



"What's Up?"

Your Napa Sunrise Rotary Bulletin

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Upcoming Speakers

- Dec 17 - Rotary Children's Christmas Party
- Dec 24 - HOLIDAY, WE ARE DARK
- Dec 31 - HOLIDAY, WE ARE DARK
- Jan 7 - Tanzania Well Drilling Project, Mark Luce
- Jan 14 - Developing Communities, Jake Scheideman
- Jan 21 - Napa Valley Vintners - In Our Napa Valley, Rex Stults
- Jan 28 - Napa County Jail Update, Lenard Vare and Mary Butler

Events

- Dec 16 - Rotary Means Business, Alex Meyers office on Coombs
- Mar 11 2016 - The Largest Gathering of Skiing Rotarians in the World

Birthdays

- Colleen Clark
January 11
- Linda Glass
January 11
- Leona Charfauros
January 13
- Brian Doughty
January 16
- Mike Basayne
January 19
- Alfredo Pedroza
January 21
- Rocky Loftus
January 21
- William Jabin
January 24

District Calendar

December 10, 2015

Submitted by Charlie Bogue

Welcome: President Hugh welcomed Sunrise Rotarians and guests to the Vintners court at the Silverado resort.

Pledge & Thought: Leading the group in the pledge to the flag was Jim Collins who then followed with a quote from George Carlin **"Just think of how stupid the average person is and then realize that half of them are even stupider"**.

Song: In true Christmas spirit, Reverend Ron led a rousing rendition of **"Deck the Halls"**.

Guests of Rotarians: Kevin Corley introduced his guest local Realtor Charlene Imperatrice. Derek Anderson introduced the guest speaker for the day Richard Thomasser with the Napa Valley flood control.

Visiting Rotarians: There were no visiting Rotarians.

Announcements: Barry Thompson announced that our bell ringing operations have been very successful placing us ahead of Napa noon and the Kiwanis in holiday fundraising... The question was raised if we have appropriate liability insurance... Howard Haupt provided an update on **Operation From Home with Love**. There were over 400 volunteers this past Saturday that packed in excess of 2500 care boxes for our troops overseas. He noted also that we provided 60 thank you notes from our last meeting that were included in the boxes and that the board approved a club donation of \$1,000 to the effort...David Anderson announced that **"Rotary Means Business"** will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at Alex Myers office on Coombs street. See David or Alex regarding details of the event...President Hugh announced that our **Holiday Social** will be tomorrow night at the Beazley House beginning at 6 pm. He also reminded that our **Annual Kids Breakfast** meeting will be next Thursday, December 17th and we will be dark for the following two Thursdays during the holidays...Jason Dominici announced that the annual **Patrick Savage 99 Tournament** will be held again this year on January 2 at Justin Sienna High School. This benefit goes to scholarships and if you wish to attend contact Jason or visit the event website at PatrickSavage99Tournament.com

Student of the Month: Mirna Hernandez from Valley Oak

Mirna was introduced and proceeded to give a very informative and moving background of the hardships that she has overcome both personally and in her scholastic life. She first arrived with her family in the United States at 7 years old, speaking not a word of English. In moving from Napa back to the Midwest then to southern California and back to Napa, she did not have enough credits to attend Napa High School. In her personal life she lost two of her brothers in an automobile accident when they were 18 and 21 years old. This devastated her Mother, led to a divorce in her family and changed her life forever. Since moving to Valley Oak, she has received incredible help from the teachers and made personal relationships that have helped her grow and turn her life around. In the room you could hear a pin drop as she thanked her mother, Rotarian sponsors and Napa Sunrise Rotary for the honor she was receiving. She has brought her grade point average to 3.85 and is planning to go on and create a career in Radiology. Mirna received her plaques and awards from sponsor Howard Haupt and sponsor John Cordeiro who was unable to attend this meeting.

Happy Dollars: **Chris Craiker** gave \$25 to the foundation for his article in the Napa Register regarding local parks. His comment was "It's not how big it is, it's how you use it". In his letter to the editor he failed to mention Sunrise Rotary and paid accordingly... **Kyle Iverson** failed to show up for his bell ringing commitment and paid 50 guilt dollars towards his Paul Harris and a verbal apology to Barry Thompson... **"Mr. Tugboat", Gavin Long** discovered he was \$40 away from meeting his Paul Harris commitment and decided to pony up... **Gary Lieberstein** gave \$25 to the Club for the return of Rich Melton to our

Events

May 6-8, 2016 District Conference in
NAPA

meeting....Everyone was glad to see Rich back.

New Members: **Henock** sponsored by Joel Tranmer and **Brandon** sponsored by Brian Kelly both received their well-earned and appropriate pin, badge and Rotarian shirt. Brandon commented that he is excited about participating with the club and fulfilling the motto of "Service Above Self". Henock then stepped to the podium and said "Me Too!".

Rotary Joker: The pot has grown to \$2,702 and Mike Ledwich had the winning ticket, but the losing card. There was great concern that a banker would be walking away with all the money. It's time to play.

Speaker Program: Richard Thomasser, Napa Flood Project

Rick, with excellent PowerPoint and photographs, gave an informative update on measure A and the Napa Flood Project. Measure A passed in 1997 added a 1.5 cent sales tax and generated well in excess of expectations, \$262M in revenue for the project. In addition to those funds Napa was able to leverage an additional \$214M from the Federal government, \$154M from the State of California and \$32M from grants and other sources. The goal of the project was to develop a "living river" that would provide ecological sustainability while controlling flood waters in that we have had 22 floods since 1962. Over one mile of the Napa Creek area going west from the river was widened and landscaped for natural habitat in order to better manage the water flows. The Oxbow Bypass portion of the project is expected to take 50% of the flow away in a 100 year flood. In addition to reducing the potential of floods in downtown Napa, the project has created an economic stimulus of over \$1B of private investment since the project began. Further north, the Rutherford and Oak Knoll portions of the project have reduced erosion and created additional natural habitat over 5 miles of the Napa River. In addition to this, 3 bridges have been redone to accept higher water flows and projects in Yountville and Calistoga have been completed or are being completed in the riparian corridors of the cities. Rick closed by noting that the project is 75% complete and that \$90M will be needed to finish the project. There is \$45M in reserves and \$45M has yet to be raised.

Concluding Breakfast: President Hugh thanked Richard for his presentation, gave him a mug and pen and sent everyone out for a successful week.

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