



Napa Sunrise Newsletter

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Events

April 2014

04/17 - Pathway Home Barbecue

04/26 - 2014 Wine Valley Cycle for Sight and Rotary Ride for Veterans

May 2014

05/06 - The Table

05/07 - Board Meeting

Birthdays

Robert Hampton

April 11

Richard Melton

April 14

Gary Lieberstein

April 15

Michael L Lundstrom

April 28

Cathy L. Dickey

May 01

John Cordeiro

May 02

Mark Kuhnhausen

May 06

David Anderson

May 09

Upcoming Speakers

April 17

Eve-Anne Wilkes

Napa Valley College Music program

April 24

Club Leaders

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Vocational Service Chair

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April 3, 2014

Submitted by Charlie Bogue

Welcome: President John welcomed club members to a lavish morning buffet at the Members Clubhouse at Silverado.

Pledge & Thought: Michael Donovan led the group in the pledge to our flag and followed with a brief education regarding April 3rd as "tweed day". Closest connection he could make was birth date of William M. "Boss" Tweed who siphoned off political monies in New York. Known to have said, "I don't care who does the electing as long as I do the nominating". Sounds like Napa.

Song: Reaching deep in the hymnal, song leader Tom, with backup from Don Andrich, found a song to which most appeared to have know the words, Home Home on the Range.

Visiting Rotarians: We had non campaigning California State Assembly Candidate from Napa Noon Rotary, Bill Dodd. Also, a contingent from the Calistoga Rotary Club, Tom Stimpert, Mitch Celaya and guest speaker Gopal Shanker (it was suggested that Tom and Mitch were body guards protecting Gopal from PG&E operatives).

Guests of Rotarians: There were no guests of Rotarians.

Announcements: President John announced actions from the April 2nd Board Meeting including the awarding of \$1200 to fund 2 attendees to the upcoming **Napa Tech High insight trip to Nicaragua**. This was the project that Ethan Schuler presented to us for the students to gain a greater worldly understanding..... Key word Nicaragua, **Lenore Hirsch** stepped up to announce her return, to thank for prior trip contributions and to see if there might be other members willing to help her in her mission this year. She also expressed appreciation for the financial growth of the Student Scholarship fund she set up in honor of her husband eight years agoJohn noted that **Iris Barrie** is taking a 3 month leave from the club.....the club also approved \$3,000 to the **Malawi Nursing School Project** that was started by our own **Rob Hampton** who was recently recognized by the Dalai Lama. Rob noted that in this poorest country in Africa there are 15 million residents and 22 western dentists. The money is going to the transportation, food and lodging of a four day seminar to train nurses on oral health and hygiene..... **Mike Murray** was asked to the podium to share that we will be working soon on a "**long range plan**" to give some focus of our club's direction beyond the efforts of each individual administration. Looking for some 3 to 5 year continuity, a group of anyone interested will meet after our breakfast meeting in the next few weeks to decide what the actual "long range planning committee" will look like.....also, Mike addressed that **911 Memorial Committee** will be created soon to organize the maintenance of the area and memorial, to create an education component and to define the future volunteer needs.....**Chris Craiker** announced that **The Table** served 170 people 60 pounds of chicken on April 1st. Giving recognition where it is certainly due, Cooking were: **Chris Craiker, Iris Barrie, Steve Rodrigues, Brad Woodland**. Serving grateful diners: **Tim Long, Barry Thompson, Al**

Bann, David Anderson and Rose Sheehan. Great example of when everyone does a little we can accomplish a lot.....And another example: **Rose Sheehan** announced a very successful **Pathway Home BBQ** on March 20th. 22 Pathway Home and 6 Rotarian attendees enjoyed the food donations and preparation by: **Jim and Carol Beazley, Chris Craiker, Al Bahn, Nedis Della Chiese, Larry Sharp, Rose Sheehan and Leona Charfourous.** Job well done..... A request for Rotarian Member help was announced by Cathy Dickey on behalf of our own Maria Cisneros at **Valley Oak High School for Challenge Day.** Looking for 1-4 Rotarians for April 14th at the Boys and Girls Club to facilitate small groups between 8AM and 2PM. Other help needed for check in and food service, go to www.challengeday.org or contact Maria if interested..... Soliciting the evicted and aging “**not so active 20-30 club**” members, **Kent Imrie** shamelessly announced an upcoming event On Wednesday April 9th, Compadres Rio Grill, 505 Lincoln Avenue, Social Hour 6-7 PM, Meeting and Dinner at 7. Apparently feature attraction is Acting Past President Todd Walker. Don't want to miss that one, call 707-337-9731 for RSVP. Sounds like happy dollar announcement to me but matters not as I am in the 60-70 club..... Still on the calendar is **Cycle for Sight on April 26** at Justin Sienna with the opportunity for different lengths of bike rides and a great party with Pride and Joy, beer, wine and food. Sounds like a not to be missed exciting day for great causes. **Chris Craiker** announced **need for water station aides** at the Fish and Game Station. Chris gave an impressive shirt demo and passed the clip board for signups. 9-12, call Chris if interested in helping out.....Save the date for the **Golfball Drop on May 15th** and there will be added attractions of hole in one and long put competition.

Happy Dollars: A ski week with the kids, Kent Imrie's insurance skills, a new Bottle Rock and mostly birthday happy for his 50 years, **Joe Fischer** gave \$50 to the club for those years. Originally understood to be \$50 for each of those years..... **George Nielson** \$100 happy for the starting of the downtown project....**Tom Feutz** put \$20 to Charlie Bogue in appreciation of Club Bulletin efforts. **George Lambrix** was lured in to \$100 for grandson Paul Harris.....Pete Manasse “contributed” \$100 at the President's urging..... and Dave Anderson was “encouraged” to give \$100 for his Rotary Joker winning of last week.

Rotary Joker: Tom Tanaka had the winning ticket #680 for the viciously contested Joker Pot of \$32. He did not win the pot but did get \$10 bucks for his effort. A little slow going after Dave Anderson cleaned out the account.



Speaker Program: Gopal

Shanker, Community Choice Aggregation

A member of Calistoga Rotary and Napa Valley resident since 1994 Gopal gave a revealing and entertaining talk on new paths towards better energy solutions and his efforts to make positive change in a jungle of legislative and PG&E regulations. With the goal to create “local energy solutions” he has had to navigate through “100 year old business models” to make meaningful change.

Working with Far Niente Winery to create a solar grid that floats on the reservoir, he faced opposition at every design and approval level from PG&E who has held resistive attitudes to local communities seeking own solutions to their energy needs. The four million dollar job was a long road as the Public Utilities Commission and PG&E are required to listen to your proposal and yet Gopal found road blocks and lack of logic at every turn. What he found is that “all men are born equal, just some born more equal than others”. His narrative of PG&E was “Robin Hood in Reverse” by robbing the infrastructure paid for by the poor and using it to make income and benefit the rich. When wanting to use the lines to “move created power” he was told that these are PG&E lines and you “the public” must pay to use them.

Explaining the efficiency of aggregate metering and other efficiencies, it seems that there is disincentive to creating over production of power. Finding himself an advocate without a “vested interest” he was up against giants of legal opposition and engineering used to express a political and economic will from the top. He gave great humor and insight in to a world we know is there but rarely see.

The goal locally, which Gopal said can be explained to us by Brad Wagenknecht, is to create a local CCA , Community Choice Aggregation, which can work to create local power sources and solutions. Among the benefits: local control of rates, rate stability, reinvestment in local infrastructure, create jobs and investment in the local economy and to create electricity beyond our consumption and receive compensation in doing so.

Time ran out on Mr. Shanker, but not before the audience got a real feel of a cause that he has championed along with the Gasser Foundation and others in the valley who have opted for solar and other energy sources. An entertaining and very enlightening morning for those attending.

Concluding Breakfast:

President John thanked Gopal for his presentation. The group was then set free for an exciting and prosperous week.

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