

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

Don't Get Bit!

By Carol Linscheid on Thursday, September 5, 2024

President Aaron opened the meeting and invited **Randy Korte** to provide the invocation and pledge. Randy spoke of the effect on investments during and election period. Don't play politics with your portfolio!

Guests included Kyle Swanson, a student, Greg, partner to Karen Hansen, Andy Pickett, County Administrative Officer and Sherriff Kory Honea, our speaker.

Joke of the Week: **Mark Stuenkel** regaled us with Tom Jones innuendos. Sherriff Honea raised the question as to whether or not student, Kyle Swanson knew who Tom Jones was. The answer was no.

Announcements & Comments

President Aaron invited all Paul Harris Fellow members to step to the back of the room. This included all but our newest members who haven't yet reached that goal. Yes, **Tanya Layne** is a PHF, according to the Rotary website but she couldn't recall if that was the case. Must have been a meaningful moment for her. **President Aaron** explained that a PHF is awarded when a Rotarian contributes \$1,000 (often at \$100 a year of giving) or has given 10 years of service to Rotary. The money funds not only Rotary International projects but comes back to individual clubs in the form of grants to do good works. **Dan Bay** was awarded his third PHF and mentioned how much he values the friends and fellowship of Rotary.

President Aaron provided Rotary pins for everyone. Wear your pin proudly and as an opportunity for people to ask you about it and then spread the word on what Rotary does. Anyone who wears the pin to President Aaron's office hours at the Pour House tonight at 5 will receive a well drink from the club.

Recognitions

- Fun with Trivia! **President Aaron** had some very obscure trivia questions about various obscure laws resulting in the following fines: **Heidi Houlahan 2 bells, James Fisher 1 bell even though he knew the answer as to what could not be carried in one's back pocket (ice cream cones), Randy Linquist 1 bell, Tanya Layne 1 bell, Desiree Gonzalez 2 bells, Dan Bay no bells twice (was this rigged for some?), Dana Miller 1 bell, Daniel DeCaires 1 bell, Karen Hansen 2 bells, Sean Isom 2 bells, Rich Powell 2 bells.**

Jason Smith celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary for 3 bells

Susie Sorenson gave blood at Modern Building's blood drive about which **James Seegert** seemed to know nothing. 2 bells for **James**

Program

Mark Stuenkel introduced our speaker, Sherriff Kory Honea. This reporter was reminded by Mark Stuenkel and wishes to call out a connection to our club that many members might not recall. Years ago, CSR provided seed money to equip Sherriff Deputies with trauma kits. To this day, all law enforcement officers in Butte County carry these kits to assist victims of trauma in the moment.

Sherriff Honea said he applauds the effort to support PHFs and was impressed with the volume of fines collected. He added his own trivia that it is illegal to possess nuclear weapons in Chico. Yes, really ??

Sherriff Honea explained that he was seeking support for Measure H which would provide funds to support much-needed services and invited County Administrative Officer, Andy Pickett to explain how we got in the current financial dilemma. It seems that 85% of county revenue comes from the federal and state government and use is directed by those agencies. Only 15% is discretionary to the use of the Board of Supervisors. Public safety is funded by this limited amount of money which also covers libraries in addition to the Sherriff's Office and the District Attorney's office. Proposition 13, passed in 1978 had the effect of reduced discretionary revenue and this needs to be corrected. The Sherriff's Office had to eliminate more than 20 positions last year.

Sherriff Honea indicated that Measure H will primarily fund public safety. While the City of Chico passed a similar tax, the Sherriff's Office serves not only the unincorporated areas of the county but also the cities. One example is that those arrested in Chico are jailed in the Butte County jail, directed by the Sherriff's Office. When disaster strikes, the Sheriff's Office lends assistance because no city's law enforcement teams can handle major disasters alone. The District Attorney's office is currently handling 400 cases per attorney so they are backlogged and can't usually file misdemeanor charges due to lack of staff. Will they have to consider not filing on non-violent felonies as well? Help is needed.

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](#)

September 26th
[Weekly Meeting-Walt Schafer, Honey Run Bridge rebuild](#)

October 3rd
[Weekly Meeting-Matt Kroll, Salvation Army](#)

Birthdays



[Bob Linscheid](#)
September 13th

Club Anniversaries



[Nick Mariottini](#)
10-27-2011
13 Years



[Daniel DeCaires](#)
09-15-2022
2 Years



[Desiree Gonzalez](#)
09-15-2022
2 Years



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



[James Fisher](#)
10-05-2023
1 Year

In Closing

Raffle Drawing Results:

Phil Wilke won a bottle of wine

Carl Ochsner won a VIP breakfast

Pat Pilsburry won absolutely nothing in the card draw for a depleted pot of money.

Thanks To:

Invocation: Randy Korte

Greeters: Susie Sorenson

Check In: GERALYN SHERIDAN

Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

Next week:

Invocation: Tanya Layne

Greeters: Nancy Haas-Depa and Tim Suderman

Check In: Scott Dilg and Randy Korte

Bulletin: Heidi Houlihan



Community Volunteers Make a Difference in a Disaster

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Tuesday, August 20, 2024

President Aaron opened the meeting and asked **Phil W.** up for the invocation and pledge. Yesterday was his birthday and it reminded him of a quote from Satchel Page. He also read an excerpt from a Mary Oliver Poem called, "Summer Day". Our guests this morning were Curtis Avrit (insurance) from the Noon Club and our speakers, Kim Preston and Barbara Haskin.

Joke of the Week was performed by **Mark S.**

Announcements & Comments

President Aaron " Club business: Halloween Social in the future. Grants we are applying for are to integrate vocational high school students and Camp Venture participants into our Fundraiser. Camp Venture: Sarah is a videographer, and the other young man has a business that makes dog bandanas. We can create Rotary/Chico Sunrise branded bandana and auction them. Aaron needs leaders to get involved to implement these projects. We will have a fundraising meeting soon.

Recognitions

Geralyn S. took a trip to NYC with her daughter where they enjoyed some shows, she brought Aaron a gift of a NY shot glass and explained as former president that when you receive a gift, that means you don't fine the person. No bells.

Mark M. went to Alaska to visit his in-laws and did some halibut fishing. He brought Aaron some salmon jerky, beer brittle and a book for McManus school. No bells.

Jason S. went to Colorado and saw a concert at Red Rocks, where they were hit with a deluge. They also met the parents of their daughter's boyfriend. No gifts for the prez "2 bells!

Kevin B. took a trip to Idaho way back over the July 4th holiday. He should have confessed! 2 bells

Nancy H. her picture was in the Chico ER. She took her assistant to "lunch" for ice cream at Savor. 1 bell

Dan B. picked some peaches at Chico State Farm. He didn't bring Aaron a peach and doesn't plan on giving Aaron a peach. 1 bell

Christian G. was asked to identify a picture of a charcuterie board, and was teased for his pronunciation. 1 bell

Neil Y. took a trip to Switzerland with his family and was tested on his knowledge of the languages spoken there. Those who were not at the meeting missed a stellar yodeling video. 2 bells

Leo W. was going to be fined remotely, as the club was instructed with a slide, "PLEASE", but he had left the meeting on ZOOM. 1 bell (is this for Leo for leaving the meeting or for Aaron for his typo?)

Program

Our speakers, Kim Preston and Barbara Haskin, talked about Butte County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This is an organized group of volunteers trained in a nationwide, standardized way to respond to disaster. They fall under FEMA, but are completely supported by donations and grants. Their volunteers receive basic training in fire, light search and rescue, radio communication, national incident command system, and disaster medical and first aid operations. The organization was founded in 1985 by Frank Borden, a fire fighter, who went to an area of Japan where a large earthquake occurred and learned the importance of training volunteer civilians to help after a disaster. Since that time, there are now 2800 active CERT programs throughout the U.S., each sponsored by a local government, fire dept. or sheriff dept. Butte County CERT was founded in 2020 and is sponsored by the Sheriff's office. They participate in monthly training exercises. Butte County's CERT is a leader in the state for getting the message of a disaster out to the public and present their methods to other counties. Tips for consumers: sign up for CODE RED (Sheriff's office website), get an Alert FM (battery operated device), have a "GO bag" and check list for evacuation, call 211 for help during a disaster. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or want more information, visit www.buttecountycert.org.

In Closing

Raffle Drawing Results:

- Pat P. won a bottle of wine
- Nancy H. won the VIP breakfast
- Kevin B had a chance at the \$400 pot, but lost

We will have a board meeting following.

Thanks To:

Invocation: Phil W.
Greeters: Christian G. and Geralyn S.
Check In: Gary P.
Bulletin: Heidi H.

Next week:

Invocation: Heidi H.
Greeters: Pete G. and Jason S.
Check In: Dan B. and Geralyn S.
Bulletin: Geralyn S.

Club Meeting

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