

# Rotary



# Club of Chico Sunrise

## Cal Water Conservation and Rebate Opportunities

By Sean Isom on Thursday, July 20, 2023



**President Nancy** opened the meeting and was handed an envelope by a restaurant staff member. It contained a clue as to the location in the room of part of the stolen bell. At that location was another clue and part of the bell. President Nancy ended up finding bell parts out of order so Aaron Souza stepped in to assist her. It did not escape the club that Aaron seemed to know all the answers. The only clue President Nancy refused to follow was the one leading to the men's room but she did eventually offer to take a \$50 fine if someone would go get the last part of the bell from the restroom. Ever eager to help, Susie Sorenson jumped to her feet and offered to go to the men's room for Nancy. Yes, really.

As it turns out, Aaron, as a member of the Protectors of the Bell society, later announced that the Protectors step up when the President falls down by not protecting the bell. He welcomed Mark M as a member, gave him a button and a certificate. Welcome to the Society, Mark! The international meeting will be held in Ukraine this year.

For his invocation, Aaron eventually shared a story of his angiogram, performed while he was awake. Two arteries were 99% clogged. Then his followup including tearing, stints and a statement "I can't get the wire back in"...long story you know your body, get it checked out. Aaron reminded us that the average age of a Rotarian is Old!

Guests today were: from Cal Water, Evan Markey and Anthony Meyers. Ken Dixon of the Noon Club and Everheart Village also was in attendance.

## Announcements & Comments

Susie S gave an update on The Rotary Foundation. Our club requires 100% participation in TRF and all members contribute to their personal Paul Harris Fellow recognition. She shared how 50% of our donations go into the world fund and 50% into the district fund. Three years after our contributions, the funds are distributed, including our district funds via District Grants. She shared how the PHF pins worked, noting that our old friend Fred Muller had over 8 jewels on his PHF pin. John T said he contributes \$10/month and meets his \$100 minimum that way. Mark S shared that in the Chico Noon club, others make contributions on behalf of other members and people.

Randy K shared that July 29th will be a workday at the drop-off zone at Little Chico Creek Elementary. Greg M has designed a landscaping plan and we will be working until 11:00. Contact Randy with your shirt size if you need a work shirt. Check your email for tools required.

Geralyn S presented the Org Chart, asking people to update the paper copy, so she can update DACdb. She also mentioned that John C was nearing the end of his blueberry Pick-Em-Yourself session. Geralyn is calling a spontaneous social at 7:00am tomorrow...picking blueberries. Geralyn will drive. Bloody Maries may be there. Randy K shared how his son learned welding at Chico High. While in class, rather than doing industrial welding, his son was making a puppy with nuts and bolts. The teacher challenged him to make money doing art, which eventually led to him getting his work into Made in Chico. After being there many years, he now gets broken shovels and picks donated to him, where he has made a T-Rex, a Cowboy, and received an order for a Mexican version, 'bandito' for \$2000! How proud was Randy? Very! How many bells? 1 bell.

Phil W flight got stuck in an airport coming back from Ireland. More from him when he returns.

## Recognitions

Nancy gave herself \$50 recognition if someone else would go to the men's room and fetch the remaining piece of the bell. See opening story.

## Events/Speakers

July 27th  
[Weekly Meeting-Jenny Humphrey, Enloe Chief Flight Nurse](#)

August 3rd  
[Weekly Meeting-Melody Proebstel, NorCal United Way](#)

August 10th  
[Weekly Meeting-Blake Ellis, Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve](#)

August 17th  
[Weekly Meeting-David Bruhn, Author](#)

## Birthdays



[Gary R Podesta](#)  
August 6th



[Phil Wilke](#)  
August 14th



[Forrest Melton](#)  
August 15th

## Club Anniversaries



[Carol Linscheid](#)  
08-19-2004  
19 Years



[Tanya E. Layne](#)  
09-01-2006  
17 Years



[Daniel DeCaires](#)  
09-15-2022  
1 Year



[Desiree Gonzalez](#)  
09-15-2022  
1 Year

[Timothy Suderman](#)  
09-15-2022



1 Year

## Program

Christian G introduced our speakers, Evan Markey and Anthony Meyer, from Cal Water. They shared how Cal Water supports the entire state with 19 districts, Chico being one of those. They discussed how the large winter water is being utilized and shared how dry we were in 2022 and how wet the state is for 2023. We also received a historical perspective on our drought conditions and how they are diligent within and outside of droughts.

CalWater has many programs for conservation rebates, which are available at [calwater.com/conservation-rebates](http://calwater.com/conservation-rebates). These included toilets, irrigation, commercial irrigation and can result in reduced usage up to 30%.

70% of residential water usage is outdoor irrigation, with most of that being turf irrigation. He also discussed how smart irrigation systems will use weather forecasts and auto-shutoff systems during the rainy system. They are also offering rebates for non-recreational turf at about \$3/foot and how to replace the turf with California native drought-tolerant plants.

Finally, they have a Landscape Tune-up program where a landscape contractor will review your entire system for you.

This was followed by a quick Q&A session.

## In Closing

Nancy thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Greeters: Randy L

Invocation: Aaron S

Check in: Forrest M & Gary P

Bulletin: Sean I with appreciated help from Carol L.

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Carol L & GERALYN S

Invocation: Susie S

Check in: Christian G & GERALYN S (?)

Bulletin: Sean I

Note: There is a board meeting immediately after this meeting.

## Club Meeting

Chico Sunrise

Meets at Mom's Restaurant

209 Salem St

Chico, CA 95928

Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM