

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Butte College Update

By Sean Isom on Thursday, May 11, 2023

President John opened the meeting and invited **Dan B** up to the front for the invocation. Dan investigated the probability that we all made it here today. He started with his grandmother and grandfather, who were from Kansas and Oklahoma, then he progressed to Oakland or San Leandro, at which point he got lost before finding his parents somewhere else in California. He concluded by how amazing that we made it here at all...then he led us in the pledge to the flag.

Guests included Virginia Guleff, our speaker and a member of Chico Noon, Gina of Fox TV, and Bill Sheridan, GERALYN's husband and member of Bfoomfied, CO.

Announcements & Comments

- **Nancy D** shared that she celebrated her 27th anniversary of marriage with Steve.
- **Carl O** mentioned that the little libraries may need to be replenished with books. He recommended we visit the Chico Library on Saturday mornings, where you can get 40 books for \$10.
- **Larry G** shared that he interviewed students from Chico High to go to Camp Royal. They were paired with Chico Noon and planned to award two students each. Smooth Larry convinced Dorian D that Chico Noon should enable him to give an additional award, something that Dorian was unable to turn down.
- **Carol L** shared that Reading Pals has wrapped up for the school year and gave an update on her student. Those wishing to help next year, plan on starting the process after the second week of school.
- **Sean I** noted that the CSR Foundation board is meeting today following our regular meeting.

Recognitions

- **John C**, who appears to be flexible in which teams he supports, lost his SF Giant's hat, again. This allowed our president to extract 2 bells for his support.
- **Tanya L** shared that she celebrated her 30th year since graduating from Wake Forest Med school. She went to North Carolina to celebrate this, and visited Mills River and Sierra Nevada Brewery, which she shared was very nice...2 bells.

Program

Phil W introduced the speaker, Virginia Guleff, president of Butte College. She shared how the community college system has a new chancellor and is working towards 50% of its courses in career and technical focus. While full-time equivalent enrollment was over 10,800 before the pandemic, today they are closer to 7500. That said, enrollment has increased in the last year which is a very good sign for the future.

In addition, she addressed Food and Housing insecurities, the Promise scholarship, enabling first time students two years-free education, zero-textbook cost initiatives and how AI is impacting the college. Finally, she shared a video of the new science building that will include a planetarium as well as their successful partnership with CSU, Chico.

In Closing

John thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Check In: Kevin B

Greeters: Larry G and Pat P

Events/Speakers

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](#)

June 1st
[Weekly Meeting-Monica McDaniel, Chico Art Walk](#)

June 8th
[Weekly Meeting-Dave Noel, Chico History Museum](#)

Birthdays



[Jason Smith](#)
May 27th



[Christian Garcia](#)
June 2nd



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[Mark Murgia](#)
June 6th



[Larry C. Guanzon](#)
June 6th

Club Anniversaries



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

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

Invocation and Pledge: Dan B
Bulletin: Sean I

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Dan B and Nancy H
Invocation: Phil W
Check in: Forest M and Gary P
Bulletin: Heidi H



Ron R. Piret
04-01-2002
21 Years



David W. Warner
04-01-2002
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