

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

What is the Best Thing about Rotary

By Sean Isom on Thursday, July 31, 2025

President Randy Korte was again MIA. Word has it that he is on vacation near Europe. GERALYN Sheridan again stepped in to run our meeting. She invited John Touchette up for the invocation. Since John is filling in for Dana Miller, John threatened to share a quote from Gavin Newsom. Instead, he offered a quote on Knowledge and Wisdom as applied to tomatoes. Mark Stuenkel then gave us a joke of the day.

Guests today were Hunter Smith, son of Jason Smith, and Bonnie Errickson, friend of Nancy Depa.

Announcements & Comments

Jason Smith shared that his daughter has become engaged. His son Hunter helped as the proposal was on the top of Mt. Tallac in South Lake Tahoe.

Carl Ochsner announced that the second week of February 2026 will be the next International Project in Roatan, Honduras. Details of what will be done are not yet set, but Leo and the Rotarians down there are ready to help during that week. It was noted that the Superbowl will be at that time. Rest assured, they will have the game and a party in Roatan.

Carl also shared that August 1st's Literacy meeting is at Beetnicks starting at 11:45.

Recognitions

With President Randy gone, GERALYN got to hand out make-up cards for missed meetings.

1. Dan Bay said he needed 6 as he is Senior Active.
2. Mark Stuenkel received 3 for his cooking for the club at the demotion event.
3. Paul Peck shared his experiences on being Club President as well as the Local Project chair. He also shared how much he has enjoyed visiting other clubs while visiting other cities.
4. Nancy Depa shared how she enjoyed putting on Club Socials, especially the Murder Mystery at the Airport Museum and the Halloween party she hosted last year.
5. Sean shared how being club president was his best year, especially working with all the committees, including the fines committee's weekly meetings.
6. Susie Sorenson, a hands-on member who was Club President back in 2011-12 enjoyed her year and enjoyed getting less email when she was past president.
7. Dan Bay, who worked hard on the Little Libraries, STEAM tables and other projects, shared how much he enjoyed attending the Las Vegas club meeting, where fines were from \$100 to \$1000 each!
8. Larry Guonzon received make-ups for his work in Camp Royals and all the interviews he does in that role.
9. Carol O, who was Club President when COVID locked us down, shared how the fundraiser was canceled 2 days before the event and yet in July, Slater's hosted a Demotion event in Carl's honor, including tables spaced apart so that yelling was necessary.
10. Phil Wilke received make-ups for his three years of leading the programs committee. Phil is always looking for leads everyone.
11. John Touchette was in the club for only a month (yet was Club President in Paradise in the past), when Carl O enlisted him to be his secretary. Thankfully John handled the Zoom meetings for Carl, and no good deed goes unpunished. John was our Club President just over a year ago.

Program

Phil Wilke introduced Nancy Depa and Bonnie Errickson. These two along with another three ladies have walked the Camino Frances' and the Camino Santiago together. They shared their story of walking about 480 miles over about 40 days last Spring. They started in Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France and trekked over the Pyrenees then continued to Camino de Santiago in Spain, just north of Portugal.

Events/Speakers

August 7th
[Weekly Meeting-Ellen Valente, reading success at Chapman Elem.](#)

August 14th
[Weekly Meeting-Jolene Church, Workplace Culture Whisperer](#)

August 21st
[Weekly Meeting-Wyn Spiller \(via Zoom\) Rotary Int'l Director](#)

August 28th
[Weekly Meeting-Lynda Gizzi, Valley Oak Children's Services](#)

Birthdays



[Gary R. Podesta](#)
August 6th



[Phil Wilke](#)
August 14th



[D. Forrest Melton Jr.](#)
August 15th



[Paul Peck](#)
August 29th

Club Anniversaries



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



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



[Daniel DeCaires](#)
09-15-2022
3 Years

[Desiree Gonzalez](#)

They shared photos and stories of what they saw, where they stayed, who they met and what they ate along the way. Sounds great...Roadtrip!

In Closing

Raffle Drawing Results:

Wine: Sean Isom (Randy, you owe me)

VIP Breakfast: Sean (you owe me again)

Drawing was small, as this is only like week 2 since the last winner. Phil was unable to find the King of Hearts.

Thanks To:

Invocation: John Touchette

Greeters: Carol O and Dan Bay

Check In: Kevin Baker

Bulletin: Sean I

Next week:

Invocation: Mark Murgia

Greeters: Kevin Baker and Nick Mariottini

Check In: Jose Hernandez and GERALYN Sheridan

Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

Sgt of Arms: Susie Sorenson

To join our meetings by zoom, please [Use this Link!](#)



09-15-2022
3 Years



Timothy Suderman
09-15-2022
3 Years

Club Meeting

Chico Sunrise

Meets at Mom's Restaurant

209 Salem St

Chico, CA 95928

Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM