

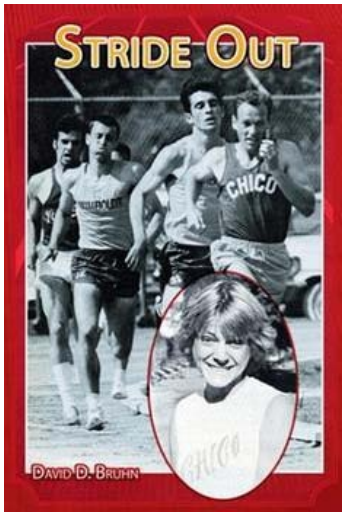
Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Club Meeting Bulletin August 17

By GERALYN G. SHERIDAN on Tuesday, August 22, 2023



Commander David Bruhn Tells All

By GERALYN SHERIDAN Thursday, August 17, 2023

President **Nancy Haas-Depa** opened the meeting once again with a whistle. After some debauchery of "What's under Ken Dixon's Chair", the bell was found in a lovely Crown Royal purple velvet bag! Finally, and end to the continuing saga of the stolen bell! I think this may be a record. Stolen, 3 times in 7 weeks!! She called **John Touchette** up for the invocation. He spoke about Peace and finished with a perfect quote from Ronald Reagan. "Peace is not absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."

Guests at our meeting were: **Bill Sheridan**, Visiting Rotarian from Broomfield Colorado and GERALYN's husband, **James Fischer** a real estate professional newly in Chico from Denver and a potential member, **Adam a visiting Rotarian from Oregon** who happens to know James Fischer! They grew up in Paradise and have known each other since they were 8 years old. **Ken Dixon** (is he switching from the noon Club :) We always enjoy his visits. He claims he was framed and didn't know the bell was

under his chair! (hmmm, really?!) Commander David Bruhn joined us as the speaker, more on him later.

Announcements & Comments

- Local Projects: Announcement – stay tuned for next week. . . .

Recognitions

- **Susie Sorenson** had some offerings for our president. Every year Susie has all the state names in a container. She pulls one in January and that determines where she will go on vacation for that year. This time she pulled Idaho! She had many gifts for Nancy! An Idaho potatoe, a potatoe brush and a peeler. She travelled for all this spud fun with a fellow accounting professional, Marilyn Everett. **Zero Bells** for being substitute president a few weeks ago.
- **Forest Melton** doesn't have a photo on DACDB (this appears to be a target of Nancy's this year, I guess you should update your photos, Sunrisers! (**Phil Wilke** volunteered to help Forest) **1 Bell**
- **Kevin Baker** was out for a couple of weeks, he had Covid and went to Wash DC with his two boys of 16 & 13. He did travel but, didn't bring any gifts from those travels, he brought a lovely bag with lots Rotary blue tissue and wait for it That's Right! He returned the stolen GAVEL as a gift! **5 Bells!**
- **James Seegert (on Zoom)** was talking about a scissor lyft. Way off topic, so - John T. muted him (**Was there a Bell?**)
- **Aaron Souza** is believed to be the mischievous Sunrise Rotarian responsible for throwing Noon Rotarian Ken Dickson under the bus with the bell under his chair trick! **2 Bells**

Program

Phil W introduce our guest speaker. Commander David D. Bruhn. US Navy, Retired. He served 22 years on active duty and 2 in the Naval Reserves. He is a graduate of CSUChico and has Master's degrees from the US Naval Post Graduate School and US Naval War College. During his career, Bruhn served aboard six ships including command of the USS Gladiator and USS Dextrous in the Persian Gulf. He did 2- 3 year tours at the Pentagon and was assigned to Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operation staff. His final assignment was to the Secretary of Defense as executive in the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in Washington.

Events/Speakers

August 24th
[Weekly Meeting-Mark Conry-Chico Sailing Club](#)

August 31st
[Weekly Meeting-Claire Pelley, Chico Performances](#)

September 7th
[Weekly Meeting-Alex Beehner, Boys and Girls Club](#)

September 14th
[Weekly Meeting-Todd Dowell, PEP Schools](#)

Birthdays



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



[Phil Wilke](#)
August 14th



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



[Paul Peck](#)
August 29th

Club Anniversaries



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



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

Following his military service, he was a high school teacher and track coach for 10 years. He remains an avid track and field fan. He spoke about the many years of experience as a coach and a winning athletic runner himself.

David is a prolific writer and has authored 25 books on naval history, 1 book on shipboard engineering and 2 books related to sports, "Toe the Mark" and "Stride Out". "Stride Out" and "Toe the Mark" are about Competitive Running in the North State in the 1970's & 80's. Northern California was the center of the explosion of Olympic runners in that time. Jill Simmons was a champion runner setting a record in 1977 which wasn't broken until 2022! Chico Junior and Senior High were Section Champions In 1976 the "Charlie's Angels" were the women who ran under the coaching of Chuck Seeley. They were continually setting records and winning races. To find our more specifics – get the books.

He discussed his process of writing. He does research and writes every day. He also searches out and connects with experts to co-author his books. He passed out several books for us to peruse through during the meeting.

Nancy thanked David and asked him to sign a book for a Chapman School library donation.

In Closing

Nancy thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Greeters: Greg Melton and Aaron Souza

Invocation: John Touchette

Check in: Gary Podesta and Forrest Melton

Bulletin: Geralyn Sheridan

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Dana Miller & Mark Stuenkel

Invocation: Leo Weiss

Check in: Christian Garcia & Geralyn Sheridan

Bulletin: Sean Isom

Club Meeting

Chico Sunrise

Meets at Mom's Restaurant

209 Salem St

Chico, CA 95928

Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM