

# Rotary



# Club of Chico Sunrise

## County Water Supervision

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, September 8, 2022

**President John** opened the meeting and invited GERALYN S. of the Synergistics plus 1 team to give the invocation. She explained the meaning of their name, plus 1 because Susie B. is expecting (!!!) and how synergy relates to our club and Rotary as a whole. She then led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Guests were Tod Kimmelshue (our speaker), Desiree Gonzalez (prospective member), Tim Suderman (returning member), and Curtis (from the Noon club).

## Announcements & Comments

- John T. – the Durham Harvest Festival is September 18th. There is a board meeting next week.
- Carl O. – the slab for new gazebo at Esplanade House will be poured next week.
- Karen H. –Membership Minute – Three new members will be inducted next week so be sure to attend!
- We currently have 36 members but we have room to grow. Think about guests or prospective members when you get the email each week from Phil W. announcing the program. Would it be a topic that interests them? Remember, "it's up to you to ask."

## Recognitions

- Howard S. took a trip to Napa to celebrate his 44th wedding anniversary. Congratulations! He went to the Beach Boys concert last night with Dan B. He paid for dinner, but Dan forgot the wine. The program next week will be his son discussing Measure H on the November ballot. 4 bells
- Carl O. went on his annual trip to Wisconsin for 2 ½ weeks. He ate only 4 brats, went to an Amish Haystack Dinner to fund a school, visited another Rotary club and brought a gift for John. 3 bells
- Dan B. vacationed in Oregon where they visited Reba's cousin. He did not go to any wineries, but had cocktails on a regular basis. He also visited his cousin in Montague, Ca.

## Program

Pat P. introduced our speaker, Tod Kimmelshue, Butte County Supervisor, elected in 2020 for a 4 year term. He is a member of the Chico Noon Rotary Club and a past president. He began by thanking our club for the invitation to speak and for being Rotarians. He likes working with the people of Butte County. His topic today was California Water.

In 1950, the population of California was 10 million and irrigated agriculture was 6.6 million acres. By 2020, our population grew to 39 million, but agricultural use was only 9 million acres. As the population has grown, the amount of water used by agriculture has not matched that as irrigation has become more efficient. He discussed the difference between "developed water" which is reservoir or pumped (80% agriculture and 20% industrial or residential) and all water (50% environmental, 40% agriculture, and 10% urban).

California has two main sources of water: surface water (reservoir) and ground water. What is the greatest storage facility for water in California? The Sierra Nevada Mountains –which recharge both ground water and reservoirs. He also spoke a little about the history of water infrastructure in California. He ended with an important question, "How do we feed an increasing population with less water?"

Thank you for a very informative and relevant topic.

## In Closing

## Events/Speakers

September 15th  
**Weekly Meeting -- Speaker:**  
**Brandon Slater, sales tax proposal**

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

September 29th  
**Weekly Meeting -- Speaker:**  
**Stephanie Olson, SheBuilds Contractor**

October 6th  
**Weekly Meeting -- Speaker:**  
**Cameron Kelly, Chico Arts Center**

## Birthdays



**Bob Linscheid**  
September 13th

## Club Anniversaries



**James Seegert**  
11-21-2002  
20 Years



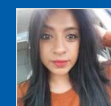
**Tanya E. Layne**  
09-01-2006  
16 Years



**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

**Dawit Zeleke**  
11-30-2017

President John thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Check In: Kevin B  
Greeter: Aaron S  
Invocation and Pledge: Geralyn S  
Bulletin: Heidi H

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: Carl O & Susie S  
Invocation: Randy L  
Check in: Gary or Geralyn  
Bulletin: Sean I



5 Years



Neil Yelland  
10-31-2019  
3 Years

## Club Meeting

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