

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Roatan Water Project

By Carol Linscheid on Thursday, April 27, 2023



President John opened the meeting, inviting **Susie Sorenson** to provide the invocation. Given the choice of Susie singing or reciting the four-way test, the club elected to hear Susie sing. She regaled us with Bright Shining Faces for a happy start to the day.

Guests included Scott Dill, Curtis Avrit, Diane and Lindsey Slater, Peter and Quinn Melton. Although not a guest, we were all happy to see honorary member, **Dave Warner** in attendance.

Announcements & Comments

- **President John** complimented the very fun Charter Night and announced for anyone who missed that **Aaron Souza** is our President Elect Elect (no that's not a typo!).
- Curtis Avrit from Noon Club shared that their club's fundraiser, Burrito Brunch is taking place on May 7 from 9 am to noon. It is a walk in event that includes fun family entertainment such as a sword swallower.
- **Randy Korte** announced that Special Olympics needs volunteers but the event was to take place next day on Friday in Oroville.
- Rotaversaries: **Paul Peck** 6 years on the day of our meeting, **Gary Podesta** coming up on one year, **Jason Smith** 13 years, **Randy Korte** 4 years. Congratulations to all!
- Don't forget Spring Jam is this Saturday!

Recognitions

- **Sean Isom** took a family trip to Florence Italy and brought back a gift of limoncello for **President John**. 2 bells
- **Mark Stuenkel** and his wife celebrated their 40th anniversary by taking a 10-day trip to Prague, Budapest and other wonderful places. 3 bells
- **Nancy Haas-Depa** returned from PETS and went on to a hiking tour starting in Portugal and ending in Spain for 356 kilometers, with not one blister! She brought some very special and well-traveled chocolate back for **President John**. 3 bells.
- **Greg Melton** spent some time at Spring Training drinking beer! 2 bells
- **President John** complimented the Charter Night event and thank you to **Randy Linquist** for having us. The intention was for **President John** to award team points for the best potluck dishes. He chickened out of saying which dishes were best and instead awarded the 25 points to the Sunrise Sunshine Team for food display, whatever that means. He totally ignored this reporter's beautiful lemon serving platter

Events/Speakers

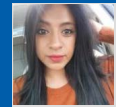
May 4th
[Weekly Meeting-
Christian Garcia, a
Mexican
horseback
pilgrimage](#)

May 11th
[Weekly Meeting-
Virginia Guleff,
President Butte
College](#)

May 18th
[Weekly Meeting-
Sara Beecham, NV
Health Education
Foundation](#)

May 25th
[Weekly Meeting-
Sarah Downs,
Neighborhood Cat
Advocates](#)

Birthdays



[Susie Ditty](#)
May 6th



[Jason
Smith](#)
May 27th

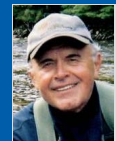
Club Anniversaries



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



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



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

[David W
Warner](#)
04-01-

containing mouthwatering cream cheese lemon bars with raspberry garnish - both tasty to the tongue and the eye. But I'm not bitter. Points to date are Sunrise Sunshine 33, Nancy's team 51, Imagineers 50. There is still time to earn points!

- **Geralyn Sheridan** was cleaning out her office stuff and found a pin she had intended to give **Leo Weis** for his above and beyond efforts for our club in so many things. Good job Leo!

Program

Carl Ochsner, Leo Weiss, and John Carlon provided a presentation on the recently completed Roatan water project. This 35 mile long and 5 mile wide island is part of Honduras and clearly has amazing views. What was missing was a serviceable well to provide clean water to the residents. Their previous well dried up and contamination in the form of ecoli was a constant threat to the health of the people.

After much planning, it was determined that a "test well" had to be dug. That done, the real thing took place, including the refurbishing of an old cistern. The local population spent a tremendous amount of "sweat equity" digging the required ditch. Our own club members (Leo Weis, Carl Ochsner, and John Carlon) and spouses as well as members of Rotary from New Jersey, worked on the cistern and other related construction and in the end a working well was produced. Local residents were trained on use of a filtering system and now have clean water for use in their homes.

Along the way, our crew had fun meeting new friends and enjoyed the beautiful surroundings, sharing the photos with us at our meeting. **John Carlon** seems to have recovered from getting lye in his eye and we are glad for that.

Thanks to the contributions of our club and individuals and we are sure, the watchful eye of **Howard Slater** from above, the project created a much more healthy environment for the people of Roatan. Thank you **Leo, John, Carl, and of course, Howard.**

In Closing

John thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Check In: Nancy Haas-Depa and Christian
Greeters: No one when I arrived - didn't catch who
Invocation and Pledge: Susie Sorenson
Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Mark Murgia and Leo Weis
Invocation: Daniel DeCaires
Check in: Daniel DeCaires and Desiree Gonzalez
Bulletin: Sean Isom



2002
21 Years



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



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



[Patrick Pillsbury](#)
04-01-2002
21 Years



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



[Jason Smith](#)
04-29-2010
13 Years



[Geralyn G. Sheridan](#)
04-16-2015
8 Years



[Paul Peck](#)
04-27-2017
6 Years



[Randall Korte](#)
05-02-2019
4 Years



[John P. Touchette](#)
05-23-2019
4 Years



[Gary R. Podesta](#)
04-28-2022
1 Year

Club Meeting

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