



## Club Meeting Bulletin 8/22

Thursday, August 22, 2024



### Toastmasters International isn't about Toast but we sure did enjoy it at Breakfast.

By Geralyn Sheridan Meeting Thursday August 26, 2024

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### Announcements & Comments

- **Literacy: Randy Linquist:** He gave us an update about meeting with the School District to work with school principals. He talked about how we had adopted McManus Elementary in the past and the Literacy committee is looking at picking a school for the future.

**Aaron Souza** announced:

- **Little Free Libraries** are continuing to be used and filled with little books.
- The project of **HOME TEAM** is being talked about with the Noon Club as a potential for our club to get involved with. The LaMorinda Sunrise Club has been doing it for many years. The idea behind it, is to go into seniors' houses and do light repair that they can't do themselves. Claire and Mark Roberts will be coming to tell us more about it in a presentation.
- **The District 5160 Grant is approved!!** Aaron's grant idea to bring high school teachers and students into working with the club on the Caper Acres Dragon, catering our gala and working with us on graphics for the event. His idea give students real world experience in career paths and entrepreneurship. Exciting idea and very exciting the grant was fully approved. Gross value 30K!
- **Fantasy Football:** Mark Stuenkel updated the club. The draft has been drawn for the select few involved. We'll hear more as the season develops.

### Recognitions

- **Birthdays: Phil Wilke, Paul Peck and Forrest Melton.** Aaron Souza asked each of them if they





### Events/Speakers

- September 5th **Weekly Meeting- Kory Honea, Butte County Sheriff**
- September 12th **Weekly Meeting- Chico School Bond Measure C proponents**
- September 19th **Weekly Meeting- Curtis Bell, Butte Film Festival**

### Birthdays

-  **D. Forrest Melton Jr.**  
August 15th
-  **Paul Peck**  
August 29th
-  **Bob Linscheid**  
September 13th

### Club Anniversaries

-  **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

wanted us to sing Happy Birthday. Fines were \$10 to sing or \$20 Not to sing. **We sang! Each of them got 1 Bell.**

- **Carol Linscheid** had her 20 year Rotary Anniversary. She says she has enjoyed every minute! She went for NO song. **2 Bells.**
- **Daniel DeCaires** went backpacking with his wife, father in law and their dog in the Desolation Wilderness. They had great time hiking, the dog got blisters, though. So, Daniel doctored his paws. No gift for Aaron (of course not, thereâ€™s not stores there) But, Aaron mentioned thereâ€™s many stores in Tahoe, where he could have stopped. **2 Bells**
- **John Touchette** was seen in an interesting photo on the screen. Apparently, Aaron left his phone unattended. John said he did what he does to his kids. He took a silly selfie to keep them guessing about a surprise someone who might show up on their photo feed. **1 Bell**
- **Larry Guanzon** was seen speaking publicly about a new housing development that he is involved in with his job at the Butte County Housing Authority. He was a speaker at the Jamboree announcing the Park Avenue project. **1 Bell**
- **Dan Bay and Randy Linquist** were seen out of town at Dave Warnerâ€™s wedding to his highschool sweetheart Julie. **Dan 1 Bell, Randy L 2 Bells.** (hmmm? ; )
- **Carl Ochsner** went on his annual trip back home to Wisconsin for 2 weeks. He had several wonderful family photos that Aaron took from his facebook page. Go on FB and see them sometime. Carl did make ups at WI Rotary clubs, did a family project, donated an annual Oschner traditional big check, toured around Michigan, went to the Henry Ford Museum. A full 2 weeks! He brought Aaron a cow mask and a turkey calling device. **2 Bells**

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### Program

Phil Wilke introduced our speaker, Raina Bryson. She is in the local Toastmaster International club with Phil. The Chico Club #558. They meet every other Thursday Night at the Elks Club Basement from 7-8PM. Feel free to stop in and join them.

It is a non-profit educational organization to build confidence and teach public speaking. They meet bi-weekly and typically have 8-12 club members and a few guests. Itâ€™s a structured meeting with interactions and club business. Each week a club member is scheduled to do a speech which is 5-7 minutes long. They know in advance, so they can be prepared. Then, they get feedback. The purpose is to improve in a supportive group. Thereâ€™s discussions of â€œetable topicsâ€ with questions and answers. She presented it as a joyful, welcoming group. Phil mentioned he enjoys it.

The website has more information: They are celebrating 100 years. [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org) It's all about communication excellence, and for 100 years and counting, Toastmasters have been expressing themselves better, practicing, and evaluating in a fun club environment, shining all around the world.

Also, Rotary International has a partnership with Toastmasters. More information is available at MyRotary.org under professional development.

**RAFFLE:** The raffle ticket winners today were: **Heidi Houlihan** won a bottle of wine. **Randy Korte** won a Breakfast VIP ticket. **Randy Linquist** won a chance for the money. Unfortunately, he didn't pick the winning card. \$0 for him today. The pot of \$525 will continue on until next week.

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### In Closing

Aaron thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Greeters: ? & Jason Smith

Invocation: Heidi Houlihan

Check in: James Fisher and Christian Garcia

Bulletin: GERALYN SHERIDAN

### Next week's duties are assigned to:

Check In: Kevin Baker

Greeters: Desiree Gonzalez & Susie Sorenson

Invocation and Pledge: Sean Isom

Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

## Club Meeting

Chico Sunrise

Meets at Mom's Restaurant

209 Salem St

Chico, CA 95928

Time: Thursday at 06:45 AM