

# Rotary



# Club of Chico Sunrise

## An Inspiring University Farm

By Sean Isom on Thursday, November 16, 2023

**President Nancy** used her recently found bell to open the meeting. She invited Heidi H up to that front whose invocation was about gratitude and thankfulness...timely as next week is Thanksgiving and we will be dark that morning.

Guests this morning were Ricardo Orellana of the University Farm, Leslie Amani who is a friend of Nancy, Bill Sheridan of Denverish Rotary and Curtis Avrit of Chico Noon.

### Announcements & Comments

- Nancy shared some milestones for our members
  - Geralyn had her birthday yesterday
  - Karen H and Tim S also are celebrating birthdays soon.
  - Geralyn and Bill just had their 33rd wedding anniversary
  - James S is celebrating his 21st Rotaversary
- Teresa announced that sponsorships for our fundraiser will be emailed out to all soon. Sign up soon as they need to be ready for printing the first of the year. She also requested that we all find unique experiences and auction items for the fundraiser.
- Carol L shared a thank you note from Reading Pals. Our club sponsored a child via a \$500 donation.
- Nancy shared that a donation to the club was received in memory of our past president, Chuck Lohse.
- A BOD meeting is scheduled for after this meeting. An easy make-up and an informative way to learn about the club's activities.
- Phil W explained that the BOD election will be held next month. If you wish to be excluded from the ballot for the club's BOD please let Phil know.

The Rotary Foundation was discussed again, noting that they are a 4-star rated charity and that 92% of donated dollars are returned to our programs. Also, 11-29-23 is Giving Tuesday!

Mark M shared about his duties as the Sgt of Arms. Basically, you get recognized with a \$10 bell and he says "Pay Up!"

### Recognitions

- Gary P was in Kentucky where he made it through about half of the Bourbon Trail. He returned with many gifts centered around the elixir and seemed to have had a great time. A couple of bells.
- Desiree G was in Las Vegas dressing up as a bumblebee...sounds like fun! She attended a local club there for a make-up and brought back a book for Nancy. A couple of bells.
- Mark S skipped his duties as a greeter this morning. While he protested, he still got 2 bells.
- John C's new car needed two parking spaces recently, which earned him 2 bells.

## Inspiration

Leslie Amani was invited to the front to share some inspiration with the group. Nancy used to live in Chico and earned here MBA at Chico State. She is now a life coach and has moved down to Newport Beach, where she is now brave enough to overcome her fear of sharks and is taking up surfing. Her message is to be thankful for what we have, and if possible, tell those who you are thankful for and take action about what you are thankful for.

### 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](#)

December 14th  
[Dark for Holiday Party](#)

### Birthdays



[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



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

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



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## Program

**Phil W.** introduced Ricardo Orellana who holds a bachelor's degree from Honduras and a PD.D. in Plant and Soil Sciences from University of Massachusetts Amherst. He has been the Chico State Farm Director since May 2023.

Ricardo shared his plans for supporting the curriculum of the College of Ag as well as outreach opportunities at the farm. They are working to build a new structure which will have classrooms, offices and open spaces for more involvement with the community.

He also share various operations of the farm, from the creamery, the beef unit, organic crops and peach picking. It appears he is really going to grow the farm in our community.

## THANKS:

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

## NEXT WEEK DARK

THE FOLLOWING WEEK:  
Greeters: Larry G and Tim S  
Invocation: Sean I  
Check In: Christian G and Desiree G  
Bulletin: GERALYN S

## Club Meeting

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