

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Full House and Birds

By Debra Larson on Thursday, August 25, 2022



President John Touchett opened the hybrid meeting at 7:10 am. John called on **Deb L** for the innovation and pledge. Deb spoke about the importance of attitude.

We had many guests joining us today and it was full house. Yay! **Phil W** introduced our guest speakers from the Altacal Audubon Society, Mary Mchowski and Jared Geiser. Phil also introduced Jamie Jiang of NSPR. **Karen H** introduced our guests Chris Daniel from the noon Rotary club and Desiree Gonzalez of the Butte College Foundation. **Gary P** introduced Tim Sudderman. **Dan B** introduced Daniel DeCaires

Announcements & Comments

- President John announced an upcoming Durham Rotary event on September 18.
- **Howard S** announced the November 3 Empty Bowls fundraiser for the Torres Shelter. President John fined himself for suggesting that this was a "singing" bowls event. 2 bells
- **Carol L** is celebrating her 18 year rotary anniversary, and she announced that she has met the rule of 85 to become senior active.
- **Carol L** announced Reading Pals and invited members to join as a volunteer. The program starts back up in the schools in September.
- **Howard S** announced that the gazebo for the Esplanade House is supposed to be delivered tomorrow.

Recognitions

President John welcomed back **John C** who described his participation on a lovely "cruise" on the Sacramento that included a steak dinner. 2 bells

Paul P's birthday is Monday 9/29.

Gary P and President **John** both got the same memo on the checked shirt attire. Gary P is making progress on his new membership tasks. 1 bell.

Rich P brought a gift to President John from his recent trip up to the North coast. The gift – a supposed rare artifact – was a Big Foot shot glass.

Greg M was in Willits and brought President John a beer. This was followed by a trip to Cooper Town in New York where his son played baseball. His team made it to the final 16, and son Quinn made 6 homers over five games. In celebration, Greg brought back for President John a Bob Ross energy drink. 3 bells.

Program

Phil W introduced our speakers Mary Muchowski and Jared Geiser from the Altacal Audubon Society. Mary has served as Executive Director for 3.5 years and had been a volunteer for more than 20 years before this. Mary also works as a field biologist for the U.S. Forest Service on the Plumas National Forest. Throughout her career, Mary has worked on six different National Forests, two BLM Resource Areas and one U.S. Fish & Wildlife Refuge in four states. Mary's life revolves around birds. Jared is a project assistant.

The Society offers a great many programs such as the Snow Goose Festival. They founded the Chico Creek Nature Center which is subsequently owned and run by CARD. The Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Bookstore is operated by the group as well. They band Northern Saw-Whet Owls to learn more

about their habits and have conducted avian tracking on the Butte Creek Ecological Preserve post Camp-Fire. Mary spoke about the Grebe monitoring project as their nesting success is going down,

Events/Speakers

September 1st
Weekly Meeting -- Speaker: Jenny Fales, Habitat For Humanity

September 8th
Weekly Meeting -- Speaker: Tod Kimmelshue -- County Commission

September 15th
Weekly Meeting -- Speaker: Christian Garcia -- WM Recycling

September 22nd
Weekly Meeting -- Speaker: John Nash, Walk to End Alzheimer's

Birthdays



Paul Peck
August 29th



Bob Linscheid
September 13th

Club Anniversaries



James Seegert
11-21-2002
20 Years



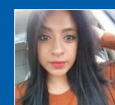
Tanya E. Layne
09-01-2006
16 Years



Carl R. Ochsner
11-05-2009
13 Years



Nick Mariottini
10-27-2011
11 Years



Suzie Bravo
11-19-2015
7 Years

Debra Larson
11-02-2017
5 Years

so the Society is watching this closely. The concern is about water levels rising and flooding nests. The Society is involved in education by going into classrooms and hosing accompanying field trips. They provide scholarships for high school and college students. The Society has a website and newsletter that are, each, rich with information on activities, volunteer stories, and membership.

By way of audience questioning, Mary spoke at length about the annual Snow Goose Festival that hosts over seventy field trips. The trip options are eclectic (e.g. something for everyone) ranging from birds and brew, the history of the Durham cemetery, a visit to a rice grower and the rice paddies, and the spectacular bald eagle trip where a limited number of participants will see hundreds of bald eagles. This is the most expensive trip, and it sells out right away. Registration for the Snow Goose Festival starts the first week of December, and the the trips go fast, so do not delay in signing up.



[Dawit Zeleke](#)
11-30-2017
5 Years



[Neil Yelland](#)
10-31-2019
3 Years



In Closing

President John thanked everyone for their participation.

Check In: Nancy Hass-Depa Greeter: Sean Isom
Invocation and Pledge: Deb Larson
Bulletin: Deb L.

Next week's duties are assigned to(**Team S+1**):

Greeters: Randy L and Nick M
Invocation: Mark S
Check in: Larry G
Bulletin: Heidi H

Club Meeting

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