

Rotary



Club of Chico Sunrise

President John Finds Balance!

By Carol Linscheid on Wednesday, November 9, 2022



President John opened the meeting and invited **Debra Larson** to provide the invocation. Deb regaled us with Halloween puns.

There were no guests today.

Announcements & Comments

President John asked **Daniel DeCaires** to give us a vocational moment and tell us about what he does and how he got there. **Daniel** was originally a phlebotomist with Kaiser Permanente. He moved on to be an EMT and became involved in firefighting. In school he discovered he liked business administration much more than the sciences. He worked at Chase Bank and JP Morgan. More recently he joined Asset Management Group. He enjoys being a fiduciary advisor and helping clients achieve their goals and building relationships. He'd love to help high school students learn

more about financial management for themselves if anyone has a high school connection for this type of thing.

- **Sean Isom** shared that with **Dawit Zeleke's** passing, we need a new Foundation board member as was announced at an earlier meeting. The Foundation Board will be meeting on the second Thursday of every month right after the Rotary meeting. All are invited to attend.
- **Howard Slater** reported that tentative work dates are being set for the Roatan project. If you want to go to Roatan and help and see a very beautiful area of the world, the work will be done between January 15 and February 15. If you are thinking of going, please contact **Howard Slater** or **Carl Ochsner**. You don't have to come for the whole month but rather come when you can. Other Rotary Clubs are involved so it's a chance to meet other Rotarians.
- **Phil Wilke** wanted to recognize **Nancy Haas-Depa** for creating the Murder Mystery Halloween party at the Air Museum. It was loads of fun and best food ever! A round of applause was given for Nancy.

Recognitions

- It turns out that Aaron Souza can dance! He was dressed for the Sierra Nevada Brew Fest, if redneck lumberjacks attend such an event and we saw a video of him doing the two-step in style with **Susie Sorenson**. Aaron pointed out that just because he can dance doesn't mean he likes to. This reporter has a follow up. This reporter has video of **Aaron and Susie** again two-stepping briefly at the Halloween party and will post it on her FB page for all to see. No bells
- **Geralyn Sheridan** was thought by **President John** to have won yet another award. It turns out it was from last year and she had just gotten around to making it her cover photo on FB. One bell for fooling the President.
- **Karen Hansen** spent 4 nights on Honolulu and 9 nights in Kawaii. She bought investment property there 18 years ago but only now has the property received the ok for development so finally her investment will pay off. Two bells
- **Deb Larson** made yet another trip to the midwest. This time she flew to Minneapolis and drove six hours to receive an award from her alma mater. The award was for her contribution to the field of engineering. She enjoyed the beautiful fall colors. 1 bell
- **Phil Wilke** missed a meeting because he was on air for a fundraising drive. He also went to Kansas - his hometown - to attend his friend's son's wedding. They were at the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum. Since there was a Rotary wheel there he felt that should be a make-up meeting. He brought back a basketball key ring as a gift for **President John**. 2 bells

Program

Events/Speakers

November 10th
Weekly Meeting -- Speaker:
Christian Garcia -- WM
Recycling

November 17th
Weekly Meeting -- Speaker:
Mark Edson, Chico Theater
Co.

November 24th
THANKSGIVING -- No
meeting

December 1st
Weekly Meeting -- Speaker:
District Gov. Suzanne
Bragdon

December 8th
Weekly Meeting -- Speaker:
Tatiana Fassieux on
Medicare

Birthdays



Geralyn G. Sheridan
November 15th



Leo A. Weiss
November 19th



Karen Hansen
November 20th



Timothy Suderman
November 24th



Debra Larson
November 27th



David W. Warner
November 27th

Club Anniversaries

James Seegert
11-21-2002
20 Years

The program was a Club Assembly

President John announced that the duties of greeting and invocation and pledge have moved to the Sunrise Sunshine Team. This brought a call for points for the Murder Mystery party which took the club down a rabbit hole, noting everyone who attended was in costume and took their roles seriously (well, some more than others). It was noted that the sheriff (**Howard Slater**) was dressed more like a gangster. **Aaron Souza** offered bribes during his bar keeping duties and alleged that **Paul Peck** was the only one who took his money.

President John had photos from the 5160 District Conference. **Geralyn Sheridan and Nancy Haas-Depa** also attended. The keynote speaker was Leon Panetta. Chico Sunrise Rotary won an award for being a 100% RI Foundation sustaining club. Speaking of which...**Susie Sorenson** is our Club's Foundation Chair and needs to collect your \$100 or more if you can as soon as possible. We want all funds in by the end of November. Make your check out to Rotary Foundation.

Our Club's main fundraiser is Saturday March 18, one day after St. Patrick's Day. Please come up with auction items or corporate sponsors. The event will be back at the Fair Grounds. **Teresa Frediani** is the chair. **President John** demonstrated his balancing skills on a board perched on a roller which was an auction item at Summerfest. All are assured he has good health insurance.

The Team Point Standings were provided by **President John**. The Imagineers are in last place with 5 points. The Sunrise Sunshiners are second with 26 points. The Synergistics + 1 are in the lead with 33 points (they received 10 points per new member).

Calendar items: the Club is dark the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. The District Governor will be visiting on December 1 so behave yourselves! Board Members will meet with the Governor the evening prior. Mark your calendars.

The Club discussed honoring **Dawit Zeleke** by donating funds for projects in which Dawit was most involved. The Club will make a donation and if individuals wish to do the same they can go to caring bridge.org, put Dawit Zeleke in the search bar and the journal entry of October 25, 2022 contains information from Dawit's wife Cori, including a link in bold "the Dawit Zeleke Memorial Fund" which will take you to a giving opportunity.

In Closing

President John thanked everyone for their participation.

Thanks To:

Check In: Kevin Baker
Greeter: Phil Wilke, Nancy Haas-Depa, Geralyn Sheridan and Randy Korte
Invocation and Pledge: Deb Larson
Bulletin: Carol Linscheid

Next week's duties are assigned to:

Greeters: John C, Karen H
Invocation: John C
Check in: Kevin B
Bulletin: Heidi H



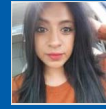
[Susie Sorenson](#)
12-16-2004
18 Years



[Carl R. Ochsner](#)
11-05-2009
13 Years



[Suzie Ditty](#)
11-19-2015
7 Years



[Teresa Frediani](#)
12-10-2015
7 Years



[Debra Larson](#)
11-02-2017
5 Years



Club Meeting

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