



# "What's Up?" Your Napa Sunrise Rotary Bulletin

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## *Upcoming Speakers.*

August 27 - Travis Stanley, Napa Chamber of Commerce

September 3 - TBD

September 10 - TBD

September 17 - Gordon Huether, renowned Napa artist

September 26 - Napa Special Investigations Bureau, Narcotics in the Napa Valley

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## *Club Events*

Sept 4 - Board Meeting, Gasser Bldg

Sept 4 - Club Endowment Meeting, Gasser Bldg

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Oct 3 - Evening at Monticello Lobster Feast

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## *Birthdays*

Rose Sheehan

August 23

George Lambrix

August 24

Debby Wheeler

August 25

Ron Driscoll

August 25

Harold Moskowite

August 26

Michael E. Chramko

September 06

Larry Sharp

September 07

Mark Lesti

September 13

Edward A. Berruezo

September 17

Kenneth M. Lydon

September 19

August 13, 2015

Submitted by Charlie Bogue

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**Welcome:** President Hugh promptly called the meeting to order on a beautiful summer day in the Member's Clubhouse at the Silverado Resort.

**Pledge & Thought:** David Anderson led attendees in the pledge to our flag and then revealed a dark part of his past in being a Kiwanian some 10 years ago. However that membership did yield a fine quote from Erwin Bollinger, "Thanks for the nourishment and new friends, may we be filled with both."

**Song:** Exorcising any "cares and woes", Song Master Feutz held everyone through the Rotarian choir version of Bye Bye Blackbird.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Linda and John Ging from Del Norte Sunrise in Crescent City joined us for the morning.

**Guests of Rotarians:** Mike Donovan introduced guest speaker Chris Childs from the California Highway Patrol along with his three associates. Brian Kelly had Brandon Freeman the Executive Director of LAFCO as his guest. And Jessica Johnson was introduced for the last time as guest to Napa Sunrise.

### Announcements:

President Hugh opened with the announcement that there will be a special meeting of the **Club Endowment** following the September 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Judging from the banter it will be a lively exchange and of course all members are invited.

Alex Meyers announced the exciting news that the Napa Valley Vintners Association has agreed to be a **\$5,000 Title Sponsor to our October 3<sup>rd</sup> Lobster Feast** and asked everyone to get auction items to Joe Fischer for that event...adding frosting to the cake President Hugh added that the Vintner's Association has also signed on as a **\$5,000 sponsor for the Fourth of July Parade 2016**. Many thanks expressed to Becky Peterson and her generous organization.

Hugh also announced with pride that the **2015-2016 Budget** had been passed at the previous board meeting.

Kyle Iverson announced for Morgan Putnam that the coming **BBQ for Pathway Home** would be next Wednesday in Yountville at 5PM and confirm with them if you plan to attend.

Cathy Dickey confirmed that all sponsor spots for the year for **Student of the Month** are filled and thanked those who signed up. To that announcement, President Hugh said that the **Board approved matching the sponsor \$100** with an additional \$100 for a total of \$200 for each student.....not to stop there, Mike Murray suggested not tapping our

# District Calendar Events

September 18 & 19 Institute for  
Leadership (IFL), Santa Rosa JC

Friday, October 23 WORLD POLIO DAY

Saturday, October 24 Foundation Dinner  
South (Santa Rosa—Flamingo)

Saturday, November 14 Foundation Dinner  
North (Ferndale)

May 6-8, 2016 District Conference in  
NAPA

club funds and if 22 other members would join him he would give the first \$100 to fulfill this matching pledge. Hands were raised and the **\$2300 was raised immediately.**

From the Board Meeting Hugh announced that the budget included a **5% increase to the Endowment** at the end of the year and that the cost for breakfast for the **Rule of 85 Members** would be raised by \$2 to equal the cost paid by other members, adding to further senior abuse.

## Happy Dollars:

Happy that her husband is doing great after his 3 way bypass, **Doris Gentry** gave \$100 to the 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Parade. She thanked everyone at the Queen of the Valley and quoted him to say “he had no pain but when he awoke he was still married to Doris Gentry.” Doris requested to no avail to have his unused morphine. She was additionally happy that the Vintner’s Association donated \$5,000 as sponsor to next year’s Fourth of July Parade....Napa Valley College’s **Bob Harris** was \$25 happy to Pathway Home for enjoying the sights in Washington DC and spending time there with his family.... Returning from a family reunion in Colorado, happy **Tom Feutz** had a makeup banner from the Boulder Rotary Club. Tom reminded all of the money we sent to them during their flood and they were very appreciative of our support....happy about the birth of his 10<sup>th</sup> grandchild, **Brian Kelly** put \$50 to the Club .....President Hugh tapped **Rocky Loftus** \$10 to the Club and **Dean Lumbert** \$10 to the Endowment for not having their badges on ending the morning banter on competing Club and Endowment donations.

**Red Badge Presentation:** Jessica Johnson was introduced to receive her Red Badge by her proud father, our own Mitch Johnson, who lauded his daughter with deserved praise. He noted that she has always been a giver to the community and sensitive to the needs of others and one who believes you “always get more than you give when helping others.” She introduced herself as having worked with Habitat for Humanity and currently associated with Benchmark Wine Group, appraising and management of private wine cellars. Certainly a welcome addition to Napa Sunrise Rotary.

## Speaker Program: Captain Chris Childs, Napa California Highway Patrol

Rotarians and guests were treated to an informative and entertaining presentation by 21 year veteran of the CHP and head of the Napa Division Chris Childs. Giving a behind the seen view of their difficult job, Chris noted that the CHP had begun in 1929 with a Vehicle Code of 12 pages which has evolved into volumes of requirements, laws and ordinances that make up today’s code. The goal of the CHP is perceived by the public as law enforcement when its actual mission is to create the highest level of safety on the highways through Community Service.

To strengthen his point he



first asked how many in the audience had been stopped by the CHP and followed with how many had been assisted by the CHP. In addition to road safety he noted also that Napa is the CHP Air Rescue Division base serving all 9 Bay Area counties. Putting service above self, he cited several heroic stories where officers risked their lives to pull injured motorists from burning automobiles in saving their lives.

The CHP mission has the three Es of Engineering, Education and Enforcement in the training of their officers and fulfilling their mission. Training to become an officer takes over one and one half years of all aspects of training. Chris noted that it has been increasingly difficult to get new recruits because of the bad reviews and publicity police are getting across the nation. His experience has been on both motorcycle and cars with being on the bike more exciting and at the same time far more dangerous on the cycles.

Prompted by questions he gave some indication on the latitude officers have with speeding tickets in going from when they “may” issue a ticket to when they “should” issue one and ultimately when they “shall” cite the driver. He also dispelled the myth that tickets are a revenue generating effort because none of the citation proceeds go to the CHP. Fines paid go to the municipality in which the citations were issued.

Joined by 3 of his fellow officers, Captain Childs put on an impressive presentation of legal authority and at the same time gave a very personal and convincing picture of a California Highway Patrol that is committed to protecting the safety of communities and the public they serve.



Concluding Breakfast: President Hugh gave Officer Childs a Rotary Coffee Cup and sent everyone out for a very successful week in our beautiful Napa Valley.

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