

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Action News Now

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, February 23, 2023

President John opened the meeting with a sorry substitute for the bell and invited **Randy K.** up for the invocation and pledge. He educated the club on Mardi Gras, including these interesting tidbits: the word Carnival means, "Farewell to meat," as the beginning of Lent and the New Orleans sewers were once completely clogged –the culprit was Mardi Gras beads!

Guests were Hayley Watts, from Action News Now and our speaker, and Taylor Gilmore, from US Bank. Welcome!

Announcements & Comments

- **Pat P.** – The Super Bowl pool raised \$500 towards the **Howard Slater Memorial Fund**, 1st quarter went to **Susie S.** \$100, half-time mystery initials turned out to be **Tanya L.** \$100, and final score to **Mark S.** \$200. Congratulations to the winners!
- **Teresa F.** – The Fundraiser committee had a meeting last night. We need to concentrate on "butts in seats" and auction items –we need a lot more. You can buy a table for 8 but if you don't get a table but want your guests to sit together, let her know and she put you at the same table. Those of you who volunteered to visit other clubs, she will send you an email reminder. If you forgot your Give Smart user name, let her know. Next week's meeting is focused on the Gala.
- **Susie S.** – is taking applications for taking Howard's place at the Gala to dress up in Irish garb and greet guests. Send her an email stating your qualifications –big shoes to fill.
- **Sean I.** – Tonight at 6 pm the Scholarship Committee will be reviewing applications for our college scholarship. Anyone is welcome to join.
- **Deb L.** - Announced this is her last meeting. She joined in 2017 and thanked Carol L. for being her sponsor and friend. She is retiring from CSU and leaving in March for Minnesota. Congratulations on your retirement! We will miss you.
- **John T.** – There is a board meeting today. The District Assembly is 3/25 in Redding –sign up.

Recognitions

Bell Thieves: **Kevin B.** says he thinks he can get a picture of the bell, but doesn't know who has it (seriously?) and **Dan B.** claims he doesn't have it but was fined again for an approximate total of \$50. 1 bell each today

John C. – Returned from Roatan where he worked on the clean water project with **Carl O.** They will do a presentation in the future. They drilled the well and gave out around 500 water filters to local households. He stayed at **Leo's place** on the beach (which by the way is up for auction at the Gala), met Rotarians from all over the world working on the project, and brought our president some gold coins he purchased from a 10 yr .old girl at a bar. 1 or 2 bells

Program

Carl O. introduced Hayley Watts from Action News Now on Channel 12. She is not only an anchor but also produces the news. She is originally from Agoura Hills (in SoCal) and her husband works as a superintendent for Slater and Son. She has been in the news business for ten years. She spoke about the transition that has taken place from people getting their news primarily from TV and newspapers to turning to their phone and social media.

She addressed bias in the news and the fact that we all have a personal bias, but the newsroom has to remain objective, gather all of the information and report only the facts. She talked about challenges during COVID, due to the fact that it was considered a national health emergency, and some news outlets not being able to ask certain questions. She felt that local news was able to ask any questions and emphasized that as reporter, they are never trying to convince their viewers of

Events/Speakers

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](#)
04-01-2002
21 Years

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

anything. She also spoke of the challenge of finding young reporters for the news. .

In Closing

John thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Invocation: Randy K.
Greeters: Randy K.
Check In: Larry G.
Bulletin: Heidi H.

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Invocation: Daniel D
Greeters: Susie S & Tim S
Check In: Daniel D
Bulletin: Carol L



[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