$1168 pot: Kevin B. had a 1 in 3 chance but lost! There are only 2 cards left!

Thanks To:

Invocation: Carol L.

Greeters: Aaron S., Kevin B. and Heidi H.

Check In: Nancy H. and Jose G.

Bulletin: Heidi H.

Next week:

Invocation:

Greeters:

Check In:

Bulletin:



Karen Hansen

07-05-2018

7 Years

## Club Meeting

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Meets at Mom's Restaurant

209 Salem St

Chico, CA 95928

Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM