



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

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Upcoming Speakers.

- September 3 - Doris Gentry, Foster Children Wine and Chocolate
- September 10 - Joe Fletcher, Cal Fire Update
- September 17 - Gordon Huether, renowned Napa artist
- September 26 - Napa Special Investigations Bureau, Narcotics in the Napa Valley

Club Events

- Sept 4 - Board Meeting, Gasser Bldg
- Sept 4 - Club Endowment Meeting, Gasser Bldg
- Oct 3 - Evening at Monticello Lobster Feast

Birthdays

- Rose Sheehan
August 23
- George Lambrix
August 24
- Debby Wheeler
August 25
- Ron Driscoll
August 25
- Harold Moskowitz
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

District Calendar

August 20, 2015

Submitted by Charlie Bogue

Welcome: President Hugh called the meeting to order after Rotarians found their way through the Beavers to the Ballroom at the Silverado Resort.

Pledge & Thought: David Anderson led attendees in the pledge to our flag and then provided a Ronald Reagan quote true to Rotarian spirit. "We can't help everyone but everyone can help someone".

Song.

Visiting Rotarians: Gene Waken was visiting from Nogales Arizona.

Guests of Rotarians: Joel Tranmer introduced his guest, native of Ethiopia and golfer with Napa connections Henock Tesfaw. Will Fischer was welcomed appropriately by dad Joe Fischer.

Announcements: Mike Donovan opened with a request for anyone who would like to help put together some **social events for the Club**. Trips, picnic or events are all welcome to create more opportunities to get together. Contact Mike with your ideas or willingness to help organize..... Alex Meyers announced **our October 3rd Lobster Feast** and asked everyone to get auction items to Joe Fischer for that event. Tickets will be coming out in print 4 weeks before the event so mark your calendar now and invite your friends for a great evening of food, entertainment and exciting auction items.....Mark Luce gave an update on our **International Project in Kenya** for which we are applying for a Rotarian International Grant. The overall mission is to help foster kids to attend high school and to work with the farmers to create a sustainable fund source to help more kids go to school. Linked to the farm success is our project to create potable water for their crops and consumption. We are fortunate that Mark visits the area frequently and will be able to track the program's success and report from face to face experiences....Morgan Putnam reported a great **Pathway Home BBQ** and Bocce on Wednesday thanking Chris Craiker, Brad Woodland and Kyle Iverson for their help and participation. All had a good time and the next new class and next event will be in October.

Happy Dollars: Happy to have attended her 40th High School Reunion and for having a very wonderful and supporting spouse, **Becky Peterson** gave \$50 to the Club.....returning from a great vacation in Belize **Pete Mott** had \$50 for Club Operations for his family getaway before his daughter heads to the east coast for her first year of college.....**Joe Fischer** gave \$50 and **Will Fischer** \$20 happy dollars to the Club for their family vacation of sailing and beaching in Newport Rhode Island....a very happy **Dr. Patrick Sweeney** was glad to have Napa Schools back in session with all running smoothly and put \$100 to Interact.....just happy for no particular reason, way past president **Mark Diekroetger** put \$10 to Pathway Home. May have had something to do with the St. Louis Giants series....excited to have attended his nephew's engagement party in Port Jefferson N.Y, **Ken Lydon** gave \$75 happy dollars for that trip and for

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

some R and R time at Lake Tahoe.....proud of his recent purchase of a new touring Expedition for his company **Corey Waken** put \$50 to his Paul Harris receiving ovation from crowd and dad as well for his accomplishments.....and **President Hugh** closed out the happiness with \$25 to his wife's Paul Harris for their kids being back in school.

Rotary Joker: Leona was back with the Rotary Joker and a growing pot of \$1115 possibly enhanced by the ticket sales assistance of Red Badge Jessica Johnson. Perhaps a bit rigged, dad **Mitch Johnson** had the winning ticket but not the winning card with his 5 of hearts. Better luck to all for next week.

Speaker Program:
Craft Talk * Bob Harris
*** Napa Valley College**



Proving once again that our most informative and entertaining speakers come from within the ranks of our very own membership. Without notes or power point, Bob narrated his beginning days of childhood to his current position at Napa Valley College with candor and humor. His

father was a Rotarian in Santa Rosa with Jerry Johnson and Bob was brought in to Sunrise in 2014 by Doris Gentry. His daughter is in her 4th year at University of Arizona and his 24 year old son is entering a master's program at University of California at Berkeley. He and his wife met in high school and have enjoyed 24 years of marriage moving about the state of California. Bob was raised in Ukiah and would have been in the first High School Graduating class there had the family not moved to Newman in the central valley. There, in a town of 3,000 he graduated with his 54 fellow seniors. From there he first went to Cal State Stanislaus and then on to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He was always interested in sports having played basketball and baseball in high school and graduated with a degree in physical health education. He went on to receive his masters from the University of Arizona in exercise and sports management.

One highlight during his first job after college as a produce truck driver he crossed paths and conversed with Bo Derrick, a great memory and clearly peaking early in life.

Bob worked as assistant athletic director at UC Santa Barbara from 1987 to 1988 and was head athletic trainer at Whittier College in 1990 and 1991.

Perhaps surpassing that isolated encounter, Bob worked several years for the Los Angeles Raiders and travelled to Tokyo, London and other destinations with the likes of Marcus Allen and other Raider greats. A moment of celebrity when even he as trainer was asked for his autograph.

Having promised himself as a college freshman that he would never return to Cal State Stanislaus he returned there in 1991 in the position of Assistant Athletic Director and a diverse other collection of responsibilities. He spent 20 committed years in those capacities from 1991 to 2009. Once his son said he wanted to "see more of dad" he moved closer to home to be with his family.

Beginning in 2009 Bob worked for 4 years with the California Collegiate Athletic Association as the leagues Assistant Commissioner managing all aspects of the championship events and fiscal and organizational oversight for the Division II conference. Yearning to get back on to campus and to work with students he jumped at the opportunity to join Napa Valley College in 2013 as athletic director and associate dean of Physical Education, Health, Athletics and Dance with his responsibilities expanding from there.

Bob is responsible for the 9 different sports teams for The Storm and is looking to add more sports as money and facilities allow. He enthusiastically and patiently answered questions about College activities, policy and their student athletes. Bob has been quoted as wanting the college to be more visible in the community and saying "I want people to know more about what Napa Valley College is about, what Napa Valley College Athletics and P.E. is about, the hard work and the dedication of our staff, and the hard work and dedication of our student athletes".

With the completion of his craft talk and questions and answers we all were more informed about activities at the college and how Bob and his staff are fostering growth in the ability and character of young student athletes.

Concluding Breakfast: President Hugh gave Bob his reward of a Rotary Pen and Coffee Cup and sent everyone out for a very successful week in our beautiful Napa Valley.

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