

# Rotary



# Club of Chico Sunrise

## The Bell Returns

By Heidi E. Houlihan on Thursday, November 9, 2023

**President Nancy** opened the meeting and invited **Larry G.** up for the invocation and pledge of allegiance. He spoke about yesterday, today and tomorrow. Yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the Camp Fire, today is his mother's birthday and tomorrow is Veteran's Day. He reminded us to be thankful for family and friends. Nancy then gave the club a choice between different bells: a tiny bell, a cowbell...and then she revealed the real bell, carefully wrapped in bubble-wrap that was delivered to her office! Her office has cameras, so whoever dropped it off, you are in trouble! Our only guest was Dan Medley, our speaker.

### Announcements & Comments

- Nancy H. – Happy Birthday to **Greg M.** on 11/8 and GERALYN S. on 11/15!!!
- Rotary Foundation Month – we are doing well on donations. We have new club banners for 100% Sustaining club and Every Rotarian, Every Year. Nancy showed a video on Foundation donations making a difference. Congratulations to **Kevin B.** for his second Paul Harris Fellow (donations totaling \$2000)! There is a Foundation meeting today after this meeting. If you haven't done so yet, **Susie S.** is collecting checks for the Rotary Foundation. Please make your checks to "Rotary Foundation" not Chico Sunrise Rotary. You can also Venmo Susie. The minimum is \$100.
- An unknown member thanked our club for donations of food to the Hamilton City Boys and Girls Club.
- **John C.** – announced that the Community Investment Committee funds for the Paradise Boys and Girls Club Literacy Program was approved by the Board. This program will pair 1-3rd graders for one on one reading with 5th graders along with a teacher supervising. This directly impacts kids affected by the Camp Fire who are behind in reading. This funding is seed money and the program is expected to expand. The gift agreement was signed yesterday on the anniversary of the fire. Our club received approximately \$95,000 in donations after the Camp Fire and this is the last portion to be distributed.
- **Heidi H.** – daughter Sydney (who was sponsored for Camp Royal) is vice-president of Interact Club at Pleasant Valley HS. They are working with Operation Christmas Child to create shoeboxes with gifts and personal items for needy children around the world. If you would like to donate, drop your items at the counseling office (Jessica Isern) by Monday 11/13 or you can drop off at Heidi's house on 11/13. They are putting the boxes together on 11/14.

### Recognitions

- **Randy K.** - left his mug behind at the last meeting. Nancy washed it for him. 1 bell
- **Rich P.** – his wife's car quit on her and he had to leave the meeting to rescue her, leaving behind some accounting stuff in his hurry. No bells for helping his wife.
- **Christian G.** – was witnessed engaging in bad pirate behavior at the Halloween party involving a beer –and he tried to get **Dan B.** involved. 2 bells
- **Greg M.** – had everyone in his office dress like him for Halloween (picture shown), but he was not here to receive a fine.
- **John C.** – purchased a new electric truck, Ford 150 Lightening, with a 240 mile range. It goes 0-60 in 3.9 seconds. Club members offered him rides home, but Ford gave a free tow. He also had a flood in his kitchen yesterday due to a broken pipe. That did not save him from 4 bells .

### Program

**Phil W.** introduced Dan Medley from the Butte Humane Society. Their mission is Saving Lives, Finding Homes, Inspiring Compassion. In Butte county and nationally, one in six owners surrendered a pet in the last year. Reasons include lost animals, lack of access or money for veterinary care,

### Events/Speakers

November 16th  
[Weekly Meeting-Dr. Ricardo Orellana, Chico State Farm](#)

November 23rd  
[Dark for Thanksgiving](#)

November 30th  
[Weekly Meeting-Dennis Schmidt, Butte Co. Search and Rescue](#)

December 7th  
[Weekly Meeting-Eva Shepherd, Chico Start](#)

### Birthdays



[GERALYN G. SHERIDAN](#)  
November 15th



[LEO A. WEISS](#)  
November 19th



[KAREN HANSEN](#)  
November 20th



[TIMOTHY SUDERMAN](#)  
November 24th



[DAVID W. WARNER](#)  
November 27th

### Club Anniversaries



[JAMES SEEGERT](#)  
11-21-2002  
21 Years



[SUSIE SORENSON](#)  
12-16-2004  
19 Years



[CARL R. OCHSNER](#)  
11-05-2009  
14 Years

animals are not spayed or neutered. Butte Humane offers veterinary care at a lower cost and have a spay and neuter program. The national average of return to shelter within 6 months after adoption is 20%, but Butte Humane's is 0.04%! They work hard to make sure each animal is the right fit for their new owner. Only five animals did not leave their shelter over the last year. They have a pet food pantry, free spay and neuter, work and volunteer programs for adults with special needs and a junior volunteer program. They recently had their big gala which was the most successful one yet – but this is only 10% of their budget .

Club members shared their pet adoption stories and highlighted the difference between Butte Humane and other shelters. Our own **Daniel D.** is on the board. Thank you for a great presentation!

## THANKS:

Invocation: Larry G  
Greeters: Christian G. and Aaron S  
Check In: Daniel D. and Scott D  
Bulletin: Heidi H

NEXT WEEK:  
Greeters: Desiree and Mark S  
Invocation: Heidi H  
Check In: Forrest M and Gary P  
Bulletin: Sean I



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



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



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



[Christian Garcia](#)  
12-08-2022  
1 Year

## Club Meeting

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