

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

100 Year Celebration Almost Here!

By Carol Linscheid on Thursday, March 25, 2021



Rotary Club of Chico Sunrise
Geraldyn Sheridan, President 2020-2021

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2021

President Geraldyn opened the meeting and asked **Deb Larson** to provide the invocation and pledge. Deb called out the post-pandemic opportunity to use what we've learned rather than going backward to exactly what we were. We must focus on open mindedness to innovations and new beginnings!

Guests today included our speaker Koen Van Rom and Richard Stein both of the Davis Sunset Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Did you miss the social last week? Fun times with prizes! We played two truths and a lie and learned who the best liars are in our club??
- Rotary International is sending out a survey for diversity and inclusion so if you receive that be sure to fill it out.
- Rotaversaries
 - Aaron Souza has been in CSR for 9 years plus 8 in his prior club and 3 in another. Aaron says he came for fellowship and gained inspiration and mentorship. He cherishes his past Rotary experience and looks forward to the future. Lots of prizes for Aaron! Thank you, Aaron, for all you do for our club and all the pizza coupons you've donated from Mad Dash Pizza which is this writer's favorite pizza. MMMMMMMMM.
- It's Ag Day thanks to our Ag members for all you do!!
- 100 Year Celebration is April 1st and is a meeting of record. Plan to come even if you didn't order dinner. The link is <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/7797860510> For the best audio experience, please use computer audio.

Also, since this is our Charter Night, we might do something On April 8th to celebrate.
- District Conference 4/30 5/2 virtual conference only \$40. Please see the link to register in your email.
- **Teresa** on St. Patrick Day no-gala: 17,570 not including Pay Pal. Great job. Donations still accepted. Hope next gala in 2022 in person. Geraldyn is sending thank you notes and will post the list of donors for members who would like to express their own thanks to those who donated.
- **Randy** on local projects: scope of project changed based on City concerns for irrigation and ground cover chosen. Half the shrubs can still be planted. Still putting in 56 trees though so please come help starting 8 am. Bring rakes, shovels, ladders, wheelbarrows, post hole, diggers, mask and sunscreen.
- **Joe** on Programs: Red Cross COVID program coming up as well as another attempt as the Plastic Soup program. Joe is looking for a program for April 22nd. Send your program ideas to Joe.

RECOGNITIONS

Events/Speakers

- April 1st
CSR Evening Meeting: Centennial Celebration 5:45 PM
- April 8th
CSR Meeting: Brooke Dunn, Red Cross Ready
- April 15th
Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting
- April 15th
Chico Sunrise Board of Directors Meeting
- April 22nd
Chico Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting

Birthdays



Jose Bravo
March 31st



Teresa Frediani
March 31st



Susie Sorenson
April 4th



Howard Slater
April 9th



Randall Korte
April 11th



James Seegert
April 14th

Carol

- None of the birthday people were at Club this morning so holding off for another opportunity.
- **Deb** flew to Minneapolis to spend time with daughter and family. Beautiful weather! 1 bell.
- **Susie S.** elected a Happy Hamilton for her dream of being in an adventure park, attending a Rotary meeting leave us wondering what she ate last night to bring that on. She also plugged the movie *Fisherman's Friend* based on a true story. 1 bell
- **Kevin** took his family to Gold Beach Oregon. They enjoyed good weather, the beach, and beautiful scenes. Great time! 1 bell
- **Geralyn** received a gift from Sean from the wine country ♦ bell already administered previously.
- **Paul** elected a Happy Hamilton for his nephew's involvement in political action because his nephew saw a need. His nephew, Kevin O'Reilly, was recently published in Wall Street Journal in an examination of the cost of repairing tractors which can only be repaired by manufacturer due to software that only the authorized dealers are allowed to use. Kevin advocates for a Right to Fix campaign. See his article, *It Shouldn't Cost the Farm to Fix a Tractor*.

PROGRAM

Carl introduced our speaker Richard Stein who is the President of Davis Sunset Club. He also introduced Koen Van Rom who is a veterinary doctor from Belgium. Koen through his work at UC Davis has done research on infectious diseases. Koen is a social worker and aids activist. He is also a member of the Davis club and joined us to talk about a water project in Kenya.

Koen founded Sahaya International, a non-profit organization. Sahay means help in Sanskrit. It is a 100% volunteer-based organization with the motto, ♦An act of kindness inspires. Be a drop that creates that ripple. ♦ Some of the work of this organization includes the movie, *Going Beyond* which you can watch for free on their website and the Orphan and School program in Kenya. A recent water project was completed to repair broken borewell. Referred to as the Rumbiye borehole community project, the project included a partnership between Engineers without Borders, Rotary Clubs, the Rumbiye community and Sahaya International. Youth in the community had been walking several kilometers to fetch water from pond used by live stock so not clean because their borewell was broken. Children there were required to bring small amount of water to school each day or sent home because no water was available at the school. The borewell was completed by Engineers without Borders and community extremely grateful. A current project entails a water storage tank with solar panels a shallow well for existing hand-pump and two cattle troughs. Donations to help with this work are welcome at www.sahaya.org/donate. Give it a go! This writer did and it was easy as pie and very fulfilling??

Given that we have at least a couple of engineers in our club (Deb and Paul) there was interest in knowing how to connect with Engineers Without Borders (EWB). Contact Koen directly by email and he will help anyone who wants to help with EWB. kkvanrompay@ucdavis.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/27/21 Workday at Centennial Park from 8 am to noon

4/1/21 Centennial Celebration at 5:45 pm

4/30/21 District 5160 Virtual Conference

THANKS:

Invocation: Deb Larson

Greeters: Everyone

Check In: Nancy Haas-Depa

Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

NEXT WEEK: To be Announced ♦ Wait for Susie's email ;)

Invocation: Tanya Layne

Greeters: Teresa Frediani

Check In: Randy Korte

Bulletin: Heidi Houlihan

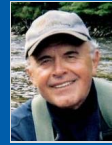


Linscheid
April 15th



Aaron Souza
April 20th

Club Anniversaries



Ron R. Piret
04-01-2002
19 Years



Leo A. Weiss
04-01-2002
19 Years



Bob Linscheid
04-01-2002
19 Years



David W. Warner
04-01-2002
19 Years



Jason Smith
04-29-2010
11 Years



Aaron Souza
03-24-2011
10 Years



GERALYN G. SHERIDAN
04-16-2015
6 Years



Paul Peck
04-27-2017
4 Years



Randall Korte
05-02-2019
2 Years



John P. Touchette
05-23-2019
2 Years



Joseph L. Schultz
04-16-2020
1 Year

Meets at Canyon Oaks Country Club
999 Yosemite Drive
Chico, CA 95928
Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM