

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

From Nigeria to Gridley

By Sean Isom on Thursday, August 8, 2024

President Aaron called the meeting to order early and asked a surprised **Nancy D** to the front to give us an invocation. Nancy, who enjoyed not focusing on Rotary or her email, was taken by surprise. She approached the group willingly and shared some thoughts about mosquitoes which she butchered. (She did follow up with an email to the group: "If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent a night with a mosquito.")

Mark Stuenkel followed her with a joke of the week. Mark's joke about golfers and a cell phone was appreciated, even if it went a few seconds over his two-minute allotment.

Guests were finally introduced: Ali Lugo, Peyton Conway, Rosalie Ally and her father Louis. Patrick was also a guess from Melton Design as well as Curtis Avrit from the noon club.

Announcements & Comments

The literacy group has been reformed. **Carol L** shared that those who want to continue to manage the Little Free Libraries will need to re-sign up by letting her or Randy L know you are still interested. Others who want to help, please do the same.

Aaron shared, on the Q.T., that the large district grant we(he) applied for looks like it will be approved. This grant is for Vocational services including culinary, graphic design and woodworking efforts/benefits for local high schools. Aaron is heading to the Chico City Council to get their blessings for work to be done at Caper Acres by local students, funded by CSR.

Camp Royal

Three students, Ali Lugo from PV, Rosalie Brown and Peyton Conway, both from Chico High, gave us an update and appreciation for their participation at Camp Royal. They each shared what a positive experience it was and what their favorite activities/parts of the camp. Very accomplished ladies, and we know they will go far in their lives.

Recognitions

- **President Aaron** called on volunteers, which **Sean I** jumped on. Sean spent the last two weeks out of town in Denver for a wedding and on Catalina Island with his wife for an anniversary. He brought back a shot glass, which somehow allowed him to avoid any bells.
- **Rich P** then offered a nicer shot glass, wrapped and carefully handed over. Rich was in Kauai with the family last week. Had a great time and got a single bell for the experience.
- **John T** shared that he spent time at a family reunion in Wisconsin. John was adopted as a baby and with the help of 23AndMe/Ancestry.com, he found his biological family. While John has had no cousins in his life, he met many first cousins in Wisconsin.

Program

Phil W introduced our speaker today. Okwudili 'Barnabi' Ahiligwo was born in Nigeria where he was educated as a pharmacist and has practiced his profession in Amsterdam and the SF Bay Area before coming to Gridley and Chico in 1996. He shared that while his industry 'has a pill for every ill' and how he is a 'Functional Practitioner'. He also received recommendations from GERALYN S and CAROL L for how he operates Bidwell Pharmacy on Mangrove Ave.

After touching on the insurance side of medicine and his schooling, he engaged in a lengthy Q&A session.

In Closing

Raffle Drawing Results:

- Tanya won the first drawing and received Taylor Swift Mad Libs
- Tanya also won the VIP breakfast ticket
- Larry G won nothing for his efforts in the card draw

Thanks To:

Invocation: Nancy
Greeters: James and Teresa
Check In: Scott D and Randy K
Bulletin: Sean I, filling in for Heidi

Next week:

Invocation: Karen H
Greeters: Christian and GERALYN
Check In: Forrest and Gary
Bulletin: Heidi H

Events/Speakers

August 15th
Weekly Meeting-Kim Preston, Butte County CERT

August 22nd
Weekly Meeting-Julia Yarbough, Family Caregiving Awareness

August 29th
Weekly Meeting-Emilyn Sheffield, Chico St. College Corps

September 5th
Weekly Meeting-Kory Honea, Butte County Sheriff

Birthdays



Phil Wilke
August 14th



D. Forrest Melton Jr.
August 15th



Paul Peck
August 29th

Club Anniversaries



Carol Linscheid
08-19-2004
20 Years



Tanya E. Layne
09-01-2006
18 Years



Daniel DeCaires
09-15-2022
2 Years



Desiree Gonzalez
09-15-2022
2 Years



Timothy Suderman
09-15-2022
2 Years

Club Meeting

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