

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

An African Photo Journey

By Debra Larson on Thursday, February 16, 2023

President John opened the hybrid meeting at 7:12 am. John invited **Teresa F** up for the invocation and pledge. In honor of President's Day, Teresa presented memorable quotes from Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, George Washington, and John Kennedy. She then led us in the pledge of allegiance.

We had a full house today with many guests and energetic conversations. Ken Dickson joined us from the noon club. **Nancy** introduced Alisha Ake, CEO of Sierra North Valley Realtors. **Susie D** introduced her husband Jack Ditty and her son John Michael. **Dave Warner**, a lifetime member of our club who now resides in Oregon, also joined us. Welcome!

Announcements & Comments

Teresa F, our leader for the Patrick's Day Gala fundraiser of March 18 at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, provided the club with many updates and reminders, including:

- Check on your GiveSmart application that was sent to members via email and text.
- Sign up to visit other regional Rotary clubs to advertise the event.
- Save your table at the sign-in desk.
- Get your auction items together, and please do so soon.
- A Facebook event was created and please share.
- Individual tickets are \$85/person. A table of eight is \$680. Each member is expected to sell 4 tickets in total.

Carl O spoke briefly about the recent Roatan water project. Both **Leo W** and **John C**, who had logged in from Roatan, were involved, with Leo putting in the lion's share of work. A presentation about the project is forthcoming. Carl gifted John with two long-neck beer-bottle cozies.

Recognitions

President John invited **Geralyn S** up to receive her first Paul Harris recognition. He also recognized **Heidi H** with her Paul Harris pin recognizing her multi-year contributions. Congratulations Geralyn and Heidi.

While up at the front of the room, **Geralyn** also spoke about her three-week trip that combined business in Denver, New York and a week-long "blues" cruise with visits to the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands. Geralyn was featured in the Bloomfield CO Rotary newsletter as their guest speaker. She gifted John with 2 Colorado Bourbon chocolate bars. 3 bells.

And speaking of "the bell", John was still using the cow bell, which elicited further discussion about the location of the official club bell. **Kevin B** claimed that he had no idea where the bell is – is it lost? **Dan B** was Kevin's partner in the heist. John awarded 2 bells to Kevin and 4 bells to Dan.

Nick M traveled to Nashville. The highlight of the trip was his visit to the Johnny Cash Museum. Nick gifted to John a CASH magnet. 1 bell.

Program

Pat P. introduced our speaker, member **Randy Linquist**. Randy was a graduate of Cal Poly in agriculture and served as a swift boat officer in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Returning to Northern California, Randy joined his family's ranching operations in Willows. He sold the ranch in 2004 ahead of a flood basin project. Randy joined this club in 2004, served as President, and participated in six international trips. He left the club for a while to focus his attention with CASA – court appointed special advocates agency but return to the club a few years ago. Randy and his wife Barbara have three children and seven grandchildren.

Events/Speakers

February 16th
[Weekly Meeting - Randy Linquist, His African Safari](#)

February 23rd
[Weekly Meeting - Hayley Watts, Action News Channel 12](#)

March 2nd
[Weekly Meeting - Gala planning, Teresa Frediani](#)

March 9th
[Weekly Meeting- William Nitzky, Chico State Anthropology Museum](#)

March 16th
[Weekly Meeting- Pamm Larry, Butte Co. Local Food Network](#)

Birthdays



[Carl R. Ochsner](#)
March 3rd



[Sean Isom](#)
March 10th



[Daniel DeCaires](#)
March 11th



[Dana W. Miller](#)
March 17th

Club Anniversaries



[Mark Stuenkel](#)
04-01-2002
21 Years



[Leo A Weiss](#)
04-01-2002
21 Years



[Dana W. Miller](#)
04-01-2002
21 Years

[Patrick Pillsbury](#)

Randy opened his presentation with a traditional Swahili welcome: "Jambo." Randy shared many stories and images from Nairobi, Kenya, the Bwindi National Park in Uganda, and the Masai Mara area of the Serengeti in Kenya. A highlight of the trip was the two-day hiking excursions into the Bwindi to observe families of gorillas. Though the accommodations were identified as camping, they definitely fell into the category of "glamping" with well-appointed tent structures and all the comforts of living. Randy's favorite was elephants and shared many pictures of elephant herds and elephant moms with their babies. Randy's wildlife pictures were varied and of high quality – taken with his iPhone. Randy and Barbara had a trip of a lifetime and the club enjoyed his presentation and pictures. Thank you.

Note: Randy's presentation is [available here](#). He had to stop on about slide 150.

In Closing

John thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Check In: Gary P
Greeters: Teresa F
Invocation and Pledge: Teresa F
Bulletin: Deb L

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Randy K, Paul P
Invocation: Randy K
Check in: Larry G
Bulletin: Heidi H



04-01-2002
21 Years



[Bob Linscheid](#)
04-01-2002
21 Years



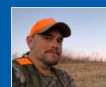
[Peter Giampaoli](#)
04-01-2002
21 Years



[Ron R. Piret](#)
04-01-2002
21 Years



[David W Warner](#)
04-01-2002
21 Years



[Aaron Souza](#)
03-24-2011
12 Years



[Richard W. Powell](#)
02-26-2015
8 Years



[Mark Murgia](#)
02-09-2023
0 Years

Club Meeting

Chico Sunrise
Meets at Mom's Restaurant
209 Salem St
Chico, CA 95928
Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM